

new
Life



... just as Christ was
raised from the dead
through the glory of
the Father, we too may
live a new life. ROMANS 6:4

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 25, 2023

9:30am worship service

WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME!

It is good to encounter Christ together. At Faith Lutheran we rise up to:

Worship Christ, Welcome All, and Serve Others because of Jesus.

A special welcome to visitors and guests! May God bless our time together as we celebrate Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the Word of God, and the community we share. Please fill out a welcome card if you have changes: address, phone number, prayer request. Break off the bottom half to place in the offering plate; keep the top as a bookmark and a reminder of worship times.

*Indicates those who are able, please stand. (ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal)

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us welcome one another to worship in the name of Jesus Christ who calls us all the *children of God*.

We have come to worship in our own ways, walking in our own styles, different in many ways but united together as *the children of God*.

Come walk with Jesus who leads us on the walk of a lifetime.

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

ELW 641

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, **we confess that we have not lived as the people you created us to be. We have not lived as your daughters and sons in our thoughts, words and deeds.**

Forgive us Lord for not walking in your footsteps, for not following your Servant and Son Jesus.

Forgive me Lord for the times I hate, the times I lie, the times I ignore you. For sometimes I am selfish, sometimes I have prejudiced, sometimes I am uncaring.

Forgive us Lord and have mercy upon us.

SONG OF MERCY

"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

ELW 814

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Even though we are caught in the throws of sin, God who is faithful and just frees us to be the people we were created to be. Receive Christ's gift of forgiveness as an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

SONG OF PRAISE **"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** ELW 857

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, **to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Jeremiah 20:7-13 (PB pg. 803 - Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 69:7-10, 16-18 (please read responsively)

Romans 6:1b-11 (PB pg. 162 - New Testament)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation **"Change My Heart, O God"** ELW 801

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 10:24-39 (PB pg. 10 - New Testament)

The Gospel of the Lord - **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"** ELW 789

*APOSTLES' CREED ELW pg. 127

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 129

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(singing) Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW pg. 130

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

ELW pg. 134

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - We welcome all the baptized to the meal celebrating the new life we have in Christ Jesus. Come forward as the ushers direct. Please take a cup for communion from the center boxes as you come forward. Start at the middle and fill to the sides. Gluten-free wafers are available. Young children will receive a grape and a blessing. Place your empty cups in the boxes. If you wish to refrain from communion, God knows your heart.

Communion Hymns: **“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

ELW 886

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ELW 803

“Faith of Our Fathers”

ELW 812

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

*SENDING SONG

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW 881

*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Okay we will!**

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers: Chuck & Deb Shape, Jan Arneson
Lector: Kay Bostrom
Acolyte: Kassidy Schulz
Kitchen: Chuck & Deb Shape, Jan Arneson
Keyboard: Amy Johnson
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 6/18 106 88+ online views

Offering: 6/4 \$5,525.00
6/11 \$4,475.00
6/18 \$2,630.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: June 26-July 2, 2023

Monday, June 26

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, June 27

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, June 28

9:00am-11:30am - PreK VBS at Our Savior's

9:00am-3:00pm - VBS at Our Savior's

1:00pm - Quilters

5:00pm-7:00pm - Summer Grocery Store

Thursday, June 29

9:00am-11:30am - PreK VBS at Our Savior's

9:00am-3:00pm - VBS at Our Savior's

Friday, June 30

9:00am-12:00pm - VBS at Our Savior's

Sunday, July 2

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Announcements

Stop in the fellowship hall for a cup of coffee or juice and a treat served at 10:30am following worship. It is good to enjoy each other's company and conversation.



If you receive a text from "Pastor Jamie" asking you to purchase gift cards for him, **it is a scam** so please don't respond to it. He would never ask anyone from our congregation to purchase gift cards for him.

COME TO Vacation Bible School—June 28-30!

VBS! We will be joining together with Trinity Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran for VBS put on by Red Willow Bible Camp!

VBS for youth entering grades 1-6 will be **9am-3pm, June 28 & 29 and 9am-12pm** with a closing program at **11:30am on June 30**. All lunches and snacks will be provided.

VBS for kids entering **Kindergarten in 2023 and 2024** will be **9am-11:30am, June 28 & 29** and from **9am-12pm** with a closing program at **11:30am on June 30**. Snacks will be provided all three days. Lunch will be provided on the last day.

All are invited to attend the family program involving both VBS groups on **Friday, June 30 at 11:30am** in the sanctuary at Our Savior's to see what the kids have learned!



Who is Jesus? At the request of several people a very basic study about **HIM** is being offered. We will start with the book of Mark. We will study the Bible together learning basic study keys for understanding. Most of all, learn who this man **JESUS** is. All are welcome. This Bible Study will be led by Nancy Knutson. For now we will begin with meeting **Wednesdays at 5pm**. Bring your Bible. If you don't have one, it will be provided.

Please take time to read the Bridges Backpack Program insert. This is a vital program for our community. The Summer Food Assistance is a Summer Grocery Store. We need your help in stocking the shelves with food items. A list of items is on the insert as well as how the program will work. A container is in the gathering area for the food items.

The Summer Grocery Store will be open Wednesday evenings, 5-7pm at the FACs Room at the VC High School. Go to door #6, it's the first classroom on the left as you walk in the door. Thank you for your financial support and food donations!



Online Giving—Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Get started today. Visit our church website: www.faithlutheranvc.org and click on Give Online. We thank you for your continued financial support of Faith Lutheran. Your contributions support the missions and ministries of FLC as well as monthly expenses of the church.



The kids collected \$127.14 for the noisy offering last Sunday, June 18th. The money received went to the Summer Grocery Store Program. Thank you for your generous giving.

Volunteers needed to help with the upkeep of the FLC landscaping. Now that we finally have spring and everything is growing including the weeds. If you are interested in watering, weeding, picking up trash, etc. around the building, please contact Julie in the office. If you would like to take a section to take care of you could do that too. Thank you for your help!



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Mark Hill; Mavis Johnson; Diane Kohn; Laurette Zachrison.

General Prayer List:—Dave Heley (Shawn Ranisate's stepfather); Craig Speich (Cheryl Foell's brother); Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson's brother-in-law); Dan & Bea Faust; Paul Vangerud; Sandy Mulvaney; Doug Altringer; Sue Olson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Lori Hill (Tami Kratz's sister); Arleen Retzlaff; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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We do have a grand total for the CROP Hunger Walk. The community raised **\$7,000.41**. Thank you to everyone who gave monetary donations and all those who walked.

Music in the Park! Wednesday, June 28th the DeMasi Brothers will be performing at 7:15pm. Bring your lawn chairs. A free will offering is taken each week to assist in continued work on the bandshell as well as programs. Due to inclement weather or if the City Park Bandshell isn't ready, programs will be moved to the VCSU Center for the Arts Performance Hall.