

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Order of Worship – 10:00am

Gathering Songs

"This Is My Father's World"

"You Are My Vision"

"Where the River Is Flowing"

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Greeting

Opening Song

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55: 1-5 (MSG)

Gospel Acclamation

"Where You Are"

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14: 13-21 (MSG)

Sermon

Just Enough, but More

Ginny Jesser

Hymn of the Day

"Better Is One Day"

(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!

"Holy Spirit"

Post-Communion Prayer

Commissioning of Communion Deacons

Blessing

Sending Song

"Now Let Your Servants Go"

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Readings for August 5th & August 9th, 2026 will be from 1 Kings 19: 9-18 (NRSV) & Matthew 14: 22-33 (NRSV)

We pray today for those who need healing in body, mind or spirit. Especially Larry, Gloria, Marilyn, Hudson, Shanda, Roger, Sandy, Tyrell, Terry, Barb, the family of Lori Holte & the family of Joan Kaehn, all those impacted by the current Ebola epidemic in Africa, and all affected by the current food borne parasite epidemic. 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 22nd – 12 July 26th – 124

July Total Attendance: 403

Care & Share Offerings for August 2026
will go to the Coalition for Homeless Persons

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of August 2nd – August 9th, 2026

Today	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Thu	11:00am	Faith & Conviction Meeting
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union practice
Sun	10:00am	Worship with Holy Communion
Mon	4:00pm	Faith Foundation 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

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.

Pastor Sue will be attending a Pastors Conference in New Mexico from August 2 – August 13. Ginny Jesser will preach the Sundays & Wednesdays she will be gone & will also be available in case of an emergency.

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>

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.

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!

All are Welcome to 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.

Worship Assistants:**Reader:** Corene Geffre**Ushers:** Curt Cossette Shanda Cossette**Greeter:** Theresa Johnson Cathy Meyer**Communion Assistants:** Corene Geffre Theresa Johnson
Cathy Meyer

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 \$6976 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!

Last Minute Valley Fair Opportunity for Youth entering 7th-12th Grade this Thursday!

This trip is Sponsored and run by Lutheran Church of the Cross—they have invited us to participate. RSVP is tight—needed by Tuesday 12 noon. Email Maren Kramer (mkramer@growinfaith.org) that you will be attending. Then register using the QR code below, making sure to enter Faith Journey Lutheran as your church in your registration. Call Maren with any questions: 701-369-2464

What: Trip to Twin Cities to participate in "Feed My Starving Children" Service Event and play at Valley Fair. Students entering 7th-12th grade are invited. Adult chaperones are also welcome! Supper will be provided at Valley Fair (Pizza at the Bus)

When: Thursday, August 6, 2026 5:15 am -12 am Friday, August 7, 2026. No overnight we leave early and get back late.

Where: Leave from Lutheran Church of the Cross

Cost: \$125 that covers admission to both parks, transportation, snacks and evening meal.

What to Bring: Valley Fair is cashless so bring a debit, credit or visa gift card for anything you may want to purchase at Valley Fair.

- Debit, Credit or Visa Gift Card for any desired purchases
- Lunch: Bring your own or buy at Valley Fair
- Swimsuit & Towel
- Sunscreen & WATER BOTTLE
- Comfy Shoes

Transport & Supervision: Traveling via Coach bus with adult volunteers (still welcoming still welcome to join us as a volunteer) on the Bus and at the events. Students will be in groups of 3 and will have assigned check-in times with an adult volunteer throughout the events.

How: Register by clicking the QR code below, listing Faith Journey Lutheran as your church and then email Maren Kramer, Faith Formation

Director. mkramer@growinfaith.org.

Questions: call Maren 701-369-2464



Click on the link below to register!



**"THEY DO NOT NEED TO
GO AWAY," JESUS
REPLIED. "YOU GIVE THEM
SOMETHING TO EAT."**

- MATTHEW 14:16

**Faith Journey Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 2nd, 2026**

**Tenth Sunday of Pentecost
10:00am**

WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

Ministers: All members of Faith Journey Lutheran Church

Pastor: Sue Koesterman - skoesterman@growinfaith.org

Parish Business Manager: Katie Berg - kberg@growinfaith.org

Faith Formation Director: Maren Kramer - mkramer@growinfaith.org

Executive Asst. for Finance & HR: Heather Reimer - hreimer@growinfaith.org

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:

Jolanda Anderson

jolandaanderson@gmail.com

Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday

9:00 – 4:00pm

Friday

9:00 – 12noon