

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 19th, 2026

Order of Worship – 10:00am

Gathering Songs

"All I Have"

"Chain Breaker"

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Greeting

Opening Song

"Hear Our Praises"

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 12-25 (MSG)

Gospel Acclamation

"Hosanna Praise Is Rising"

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 (NRSV)

Sermon

When Wheat Ripens It Bows

Pastor Sue

Hymn of the Day

"Good, Good Father"

(Offering Collected during Hymn of the Day)

Offertory Prayer

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

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

"Your Name"

"Hungry"

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song

"Amazing God"

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Readings for July 15th & July 19th, 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 Sandy, Terry, Barb, Tyrell, Carl, Terry, Mary Ellen & Jerry. Give to each and all whatever you see they need.

Prayer Concerns: If you or a family would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

Hospitalized or needing a Pastoral Visit: If you or a family member has been hospitalized, please contact Pastor Sue.



SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

July 8th, 2026 – 17 July 12th – 107

July MTD: 207

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of July 19th - July 28th, 2026

Today	10:00am	Worship with Holy Communion
Mon	5:30pm	Church Council Meeting
	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop #213
	7:00pm	AA – Fellowship Hall
Tue	10:00am	Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
Wed	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Thu	7:00am	Kings Men at Deane's Diner
	11:00am	Faith & Conviction Meeting
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union Practice
Sat	9:30am	More than Manna – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
		August Newsletter Deadline
Sun	10:00am	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.

West Fargo Eats is a food share alliance located in Lutheran Church of the Cross. The donation box is located on the upper landing near the elevator. Thank you for your continued support of West Fargo Eats or other food pantries in the area to help those experiencing food insecurity. If **you** are experiencing food insecurity, please don't hesitate to reach out for help at West Fargo Eats or another food pantry. Members of Faith Journey can talk to Pastor Sue. All communications will be kept private & confidential.

Pastor Sue will be attending a Pastors Conference in New Mexico from August 2 – August 15. Ginny Jesser will preach the Sundays & Wednesdays she will be gone & will also be available in case of an emergency. See your bulletins for more information.

Take a moment after worship to check out our new church sign! To ensure the sign was installed this summer, the church council voted to release money from the general fund to cover the remaining cost. To date, we have raised 87% of the \$55,000 needed, which leaves us with \$7,078 left to raise. Your continued donations to the Facility Enhancement Fund will help replenish the general fund. Thank you so much for helping us realize this goal!

Our Church Directory is available to view on the 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->

Worship Assistants:**Reader:** Tina Rued**Ushers:** Bonnie Christianson Bonnie Swanson**Greeter:** Helga Bennett**Communion Assistants:** Tina Rued Linda Lyman Steve Wingad

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!

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**

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

The deadline for the August Newsletter is July 25! If you have any this for the August publication, please send it to Jolanda Anderson at jolandaanderson@gmail.com before the end of the day on the 25. Thank you!

Please join us at the Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Maren Kramer will facilitate the discussion on August 4 & 11 while Pastor Sue is away. All are Welcome!

**THE SON OF MAN WILL SEND OUT
HIS ANGELS, AND THEY WILL WEED
OUT OF HIS KINGDOM EVERY
CAUSE OF SIN AND ALL WHO
PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.**

- MATTHEW 13:41

Faith Journey Lutheran Church
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WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

Ministers: All members of Faith Journey Lutheran Church

Pastor: Sue Koesterman - skoesterman@growinfaith.org

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Creative Worship Coordinator: Jane Whaley - jwhaley@growinfaith.org

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

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

Facebook: [faithjourneyWF](https://www.facebook.com/faithjourneyWF)

Send bulletin and newsletter information to:

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

9:00 – 4:00pm

Friday

9:00 – 12noon