

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

309 4th St NE Valley City, ND

Rev. Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 REFORMATION SUNDAY

9:30am worship service



Confirmation Class of 2024

(back row, l-r): Ayden Ness, Owen Tichy, Pastor Jamie Desai;

(front row, l-r): Kylie Van Bruggen, Brayden Klevgaard, Morgan Larson.

WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME!

It is good to encounter Christ together. At Faith Lutheran we rise up to: **Worship Christ, Welcome All, and Serve Others** because of Jesus. A special welcome to visitors and guests! May God bless our time together as we celebrate Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the Word of God, and the community we share. Please fill out a welcome card if you have changes: address, phone number, prayer request. Break off the bottom half to place in the offering plate; keep the top as a bookmark and a reminder of worship times.

The order of service is printed in the bulletin. All bold font is spoken by the congregation, the regular by the worship leader.

*Indicates those who are able, please stand. (ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal –cranberry color)

Service

Prelude

*PROCESSIONAL **“Lift High the Cross” vs 1,3** ELW 660

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to celebrate the love that God has poured into the world.

We have received God's love, and together we worship.

We gather together to bear witness to God's love that unites us.

We have received God's love, and together we proclaim.

We gather together to share God's love in water, wine, and bread.

We have tasted God's love, and together we give thanks.

Let us rejoice in the presence of God, who unites us in the promise of the Holy Spirit, and calls us forth in service and love.

We are God's love, and together we serve.

SONG **“The Journey of Praise”** see screen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
(*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Gracious Lord God, **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

<u>Serving Today</u>		<u>Attendance & Offering</u>	
Greeter:	<i>Brody Metcalf</i>	Attendance:	10/20 122 78+ online views
Ushers:	<i>Sorensen, Metcalf, Johnson, Rodin Families</i>		
Lector:	<i>Kylie Van Bruggen</i>	Offering:	10/6 \$4,555.00
Communion Ministers:	<i>Brayden Klevgaard,</i>		10/13 \$5,908.00
	<i>Morgan Larson, Ayden Ness,</i>		10/20 \$3,450.00
	<i>Owen Tichy, Kylie Van Bruggen</i>		
Kitchen:	<i>Sorensen, Metcalf, Johnson, Rodin Families</i>		Mission Plan monthly
Acolyte:	<i>Maya Van Bruggen</i>		\$22,752.25
Keyboard & Vocals:	<i>Cyndi Hill</i>		
Vocals:	<i>Julie May</i>		
Processional—			
Cross Bearer:	<i>Ayden Ness</i>		
Pascal Candle:	<i>Brayden Klevgaard</i>		
Bible Bearer:	<i>Kylie Van Bruggen</i>		

<u>The Week Ahead: October 28-November 3, 2024</u>	
<p><u>Monday, October 28</u> Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 29</u> 10:30am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Text Study</p> <p><u>Wednesday, October 30</u> 1pm - Quilters 3:15pm- Faith Kids Club 6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC</p> <p><u>Thursday, October 31</u> 5:00pm-7:00pm - Trick or Treat Event at Epworth UMC</p>	<p><u>Saturday, November 2</u> 10:30am-1:30pm - Trinity Lutheran Fall Festival</p> <p><u>Sunday, November 3</u> All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time 9:30am - Worship Service 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship 10:45am - Sunday School</p>



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Russ Hilborn; Mark Hill; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Laurette Zachrison.

General Prayer List:—Nancy Knutson; Corey Green (Karen Nitschke’s grandson); Jesse Archambeau (Karen Nitschke’s nephew); Jessie Stockford (Sam & Reid Hill’s mother); Sophia Halsa (Cheryl Foell’s granddaughter); Lloyd Vogel (Elaine Wall’s brother-in-law); Sandi Pollock; Kay Stanford; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen’s mother); Bernice Martel (Gloriann Gaarder’s sister); Marlys Kunze; Bea Faust; Kim Homan (Cheryl Peterson and LeeAnn & Ron Peterson’s brother); Mike Kainz (Kirsten Gerhardt’s father); Verna Anderson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill’s grandson); Sue Olson; Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson’s son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson’s brother-in-law); Sandy Mulvaney; Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz’ mother).

