

Thirteenth Wednesday of Pentecost

August 19th, 2026

Order of Worship – 6:30pm

Welcome
Ministry Highlights
Greeting
Opening Song “Give Me Jesus” ELW #770
Prayer of the Day
Scripture Reading Romans 12: 1-9(NRSV)
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Gospel Reading Matthew 16: 13-20 (NRSV)
Sermon “Influencers” **Pastor Sue**
Hymn of the Day “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” ELW #596
(Offering Collected during Hymn of the Day)

Offertory Prayer
Prayers of the People
Holy Communion: Heaven has come near: Come, share in the feast!
“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” ELW #325

Post-Communion Prayer
Blessing
Sending Song “Built on a Rock” ELW #652
Pastor: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

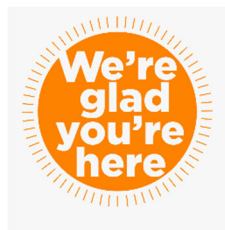
Readings for August 26th & August 30th, 2026 will be from Romans 12: 9-21 (NRSV) & Matthew 16: 21-28 (NRSV) Key Verse: Matthew 16:28

We pray today for those who need healing in body, mind or spirit. Especially Trent, Janine, Lloyd, Dwane, Pat, Gary, Christine, Larry, Marilyn, Sandy, Tyrell, Barb, Lana, the family of Phil Brociek, the victims of the Columbian earthquakes, & all those affected by the fires in Washington. 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.

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

Reader & Communion Assistant: Jolanda Anderson



SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE
 August 12th – 15 August 16th – 79
 August Total Attendance to date: 310
 Care & Share Offerings for August 2026
 will go to the Coalition for Homeless Persons

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of August 19th – August 26th, 2026

Today	6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Thu	11:00am	Faith & Conviction Meeting
	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union practice
Sat	9:30am	More than Manna
Sun	10:00am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15am	Worship Team Meeting
Mon	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop #213
	7:00pm	AA
Tue	10:00am	Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study
	All Day	SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Wed	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	9:15am	AFLAC Meeting for staff
	9:00am	Piecemakers
	5:15pm	All Teams Potluck
	6:15pm	All Teams Meeting

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>

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 has raised all the funds he needs for this project & wants to thank everyone for your help & support with this project.

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

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

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.



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.

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.

CLASS FOR ADULT CPR/AED

Caring Ministry Team is sponsoring a certification class for Adult CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:30 PM (approximately 2-2 1/2 hours). Location is in the FJLC Narthex. Pre-registration with a payment of \$10.00 is required by September 25 to confirm there are enough registrants to hold the class. To pre-register, call the church office - 701.282.3309



We currently have \$6284 left to raise for the Church Sign. The power has been connected, & Katie is training to manage the sign. Thank you to all that have & are continuing to help us reach this goal! **WATCH FOR THE BRIGHT LIGHTS TO BE ON VERY SOON!!**

The deadline for the September Newsletter is coming fast! Please get any information to Jolanda Anderson no later than Tuesday, August 25th to be included in the next addition. jolandaanderson@gmail.com

GriefShare will be offered again starting in September. Anyone who has lost a loved one is encouraged & invited to attend. See the August Newsletter for more information or talk to Pastor Sue at 701.282.3309 or Bonnie at 701.318.0949.

Planning an event? Contact Katie in the Church Office to schedule & to have it included in the church calendar. There are some forms to complete before your date is secured. Thank you for following these steps & guidelines for making Faith Journey Lutheran Church open & available to all.



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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
Friday

9:00 – 4:00pm
9:00 – 12noon