

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

October 4, 2026

Order of Worship – 9:00am

Welcome

Ministry Highlights

Confession & Forgiveness

Opening Song “All Creatures Worship God Most High” ELW #835

Greeting

Kyrie & Hymn of Praise ELW Setting 6 ELW pg. 165

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading Isaiah 5: 1-7 (NRSV)

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia - ELW Setting 6 ELW pg. 171

Gospel Reading Matthew 21: 33-46 (NRSV)

Sermon Murderer's Inheritance Pastor Sue

Hymn of the Day “There In God's Garden” ELW #342

(Offering will be collected during the Hymn of the day)

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord!

“Lamb of God” ELW Setting 6 ELW pg. 174

“Ah, Holy Jesus” ELW #349

Post-Communion Prayer

Commissioning of Communion Deacons

Blessing

Sending Song “Sent Forth by God's Blessing” ELW #547

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Readings for October 11, 2026 will be from Matthew 22: 1-14 (NRSV), Isaiah 25: 1-9

Key Verse: Isaiah 25: 7

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

Especially, Doris, Beverly, Sharon, Diane, Paul, Joe, Corrin, Larry & Marilyn.

With unending love, give to each according to their needs.

All are welcome at the Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10am or 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.

REMINDER: The 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat is **TODAY** Sunday, October 4th from 12:15pm-7:00pm.

We are launching a new Women's Bible Study. This study will meet at 7:00am on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Deaner's Diner. Hope to see you on Oct. 15th!

First Bibles will be received during the Worship on October 11. Contact Maren Kramer as soon as possible if you have youth 3rd – 8th grade that would like to participate.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, October 12 for the federal holiday.

Today we pray for the families & friends that have recently lost loved ones. We pray especially for Mike Carriveau, Lloyd Anderson, Melanie Zick, Duane, Jerry Roth & Sandra Blaine. Please keep all of them in your thoughts & prayers.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of October 4th - October 11th, 2026

Today	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion
		Commissioning of Communion Deacons @ both services
	10:00am	Family Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
	11:00am	Cont. Worship with Holy Communion
Mon	12:30pm	Confirmation Retreat
	6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop #213
	7:00pm	AA - Fellowship Hall
Tue	10:00am	Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	5:15pm	Lectionary Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Choir in the Worship Center
Wed	9:00am	Piecemakers
	9:00am	Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	Faith Formation Meeting
	6:15pm	Confirmation Meal
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Thu	1:00pm	Caring Ministry Team Meeting
	5:30pm	Garden Club
	6:00pm	Arts & Environment Team Planning Meeting
	6:30pm	GriefShare
Fri	6:45pm	Dakota Vocal Union practice
	All day	Pastor Sue at Synod Council Meeting
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Sat	10:00am	Lloyd Anderson Memorial Service at West Funeral Home
Sun	9:00am	Trad. Worship with Holy Communion
		Bibles presented at both services
	10:00am	Family Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
	11:00am	Cont. Worship with Holy Communion & Holy Baptism
Mon	12:15am	Congregational Meeting & Lunch
		Church Office Closed

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 next Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, October 11 after the 11am service. At this meeting, the 2027 budget will be presented for approval & council elections will be held. If you are interested in serving on the council, talk to Pastor Sue or one of the council members. The council will be providing a meal of sloppy joes, chips & dessert before the meeting starts.

Help Us Make Treat Street Extra Sweet!

Faith Journey Lutheran Church is excited to once again participate in West Fargo's Treat Street, along with our Reverse Trick-or-Treating outreach! This year, we are expecting around 1,500 kids at Treat Street and approximately 300 homes to visit as we deliver candy throughout the community. That's a LOT of candy! We are reaching out to our congregation to donate bags of individually wrapped candy to help make this event a success! We would especially love to receive candy that we can pair with a Faith Journey sticker featuring our QR code, giving us an opportunity to share a little more about our church with the families we meet. However, any type of individually wrapped candy donation is greatly appreciated! All donations can be dropped off at the Church.

