

# Seventh Wednesday of Pentecost

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Order of Worship – 6:30pm

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Greeting

Opening Song “As Rain from the Clouds” ELW #508

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading Isaiah 55: 10-13 (MSG)

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (MSG)

Sermon “The Sowing” Pastor Sue

Sue

Hymn of the Day “Word of God, Come Down to Earth” ELW #510

Offertory Prayer

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion: Heaven has come near: Come, share in the feast!

(Offering Collected during Communion)

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” ELW #512

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song “God of the Fertile Fields” ACS

#1063

Pastor: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Readings for July 15<sup>th</sup> & July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 will be from Romans 8: 12-25 (MSG) & Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 (MSG) Key verse – Matthew 13: 41

We pray today for those who need healing in body, mind or spirit.

Especially Terry, Barb, Carl, Terry, Tyrell, Mary Ellen, Jerry, all those impacted by the current Ebola epidemic in Africa and all those devastated by the earthquakes in Venezuela. Give to each and all whatever you see they need.

Reader & Communion Assistant tonight: Sharon Schacher



## SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – 17 July 5<sup>th</sup> – 66

June Total Attendance: 83

Care & Share Offerings for June/July 2026 will go to the Furniture Mission

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Today	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Thu	11:00am	Faith & Conviction Meeting
	1:00pm	Caring Ministry Team Meeting
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union practice
Sat	9:30am	More Than Manna
Sun	10:00am	Worship with Holy Communion
Mon	9am–2:30pm	Monday – Thursday – Vacation Bible School!
	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop #213
	7:00pm	AA – Fellowship Hall
Tue	10:00am	Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Landscaping Team Meeting
Wed	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion

We are so happy you are with us today! If you are visitor, please stop by the Welcome Desk after worship & look for me. We have a gift for you.

Your donations help YWCA Cass Clay with their mission to be a place for women & children to turn as they escape violence & homelessness. Your support helps women & families heal & transform their lives. The YWCA donation box is located near the kitchenette. The current needs list changes frequently & is posted on the whiteboard next to the church office window. Thank you!

Our Church Directory is available to view on your computer! Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our church directory – has a member website. Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Brenda Jo or Katie know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the create log-in process. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our church. Any time updates are made, they will show on the Online Members' Website, too. For more information about the members' website, go here: <https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory>

Sunday Morning Goodies are needed! There is a sign-up sheet on the information desk. Treats can be brought during regular office hours & put in the freezer in the kitchen & should be marked “for Sunday Coffee”. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Faith Journey Lutheran Church values their volunteers! There are a variety of ways you can help with the ministry that we provide. If you are interested in serving on one of the many committees that we have, please talk to Pastor Sue or call Katie in the church office for more information.

All are Welcome to join us at the Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

## Planning an Event?

Contact Katie in the church office to secure the date & to receive the form needed to reserve the space. Needed on the form will be the contact person, date/s, times, est. number of participants & any other pertinent information. All activities MUST be scheduled through Katie to guarantee your time, date & the space requested. Thank you! \*\*space not guaranteed without the necessary information & form



The Caring Ministry Team is planning a CPR course this fall, including hands-on training in CPR & AED use. The date & time are still to be determined. If you need to renew your certification or become certified for the first time, this is a great opportunity. A minimal fee will apply. Watch for more information in the coming weeks!

## FAITH +JOURNEY CARING MINISTRY TEAM

Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity? The Caring Ministry Team is looking for additional members. You would join a committed group of volunteers whose focus is the spiritual, mental, and physical health of the congregation. You are invited to join them in visiting home bound members, being a part of the communion deacon ministry, or visiting congregants in nursing homes. Our team is also involved in health presentations, writing articles related to health and wellness including food and nutrition for the newsletter. If you are interested in joining, please let the church office know or contact Jenean Baumann at 701.367.7136 for more details.

**We are moving full speed ahead with the Faith Journey Lutheran Church App!** Both Google Android and Apple Developers have officially approved the app, which is a MAJOR milestone in the process. What does that exactly mean... it means our next steps will be building and customizing it to best fit our needs. Over the next few weeks, I will be working closely with Subsplash to fine-tune all the details and get everything set up. While there is still a lot of work to be done behind the scenes, we are making progress and are super excited about what this new tool will offer our Faith Journey Family. Please keep an eye out for important updates and information about the next steps. I will keep you posted by email, newsletter, in the bulletin, and newsletter. Thank you for your patience as we step into the future of Faith Journey. God's Peace, Katie Berg



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WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

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Contemporary Worship Coordinator: Jamie Thompson

Church Council President: Ali Farstad - Olson

Worship Sunday 9:00am Traditional (September – May)

11:00am Contemporary (September – May)

10:00am - Rotating Traditional & Contemporary (May 24 – Sept. 13)

6:30pm – Wednesdays (May 27 – Sept. 9)

Launch Family Sunday School for 4 years - Grade 5

Sunday, 10:00am - Fellowship Hall (During the school year)

Compass Confirmation for Grades 6 - 8

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - Worship Center (During the school year)

Find us on our Website: [www.growinfaith.org](http://www.growinfaith.org)

Instagram: [faithjourneyWF](https://www.instagram.com/faithjourneyWF)

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

9:00 – 4:00pm

Friday

9:00 – 12noon