

**For where your  
treasure is,**



**there your heart  
will be also.**

**Matthew 6:21, NRSV**

**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*

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost      October 1, 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.

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

\*GATHERING SONG

**“Build Up”**

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LITANY OF STEWARDSHIP

We stand now to confess all we lack in the presence of the Triune God, Mother, Son, and Spirit, whose bounty abolishes need:

Oh God, we in fear we grumble in our time of need,

**But your abundance and provision are sure.**

Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

**But your abundance is limitless and without end.**

Christ Jesus, we are prone to excluding and restraining others from your table,

**But your abundance is boundless and freely offered to all.**

Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

**But your abundance is infinite and lavished upon the least of these.**

Divine Creator, we are torn by this world and its demands,

**But your abundance is eternal and invites us to new ways.**

Infinite Love, we are careless toward ourselves and one another,

**But your abundance fills us to overflowing.**

Reconciling Brother, we are too often selfish and proud,

**But your abundance calls us to humility in mutual care.**

Eternally Present One, we are wasteful daydreamers with our resources and gifts,

**But your abundance instructs us to stand accountable and prepared.**

Lavishing Giver, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough,

**But your abundance is extravagant and excessive toward us.**

Oh Christ, our King, we are stingy and reticent in our care for others,

**But your abundance compels us toward unrestrained generosity.**

SONG OF PRAISE      **“Take My Life, That I May Be”** vs 1,3

ELW 685

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, Creator and Keeper of All. **We are a people prone to finding riches in what will rot, wealth in what wastes away. Remind us that because you are the God of Abundance, we will never be in want. Help us to hold all our material gains open hands so that our attention and intentions may be reserved for what is eternal. In the name of Jesus Christ and his empowering Spirit. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32** (PB pg. 873 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 25:1-9** (please read responsively)

**Philippians 2:1-13** (PB pg. 210 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation      **“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”**

ELW 512

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 6:19-24** (PB pg. 6 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY      **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

ELW 733

\*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: **“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

ELW 471

**“How Great Thou Art”**

ELW 856

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

ELW 793

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

\*SENDING SONG **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” vs 1,3**

ELW 807

\*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeter:** *Joey Saylor*  
**Ushers:** *Dennis Hoye & Linda Lane*  
**Lector:** *Dave Pedersen*  
**Acolyte:** *Kylie Van Bruggen*  
**Coffee:** *Dennis Hoye & Linda Lane,*  
*Al & Nancy Sorensen, Jessica Johnson*  
**Keyboard:** *Amy Johnson*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 9/24 83 76+ online

Offering: 9/3 \$3,637.00  
9/10 \$4,515.00  
9/17 \$5,833.00  
9/24 \$3,512.00

Mission Plan monthly  
\$21,265.25

### The Week Ahead: October 2-8, 2023

#### Monday, October 2

Pastor's Sabbath  
5:00pm-7:00pm - APOC Spaghetti  
Supper Free Will Fundraiser

#### Tuesday, October 3

10:30am - Women's Bible Study  
1:30pm - Text Study  
5:30pm - Mission Team Meeting

#### Wednesday, October 4

1:00pm - Quilters  
3:15pm - Kids Club  
6:00pm - 10th Grade Confirmands  
Meet to Plan Banner  
6:30pm - Confirmation at Faith

#### Thursday, October 5

Quilting Class

#### Friday, October 6

Quilting Class  
Saturday, October 7  
9:00am-8:00pm - Crafting Day

10:30am-1:00pm - Epworth UMC  
Fall Bazaar

#### Sunday, October 8

Pastor Appreciation Sunday  
9:30am - Worship Service  
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship  
10:30am-12:30pm - Immunization  
Clinic  
10:45am - Sunday School  
1:00pm - Lefse Making  
4:00pm-7:00pm - St. Mary's  
Fall Supper

## Announcements

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



### **Pastor Appreciation Sunday is October 8th—**

We would like to thank Pastor Jamie for all he service and all he does among us. We will enjoy cake and coffee during our fellowship time at 10:30am. If you would like to bring a card/note you may or if you would like to mail it to his address it is: 3811 11th Ave S, Moorhead, MN 56560.

**Lefse Making**—WELCA will be having a lefse making day on **Sunday, October 8th at 1pm** here at Faith. The lefse made will be sold at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14th. Everyone is invited to help as we will need rollers and fryers.



Throughout the months of October and November the Mission Team will be collecting **new socks** of any size to be donated to APOC (Abused Person Outreach Center) as well as **winter gloves/mittens and caps** for the elementary schools. A collection container is under the table in the gathering area.

**Influenza Clinic**—Next Sunday, **October 8, 10:30am at FLC** City-County Health District will be administering Influenza High-dose and conventional Flu vaccine which is available for ages 6 months thru adult. **A sign up sheet and information is on the table in the gathering area.** Please note age of any children on sign up sheet. Ask them about RSV vaccines for adults 60 and older. You must bring your Medicare Part B (or other Medicare Advantage Plan), Medicaid, BCBS, Sanford Health, Preferred One, Medica (not Select Care) or Health Partners/Cigna cards with you and these entities can be billed.



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**New Group:** Parents of Sunday School Youth (POSSY)  
Parents, are you looking for a way to fill up your cup each week through connection with other families through our Faith community? Let's make church something beyond what we need to do to set an example for our kids. This is a no-obligation group with so many possibilities that can support you in the way you need either during church or through the week! We look forward to seeing you in the fellowship hall at POSSY during Sunday School hour!

**St Mary's Fall Supper—Today, October 1 serving 4-7pm.**

Located six miles east of Dazey. Serving turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dressing, "homemade sauerkraut", dessert & coffee. Unique gift baskets & decorated pumpkins for sale. AND "Oliver's Pumpkin Patch". Take out meals available and a chair lift for those who need it. Cost is adults-\$14; Age 6-12-\$6; Age 5 & under-Free.

**Celebrating 120 Years—Valley City Barnes County Public Library—Thursday, October 5th.** You are invited to come and celebrate the 120th anniversary of the library and the grand opening of Di's Den! **3-7pm** with the dedication ceremony at **5:30pm**. Treats and drawings provided.

**Fall Bazaar at Epworth UMC will be Saturday, October 8, 10:30-1pm.** The bazaar will feature Gift Baskets for all occasions; Bountiful Harvest Goodies; Holiday Décor; Heavenly Bakery; Fabricology Room. A Soup & Sandwich Luncheon will be served at 11am. All proceeds support ministries local & abroad.

**LADIES CRAFT DAY—Saturday, October 7, 9am-8pm at Faith Lutheran Church.** Enjoy a day of Fellowship and Fun. Bring your own craft project or work on card kits (cards will be used by the visitation team). Bring a friend. Stay all day or for a few hours. Bring a lunch or order in. contact Julie May @ 490-1143 with questions.



**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

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

**General Prayer List:**—Erika Dalgliesh (deployed); Sue Olson; Christl Durand (Tami Kratz' sister); Paul & Doreen Vangerud; 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; Sandy Mulvaney; Doug Altringer; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Lori Hill (Tami Kratz's sister); Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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**Stewardship—Me & Money**

Questions for adults and teens to discuss this week.

1. What is your earliest experience with money that you can remember?
2. Who stands out as a primary money role model for you? What's one key thing you learned from this person?
3. What's one way you've used money recently that you feel good about?
4. How would you describe your present attitude toward money? How has that changed as you have aged?