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Trinity Lutheran WELCA Annual Fall Festival—Saturday, November 2.

Bake & Lefse Sale: **10:30am-1:30pm**. Luncheon Hours **11am-1:30pm**. Menu: Baked Potato Bar, Salad & Dessert. Adults: \$10, Children 6 & Under: \$5. Lunch Pick up & Delivery available 11:30am-1pm. Call 845-8987.



Murder Mystery with a side of desert! Help solve the mystery of the death of Holin Wunn, who died on the 19th hole. The murderer is among us!

You will be presented clues and work as a team (of no more than 6 people) to solve the murder.

Where: **Trinity Lutheran Church**

When: **Saturday, November 16 at 7pm or Sunday, November 17 at 2pm**

Free will offering to raise funds for a new boiler @ Trinity Lutheran Church. Please RSVP to TLC office 845-383 (limited space for each performance). All in the community are welcome (including groups, clubs, organizations, etc)!

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.

ELW pg. 184

***PRAYER OF THE DAY -**

Almighty God, **gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB - Pew Bible)

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (PB p. 217 - Old Testament)

Lector: The Word of God *Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 46 (please read responsively - see screen)

Romans 3:19-28 (PB p. 160 - New Testament)

Lector: The Word of God *Congregation: Thanks be to God.*

***Gospel Acclamation**

“Thy Word”

see screen

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord

John 8:31-36 (PB p. 105)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord - People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Borning Cry”

ELW 732

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Introduction of confirmands by Mike May, Council President

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism: Brayden Brian Klevgaard, Morgan Diane Larson, Ayden Douglas Ness, Owen Christopher Tichy, Kylie Van Bruggen

CONFIRMANDS SHARE BIBLE VERSES

PASTOR: *Let us pray. Gracious Lord God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Congregation: Amen.*

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil, and all the forces that defy God?

CONFIRMANDS: I renounce them.

PASTOR: *Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?*

CONFIRMANDS: I renounce them.

PASTOR: *Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?*

CONFIRMANDS: I renounce them.

PASTOR: *Do you believe in God the Father?*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

PASTOR: *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

PASTOR: *Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?*

ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTOR: *You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people; to hear His Word and share in the Lord's supper; to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus; and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

EACH CONFIRMAND: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

PASTOR: *People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life of faith?*

CONGREGATION: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Confirmands will gather at the altar and kneel as family/sponsors lay hands)

PASTOR: *Let us pray. We give thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.*

PASTOR: *Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life, empower her/him in her/his serving; give her/him patience in suffering; and bring her/him to everlasting life.*

CONFIRMANDS and CONGREGATION: Amen.

(Response after all confirmands have received their blessing)

PASTOR: *Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.*

CONGREGATION: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

*HYMN "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vs 1,2,4 ELW 396

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY "Give Thanks" see screen

Announcements

Stop in the fellowship hall for a cup of coffee or juice and a treat served at 10:30am following worship. It is good to enjoy each other's company and conversation.

We do have a sound-proof nursery with a speaker so you can hear (and see) the service while rocking an infant to sleep or calming a crying child. There is a diaper changing station there and in the family bathroom near the office wing.



Daylight savings time ends Saturday, November 2. Don't forget to turn your clock back 1 hour.

Next Sunday, November 3rd is All Saints Sunday—Join with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we remember those beloved who now reside with Christ and ask for God's strength and peace in our sorrows. During the worship service we will remember those who have died in the past year. A candle will be lit for each person as their name is read. Those at worship may also light a candle in remembrance of a loved one that has went on before them.

Community Thanksgiving Baskets Event—

The baskets will be filled Thursday, November 21 at 5:30pm.

Friday, November 22 deliveries will begin at 5pm and pick-ups will

begin at 5:30pm here at Faith. A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering area if you are interested in volunteering for either or both days.

Please consider giving a monetary donation of any size toward the Thanksgiving baskets.

You may enclose it in one of the donation envelopes and mark it Thanksgiving Baskets and put it in the offering plate, drop it by the office or mail it to Faith. You may also give online on our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org. Under the Online Giving Tab choose Thanksgiving Baskets. Volunteers are an important part of this project. We are grateful to all who give of their time, talents and monetary gifts so others may enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with their families. Julie will begin taking names for the baskets on November 1st. Call Faith Lutheran, 845-4390 to be added to the list of recipients.



