

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 6th, 2026

Order of Worship – 10:00am

Welcome/Labor Day Prayer

Ministry Highlights

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Song "As We Gather at Your Table" ELW #522

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading Romans 13: 8-14 (NRSV)

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 18: 15-20 (NRSV)

Sermon The Direct Approach Pastor Sue

Hymn of the Day "God, When Human Bonds Are Broken" ELW #603
(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
"Beloved, God's Chosen" ELW #648
"For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW #679

Post-Communion Prayer

Commissioning of Communion Deacons

Blessing

Sending Song "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW #836

Pastor: Go out in joy! Be led forth in peace!

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Readings for September 13th, 2026 will be from Genesis 50: 15-21 & Matthew 18: 21-35 Key Verse Matthew 18: 35

We pray today for those who need healing in body, mind or spirit.

Especially Joe, Sandy, Eileen, Verna, Lloyd, Mavis, Darrell, Jeannine, Corrin, Lana, Gary, Pat, Barb, Marilyn, Larry, Christine, Trent, & for the families of Ruth Borseth, Tyrell Fauske, Ann Chase & Terry Potter. 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

August 30th – 95

August MTD Attendance - 527

Care & Share Offerings for September 2026
will go to Fraiser LTD

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of September 6th – September 13th, 2026

Today	10:00am	Worship with Holy Communion Commissioning of Communion Deacons Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day! Boy Scout Troop #213 AA
Mon	All Day 6:30pm 7:00pm	Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall Landscaping Team meeting\
Tue	10:00am 5:30pm 6:00pm	Cub Scout Pack 232 Piecemakers Staff Meeting
Wed	9:00am 9:00am	Caring Ministry Team meeting Garden Club
Thu	1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 6:45pm	GriefShare Dakota Vocal Union practice
Fri	All Day!	Patriot Day! Remember those we lost on 9/11/01
Sat	10:00am	Confirmation Retreat
Sun	10:00am 11:15am	Worship with Holy Communion – RALLY SUNDAY! Pancake Breakfast served by the Boy Scouts

Pastor Sue was invited to be THE North Dakota faith Community representative at the One.org Power Summit in Washington DC. She will be leaving immediately after Rally Day worship today & will return on Wednesday, Sept. 16th.

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

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.

Looking for a fun and easy way to get involved? We need YOU! 🎈🌸

The West Fest Parade Team is looking for volunteers to help get ready for the West Fest parade!

17 Thursday, September 3 at 6:30 PM

17 Sunday, September 6, before and following worship

Stay tuned for more volunteer dates and opportunities!

Many hands make light work, so grab a friend and have some fun helping us get parade-ready!

If you have questions, please reach out to Katie: kbergq@growinfaith.org, she will get your message to the right people.

Funds collected through the Noisy Offering TODAY will go to Lutheran Disaster Response Relief. In the past we have designated for a particular disaster, however, there is so much need here in the United States & abroad that we will leave the assignment of funds to the discretion of the Lutheran Disaster Response.

A new Women's Bible Study will begin on Thursday, Sept. 17th. This study will meet at 7am on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Deaner's Diner.

Worship Assistants:**Reader:** Sharon Schacher**Ushers:** Doris Rost Willie Schacher**Greeter:** Paula Kaufman**Communion Assistants:** Sharon Schacher Linda Hammer
Sonia Sandvig**Cantor:** Jolanda Anderson

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.

Our World Vision sponsored student, Veronica Samson & her Buhoma community have grown beyond the need of sponsorship! We have sponsored Veroncia since 2013 & we wish her, her family & her community well! We now have a new student to sponsor. Our new student is Filmawit. She is 13 & lives in Ethiopia. Filmawit loves to jump rope & her favorite subject is math. We look forward to getting a letter to learn more about her really soon!

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, with emphasis on snacks foods that are easy to make. It will end on Sept. 13th (Rally Sunday). Thank you in advance for helping out the families in West Fargo! Items might include: Mac & Cheese, Beef Jerky or Slim Jim's, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Canned Chicken or Tuna, Goldfish or Animal Crackers, Applesauce, Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Pudding, Ramen, Spaghettios, Peanut Butter, Cheez-Its, Any cracker snack, Fruit Cups, Hamburger or Tuna Helper.

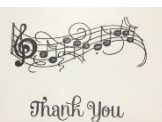


Fall Programming is beginning very soon & there are many activities available for All Ages!

Parents: you can register your child/ren by scanning the QR code on the back of the pew. The Newsletter is posted on the church website www.growinfaith.org or you can get a hard copy on the information desk. If you would like a copy mailed to you or to a family member, please contact the church office. **For those needing additional information – a full list of activities, dates, times, locations & descriptions is located on the Information Desk or in the September Newsletter.**

Church Choir will start practice on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30pm in the Worship Center. All are welcome to join!

A special 'Thank You' to Tom Hanson for accompanying our worship today! Thank you, Tom, for sharing your musical leadership gifts with us!



We have raised the funds needed for our church sign! Thank you for your financial support & patience. Be sure to check out the sign as you leave today!



**IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST
YOU, GO AND CONFRONT HIM
PRIVATELY. IF HE LISTENS TO YOU,
YOU HAVE WON YOUR BROTHER
OVER.**

- MATTHEW 18:15

Faith Journey Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 6th, 2026

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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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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

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday
Friday

9:00 – 4:00pm
9:00 – 12noon