Worship Assistants: 9:00am

Ushers: Larry Anderson Pam Anderson

Reader: Judy Jabs

Communion Assistants: Judy Jabs Marlene Batterberry

Greeters: Gale Bergee Linda Bergee

Cantor: Tom Whaley

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.

It hurts to lose someone.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. We want to help you on your journey toward recovery. Our new GriefShare sessions will begin Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 PM downstairs in a classroom at Faith Journey Lutheran church. [127 2nd Ave E](#) in West Fargo, ND. Please call Pastor Sue @[701-282-3309](tel:701-282-3309), Phyllis [701-239-6064](tel:701-239-6064), Bonnie @ [701-318-0949](tel:701-318-0949) for more information.

Registration with down payments for the 8th – 12th grade National Lutheran Youth Gathering will close on September 27th, 2026.

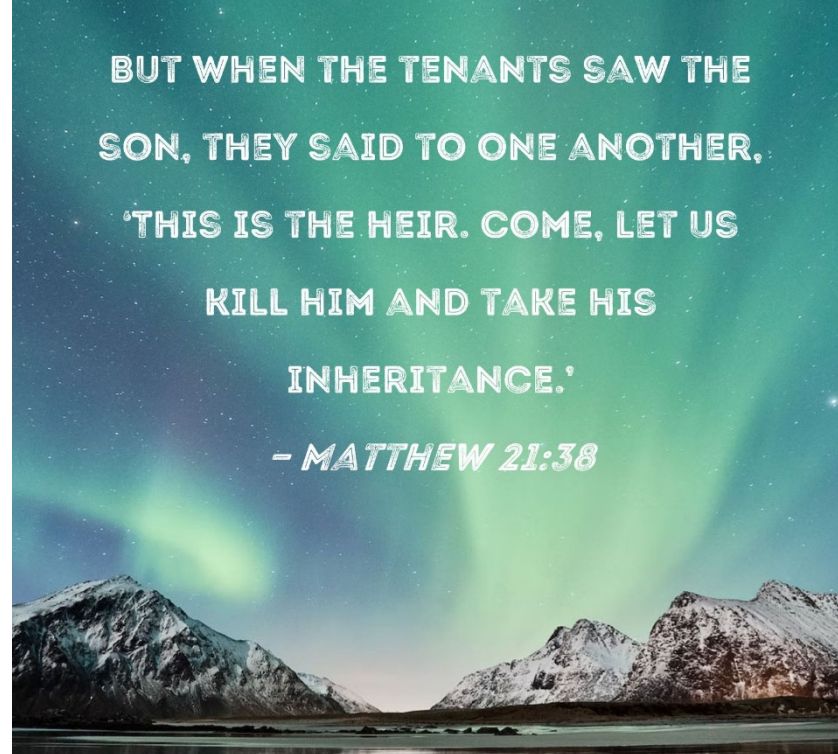
Funds collected through the Noisy Offering through the end of December will go to support God's Global Barnyard, a program through ELCA World Hunger, that assists families in the developing world build self-sufficiency through livestock, chickens, bees, fish & other food producing resources. Thank you for your continued support.

Our community impact team is collaborating with Global Refuge to get new winter coats for new immigrants and refugees. We will start the collection TODAY and run it through Sunday, October 11th. Global Refuge is asking for new winter coats from size 2T to Adult XXL. They are also in need of hats, gloves, and scarves. If you cannot contribute a winter item but would like to donate funds, you can do so by using the QR code on the poster in the narthex. Thank you all for your consideration.

The funeral for Lloyd Anderson will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 10:00am at West Funeral Home with Pastor Sue officiating. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service. Burial will be after the funeral in Casselton, ND.



SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE
September 27, 2026 – 135
September MTD – 527
Care & Share Offerings for October 2026
go to ND Autism Center



**BUT WHEN THE TENANTS SAW THE
SON, THEY SAID TO ONE ANOTHER,
'THIS IS THE HEIR. COME, LET US
KILL HIM AND TAKE HIS
INHERITANCE.'**

– MATTHEW 21:38

Faith Journey Lutheran Church
Sunday October 4, 2026

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9am

WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

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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