Throughout the months of October and November the Mission Team will be collecting winter gloves/mittens and caps for the elementary schools.

A collection container is under the table in the gathering area.



A reminder for our 7th-9th grade confirmation youth: You will meet for confirmation at Our Savior's beginning November 1st—January 31st. Confirmation is 6:30-8pm. You are welcome to enjoy a quick snack and drink beginning around 6pm.

We thank you for your continued financial support for Faith Lutheran. For those preferring to give online scan this QR Code with your smartphone to go to our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org to set up online giving for the following: General Fund, Building Fund, Thanksgiving Baskets, WELCA.



Kylie Grace Van Bruggen
Daughter of Tyler & Angela Van Bruggen

Birth Date: April 9, 2009

Baptismal Date: May 31, 2009

Baptismal Place: Faith Lutheran - Valley City, ND

Baptismal Sponsors: Michael Sandness, Carly Van Bruggen

Confirmation Mentor: Carly Rott

Scripture Verse: **Joshua 1:9** - *“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

Faith Statement: No matter what we go through, we can find comfort in knowing that God has our back, even when storms rage in our lives. Our souls can be anchored to the Lord. Our hope and peace are built on him, and he will lead us to the blessed place he has prepared. There are often times when I feel God’s presence. Sometimes, it’s little things like tests at school or bigger things like losing people in my life. God leads me through it.

The first time I remember talking to God was October 21, 2013. I wasn’t even five years old, but I asked God why. Why did you let our church burn down? Why did you let bad things happen to good people? Prayer continues to help me deal with challenges and make sense of God’s hand in the world. I learned in Sunday School and Confirmation about God’s forgiveness of sins and his love. I continue to talk to God whenever I feel stressed or worried, and it always seems to help. God wants me to be close to him, so he listens, and I believe he will listen to anyone who asks for him.

I want to thank my parents for bringing me to church regularly and helping me grow closer to God. I’m incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by an accepting, forgiving, and loving congregation. I don’t have to be afraid to be myself around this Faith family. No matter how much stress I feel from school and activities, I know that I can come to church and take comfort in knowing that I can walk through those doors and be surrounded by people full of love who always have smiled to share. Another thing I’ve learned from this congregation is the joy of serving others. I’ve learned how important it is to give back by serving meals, tying blankets for Project Ignite Light, and packing Thanksgiving boxes. I plan to continue attending church for the rest of my life with a passion for serving and loving others because that is the gift this congregation gave me.

Dear Confirmands of 2024,
You are becoming the person God designed you to be, a person of faith—a person with strong values—a person who loves God and other people. As you confirm your faith in Christ, may God’s Spirit of love, joy, peace and grace become more and more a part of your spirit. In every situation and relationship be the person you believe Jesus wants you to be, trusting always that Christ will be with you—no matter what! Be strong in the knowledge that you are deeply loved by God, your Creator, and deeply loved by all of us, too! God bless you in Christ forever! Amen.

We would like to acknowledge and say **thank you** to Wendi Wilmes and Pat Edinger for serving as the confirmands confirmation guides.

Thank you to the 9th grade class and their parents who prepared and served the confirmation banquet!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: (singing) Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest**

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - We welcome all the baptized to the meal celebrating the new life we have in Christ Jesus. Come to the communion rail as the ushers direct. Please take a communion cup from the center boxes as you come forward. Kneel or stand. The communion minister will pour wine or grape juice into your cup. Take a pink color cup if you wish to receive grape juice or indicate your preference to the communion minister. The grape juice will be in the gold chalice and the wine will be in the silver chalice. Please place your empty cup in the boxes at the side when you return to your seat. Stay as long or as brief as you like at the communion rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. Young children will receive a grape from the student at the center and a blessing from the person bearing the bread at the rail. If you wish to refrain from communion, God knows your heart.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“One Bread, One Body”
“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”
“Sanctuary”
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”
“You Are My All in All” chorus

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ELW 484
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*COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

“Lift High the Cross” vs 2,4

ELW 660

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve the Lord

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024
FAITH STATEMENTS
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Brayden Brian Klevgaard

