

Twelfth Wednesday of Pentecost

August 12th, 2026

Order of Worship – 6:30pm

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Greeting

Opening Song “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW #712

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading read responsively Psalm 67 (NRSV)

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” from ELCA Setting 8 ELW pg. 188

Gospel Reading Matthew 15: 21-28 (NRSV)

Sermon “What Would You Do?” Ginny Jesser

Hymn of the Day “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” ELW #588

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

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

(Offering Collected during Communion)

“In Christ There Is No East or West” ELW #650

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ELW #733

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Readings for August 19^h & August 23^d, 2026 will be from Isaiah 51: 1-6 (NRSV) & Matthew 15: 21-28 (NRSV) Key Verse: Matthew 15:28

Tonight’s Gospel Reading from Matthew 15:21–28 teaches that Jesus’ mission, though first directed to Israel, ultimately includes Gentiles, and it highlights the Canaanite woman’s persistent, humble, and insightful faith—faith Jesus publicly praises as “great.”

We pray today for those who need healing in body, mind or spirit. Especially Trent, Cathy, Sam, 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.



SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE
August 5th – 10 August 9th – 103
August Total Attendance to date: 216
Care & Share Offerings for August 2026
will go to the Coalition for Homeless Persons

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of August 12th – August 16th, 2026

Today	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Thu	11:00am	Faith & Conviction Meeting
	1:00pm	Caring Ministry Team Meeting
	6:00pm	Arts & Environment Team Meeting
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union practice
Sun	10:00am	Worship with Holy Communion

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.

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

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

Join the fun in planning, decorating & riding or walking with our West Fest Church Float! Please come to our first interest & planning meeting **TODAY** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be served!

There will be a Confirmation Guide Meal & Huddles on Wednesday, Sept. 16th for all existing Guides & Jr. Guides from 5:30-7:30pm. If you are interested in being a Confirmation Small Group Guide or Jr. Guide, please contact Maren Kramer.

Our Intergenerational Family Sunday School will begin on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10am. Sunday School is geared toward families of children aged 4yrs – 5th grade. **Confirmation** for youth grades 6th-8th grade meets Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm, with pizza being served at 6:15pm. The first session on Wed., Sept. 23, is for parents, guides & students. The cost is **FREE**, but registration is required for all programs. More information is available in the Newsletter or on the Youth Kiosk in the Narthex or contact Maren Kramer to register or with questions.

We currently have \$6411 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!

Team Members, please check your email for information about the upcoming All Teams meeting on Wednesday, August 26!

Funds collected through the Noisy Offering through September 6th will go to the Spokane Fires through Lutheran Disaster Relief.

The Eagle Scout Project is complete! Andrew, a scout from Troop 213 built shelving to help the Arts & Environment Team organize their space. So far, he has raised \$521 of the \$1,325 needed to cover the cost. The last 4 digits of his Venmo account's phone number is 5814. Let's help Andrew reach his goal!

All are welcome to join our church choir! Practice will begin on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30pm. Hope to see you!

Mark your calendars! The Eastern ND Synod of the ELCA Youth Retreat for students grades 6th – 10th will be September 25-27 at Cast Away Club in Detroit Lakes. Join for a weekend of fellowship, fun, food & unforgettable memories! Contact Maren Kramer, Faith Formation Director, for more info or to sign up.

Looking to get more involved with your Faith Journey Lutheran Church Family? There are many opportunities to volunteer including, serving on the church council, joining one of the many teams, ushering, greeting, reading or serving communion. If you would like more information on the many ways you can help, please talk to Jane Whaley or call the church office.

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

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.

Reader & Communion Assistant: Judy Jabs

Cantor: Jolanda Anderson



Oh woman,
great is your faith.
Let it be to you
as you desire

Matthew 15:28

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WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

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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

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday
Friday

9:00 – 4:00pm
9:00 – 12noon