

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Order of Worship – 10:00am

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Song "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" ELW #763

Greeting

Kyrie & Hymn of Praise from ELW Setting 8 ELW pg. 184

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 19: 9-18 (NRSV)

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" from ELW Setting 8 ELW pg. 188

Gospel Reading Matthew 14: 22-33 (NRSV)

Sermon Going Under? Ginny Jesser

Hymn of the Day "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW #773

(Offering Collected during Hymn of the Day)

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

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

"Lamb of God" ELW Setting 8 ELW pg. 191

"When Peace Like a River" ELW #785

"Shout to the Lord" ELW #821

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" ELW #774

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Readings for August 12th & August 16th, 2026 will be from Matthew 15: 21-28 (NRSV) & Matthew 15: 21-28 (NRSV) Key Verse: Matthew 15: 28 (NRSV)

We pray today for those who need healing in body, mind or spirit. Especially Christine, Larry, Gloria, Marilyn, Hudson, Shanda, Roger, Sandy, Tyrell, Terry, Barb, the family of Joan Kaehn, all those impacted by the current Ebola epidemic in Africa, & 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 29th – 23 August 2nd – 103
July Total Attendance: 426
August Attendance to date: 103
Care & Share Offerings for August 2026
will go to the Coalition for Homeless Persons
Sign Total to date: \$48,338.75

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of August 9th - August 16th, 2026

Today	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Mon	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop #213
	7:00pm	AA in the Fellowship Hall
Tue	10:00am	Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Landscaping Team Meeting
Wed	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	9:00am	Piecemakers
	5:30pm	Faith Formation Meeting
	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Thu	11:00am	Faith & Conviction Meeting
	1:00pm	Caring Ministry Team Meeting
	6:00pm	Arts & Environments Meeting
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union practice
Sun	10:00am	Worship with Holy Communion

Pastor Sue is attending a Pastors Conference in New Mexico will be gone through. Ginny Jesser will preaching while she is gone & will also be available in case of an emergency.

Our Church Directory is available to view on your computer! More information is in your August Newsletter which you can find on the church website.

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.

All are Welcome to join us at the Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Jane Whaley will facilitate the discussion on August 11 while Pastor Sue is away.

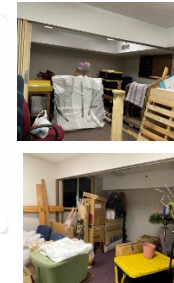
We currently have \$6,661 left to raise for the Church Sign. Please continue your donations to the Facility Enhancement Fund. Thank you so much for helping us realize this goal!

A volunteer is needed on Mondays in the front office. Hours are from 9:30am until 12:30pm. Please let Katie in the church office know if you could help.

Andrew Carson's Eagle Project

There is an Eagle Project happening at our church. The Arts and Environment Committee is changing their space to be more efficient. Andrew, a scout from Troop 213, is helping them add shelving and organizing their space...but there still is a cost and he needs your help by donating to his project. Please scan the QR code or make a cash/check donation. He will need to raise \$1,325 and has already raised \$521.

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Worship Assistants:**Reader:** Keven Kercher**Ushers:** Doris Rost Willie Schacher**Greeter:** Paula Kaufman**Communion Assistants:** Keven Kercher Sharon Schacher
Jeanean Baumann**Cantor:** Jolanda Anderson

This will be a year of Team building and forming new Teams this congregation needs. Each Team is important to the life of the church. Working together we can bear much fruit.

The next **All Teams Meeting** is **Wednesday, August 26**. We will begin with a Build your own Sandwich potluck at 5:30pm. Individual teams will meet at 6:15pm and all the teams will meet together around 7:00pm. Our primary topic of discussion will be Rally Sunday which is on September 13. There will be one service at 10:00am followed by activities and a pancake breakfast served by the Boy Scouts.

What to bring to the potluck on August 26:**Arts & Environment** and **Caring Ministry** - deli meats and cheese**Community Impact** and **Faith Formation** - desserts**Faith Foundation** and **Kingsmen** - chips**Piecemakers** and **Stewardship** - fruit/fruit salads**Worship, AV team** and **Women of Faith** - salad/veggies**Sacraments Ministry, Property** and **Welcome** - breads/buns**Before the August 26 meeting:**

- We need a small group to help with the logistics of where the booths for the teams will be set up. Contact Jane Whaley at jwhaley@growinfaith.org if you are interested.
- Also, let Jane know if you can help with setting up the tables on the Thursday or Friday before Rally Sunday or help put the tables away and clean up afterwards on Rally Sunday. Each team will be responsible for decorating and cleaning up their own booths.

Team preparation for August 26:

- Know the purpose of your team and how it relates to the mission and ministry of Faith Journey
- Start thinking about how your team will decorate their booth
- Choose a child-friendly activity. Faith Formation has carnival games available to use. A list of games will be available at the meeting.

Rally Sunday will have a Pirate Theme this year. Each team will have a booth/table to decorate. There will be a competition, similar to the Christmas Tree challenge, of which booth is the most creative. All money raised will go to God's Global Barnyard.

Each team will state the purpose of their team and how it relates to the mission and ministry of Faith Journey and use this opportunity to recruit additional members. We would also like each team to provide a child-friendly activity. After worship, each congregation member will be given a passport, either a kid or adult one, and a bag. Prizes will be given to those who complete the passport.

The passports will resemble a treasure map. People can go through in any order they wish. The ultimate goal is to find all the words to a chosen Bible verse and its reference. Each stop on the passport will be a booth. At each booth, they will get one word for the Bible verse, enjoy whatever activity is provided, and gather information about the team.

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

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.



Faith Journey Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 9th, 2026

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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)

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Friday9:00 – 4:00pm
9:00 – 12noon