Son of Laura Klevgaard, Brian & Jocelyn Klevgaard

Birth Date: October 24, 2008

Baptismal Date: January 11, 2009

Baptismal Place: Jevnaker Lutheran - Borup, MN

Baptismal Sponsors: Shaun & Jami Bredman, Jay Klevgaard

Confirmation Mentor - Kathy Bredman

Scripture Verse: **Philippians 4:13** - *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*

Faith Statement: I believe our God is a loving, caring, and forgiving God. Ever since the day I got baptized until now getting confirmed God has been along my side the entire time. God has blessed me with the best family I could have ever asked for and some of the greatest friends I've ever met. God has been there with me through all the hardest times in my life like when my parents got divorced 4 years ago. But God kept my head held high and helped me grow as a person.

I would like to thank my family and friends for helping me through life and bringing Jesus into my life.

Morgan Diane Larson

Daughter of Aaron & Stacie Larson

Birth Date: January 29, 2009

Baptismal Date: October 3, 2009

Baptismal Place: Faith Lutheran - Valley City, ND

Baptismal Sponsors: Jocelyn Zink, Keri Zink

Confirmation Mentor - Nicole Larson

Scripture Verse: **Joshua 1:9** - *Be strong and courageous.*

Do not be afraid; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Faith Statement: In July, I hurt my knee playing volleyball and needed surgery to repair my meniscus. I was nervous about the surgery and unsure if I'd recover in time for my high school season. Before the surgery, my mom and I prayed in the hospital chapel, which helped calm my nerves. I sensed God's presence during the surgery, reassuring me that He was guiding the surgeon and caring for my health. I believe that with God by my side, I am strong and courageous, ready to face any challenges without fear. I trust in His faithfulness, confident that He will always support me wherever I go.

Ayden Douglas Ness

Son of Jeremy & Stephanie Ness

Birth Date: September 10, 2008

Baptismal Date: November 7, 2018

Baptismal Place: Faith Lutheran - Valley City, ND

Baptismal Sponsors: Christina Nelson, Travis Atwood

Confirmation Mentor - Greg Friestad

Scripture Verse: **Deuteronomy 31:6**- *"Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."*

Faith Statement: I believe in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I have believed in him since I was young going to Sunday school as a little kid to now finally getting confirmed. At first I didn't ever want to go to church and always thought of it as just having to get up early and go to something that doesn't matter. But I was wrong as I got older I realized going to church wasn't so bad after all and was very heart warming and peaceful.

The first time where God really spoke out to me is when I was deer hunting. Before I would never have prayed before any hunt, granted this was my third year hunting. But before opening day of youth season something inside me just said to pray to God for letting me be out in his creations and just asking for him to give me a decent buck because I wouldn't have been able to hunt during regular season because I would have hocked. So I prayed to God that afternoon.

And at sunset a big buck came out and I was able to get him thanks to God. Some people may say that's just luck and God had nothing to do with it but I believe he did play a part in it and somehow he gave me that deer. And ever since that time I've prayed to God before every hunt. It doesn't matter what I'm hunting always thanking him for his creation of this beautiful world we have. But ever since that moment for me it has felt like God has been closer to me.

Owen Christopher Tichy

Son of Scott & Amy Tichy

Birth Date: October 1, 2008

Baptismal Date: November 7, 2008

Baptismal Place: Faith Lutheran - Valley City, ND

Baptismal Sponsors: Ken Sundquist, Shanna Schwan, Mike & Kristi McCoy

Confirmation Mentor: Ken Sundquist

Scripture Verse: **Romans 8:1-2** - *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death."*

Faith Statement: As I get older and life gets more stressful and complicated, I am always reminded that God is there with me. Even though I am not a perfect person, when I look to God, I feel loved. I have been taught since a child about the ways of God. My parents, grandparents, friends, and others have all supported me along the way and showed me more about the way to stay close to God by doing bigger things like helping others or something as simple as giving someone a smile. I have attended church since I was a little kid and I didn't always appreciate it at the time, but as I have gotten older, I have realized how beneficial it has been. I am so glad that I was given these experiences as a younger kid and look forward to the rest of my life in faith.