

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Order of Worship – 10:00am

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Song "Give Me Jesus" ELW #770

Greeting

Kyrie & Hymn of the Day from ELW Setting 8 ELW pg. 184

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading Matthew 16: 13-20 (NRSV)

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

Gospel Reading Romans 12: 1-9 (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!

"Lamb of God" from ELW Setting 8 ELW pg. 146

"Rock of Ages Cleft for Me" ELW #623

"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!

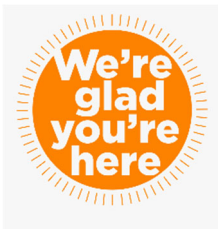
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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, Corrin, Janine, Lloyd, Dwane, Pat, Gary, Christine, Larry, Marilyn, Sandy, Tyrell, Barb, Lana, the family of Phil Brociek, the family of Ruth Borseth, charter member of our church, the victims of the Columbian earthquakes, & all those affected by the fires in Washington. Give to each and all whatever you see they need.

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



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 23rd – August 30th, 2026

Sun	10:00am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15am	Worship Team Meeting
Mon	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop #213
	7:00pm	AA – Fellowship Hall
Tue	10:00am	Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Wed	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	9:00am	Piecemakers
	9:15am	AFLAC meeting for staff
	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

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.

We currently have \$6284 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!

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

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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.

Worship Assistants:**Reader:** Mike Koesterman**Ushers:** Linda Pettie Darlene Rolie**Greeter:** Bonnie Christianson**Communion Assistants:** Mike Koesterman Ginny Jesser
Ian Rausch**Cantor:** Tom Whaley

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 \$6283 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!!**

Our World Vision sponsored student, Veronica Samson and her Buhoma community, have grown beyond the need of sponsorship! This is great news! Our congregation has been sponsors of Veronica since 2013. We wish Veronica, her family, and her community well! We will hear from World Vision soon about the opportunity to sponsor a new student.

Our community impact team is collecting food for the West Fargo Public Schools food pantries. We will focus on the north side schools with this drive. The drive is for snacks and food that is easy to make. Our drive will start next Sunday and end on September 13th-Rally Day. Thank you in advance for helping out the families in West Fargo!

**JUST AS EACH OF US HAS
ONE BODY WITH MANY
MEMBERS, AND NOT ALL
MEMBERS HAVE THE SAME
FUNCTION,
- ROMANS 12:4**

**Faith Journey Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 23rd, 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)

Find us on our Website: www.growinfaith.orgInstagram: [faithjourneyWF](https://www.instagram.com/faithjourneyWF)Facebook: [faithjourneyWF](https://www.facebook.com/faithjourneyWF)

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Friday9:00 – 4:00pm
9:00 – 12noon