

“**TEACHER,**  
*we know that you*  
*are* **TRUE**  
*and* **TEACH**  
*the way of*  
**GOD**  
*truthfully ...”*

MATTHEW 22:16, ESV

**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*

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost      October 8, 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

### INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

\*GATHERING SONG      **"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"**      see screen

### LITANY OF STEWARDSHIP

We now 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

**“Build Up”**

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CHILDREN’S WORD

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God in whose image we are made, by whose Word we live, and to whose comfort we will return. Make us wise and generous stewards who neither hoard nor squander our earthly gifts, but who share all we have in mutuality and solidarity with one another. Make us your hands, feet, and face in this world, that we may always remember who and whose we are. In the name of Christ and by the power of His Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Isaiah 5:1-7** (PB pg. 702 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 80:7-15** (please read responsively)

**Philippians 3:4b-14** (PB pg. 211 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

**“Thy Word”**

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 22:15-22** (PB pg. 25 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“In Christ Alone”**

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\*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

ELW 686

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:

**“In the Singing”**

ELW 466

**“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”**

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**“Jesus Loves Me!”**

ELW 595

**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

**“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

ELW 671

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeter:** *Joey Saylor, Sue Olson, Verlynn Christianson*  
**Ushers:** *Ryan & Erin Metcalf*  
**Lector:** *Taylor Yanish*  
**Acolyte:** *Morgan Larson*  
**Coffee:** *Dennis Hoye & Linda Lane, Gloria Glandt*  
*Ralph & JoAnn Hooper, Wanda Haugen*  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** *Cyndi Hill*  
**Vocals:** *Julie May*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 10/1 117 86+ online

Offering: 10/1 \$4,785.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

### The Week Ahead: October 9-15, 2023

#### Monday, October 9

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, October 10

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:15pm - Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, October 11

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

3:30pm - WELCA Meets

6:00pm - 10th Grade Confirmands

- Make Banner & Turn in

Statement

6:30pm - Confirmation at Faith

#### Friday, October 13

2:00pm - Fall Festival Set Up

#### Saturday, October 14

10:00am-1:00pm - Fall Festival

#### Sunday, October 15

Noisy Offering—

Thanksgiving Boxes

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - November Service &  
Care Meeting

10:45am - Sunday School

6:00pm-7:30pm - Pumpkin

BINGO



### Announcements



**Pastor Appreciation Sunday is today.** We would like to thank Pastor Jamie for all he does among us. We will enjoy cake and coffee during our fellowship time at 10:30am.

**Lefse Making**—WELCA will be having a lefse making day **today, 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.

**Influenza Clinic**—**Today, 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.



**Noisy Offering**—**Sunday, October 15** we will be receiving a noisy offering for the **Thanksgiving Boxes**. The children will be collecting your loose change and dollar bills for you to drop in their bucket. Thank you for your generosity.

**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? 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!



**The Fall Festival is Saturday, October 14—  
Set up will be Friday, October 13 at 2pm.**

If you would like to help with the set up or during the Fall Festival or clean up we would appreciate your help. You may bring your items for the bake sale, crafts, etc. Friday afternoon and Saturday morning before 9:30am. The bake sale suggested price list and labels are on the table in the gathering area. If you would like to make a monetary donation to WELCA you can write your check out to WELCA and put Fall Festival in the memo. You can also go to online giving at [www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org). The proceeds will go toward supporting local and state organizations/agencies.

**Men's Group Pancake Brunch is Sunday, October 22—**

Men's Group will meet on Saturday, October 21 for their monthly meeting at 8am. Besides enjoying breakfast and fellowship they will be prepping for the pancake brunch. All men are invited to the meeting and your help with the Pancake Brunch on Sunday, October 22th would be appreciated.

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.

**Out of the Darkness Community Walk—Today, October 8**

Check in time is 2pm with the walk beginning at 3pm at Lokken Stadium at VCSU. Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, & support. It unites our communities & provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways suicide & mental health conditions have affected our lives & the lives of those we love & care about.



**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**SMP Health - St. Raphael:**—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Mark Hill; Mavis Johnson; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; 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—Faith & Money**

Questions for adults and teens to discuss this week.

1. Does your relationship with God influence the way you use your money? If so, how?
2. What's one way you've heard money talked about in a faith context that you resonated with? Why?
3. What's one way you've heard it talked about that you didn't resonate with?
4. If someone asked you "What does the church say about money?" How would you respond?