

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“What Can I Give Him”

see screen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 129

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

**(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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW pg. 130

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 134

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - We welcome all the baptized to the meal celebrating the new life we have in Christ Jesus. Come forward as the ushers direct. Please take a cup for communion from the center boxes as you come forward. Start at the middle and fill to the sides. Gluten-free wafers are available. Young children will receive a grape and a blessing. Place your empty cups in the boxes. If you wish to refrain from communion, God knows your heart.

Communion Hymns: **“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

ELW 288

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

ELW 276

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

ELW 290

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's 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

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs 1,2,3

ELW 283

*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Okay we will!**



Jesus increased in wisdom
and in stature and in favor
with God and man.

Luke 2:52, ESV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024

9:30am worship service

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

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us continue to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

We have come to celebrate Jesus, Emmanuel, Christ with us.

Let us relish the twelve days of Christmas spreading joy to the world.

We will clothe ourselves in the qualities of Christ.

Let us decorate our lives with the promise of hope we have in Christ Jesus.

We will celebrate the birth of Jesus today and into the new year.

HYMN

"The First Noel" vs 1-3

ELW 300

CONFESSION OF SIN

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

Forgive our neglect of the poor.

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ died for you and has forgiven you

all your sins. In Christ Jesus, you too have been named a child of God. Therefore I declare unto you; You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

*HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

ELW 289

*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.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. ELW 184

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (PB pg. 273 - Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 148 (please read responsively)

Colossians 3:12-17 PB pg. 215 - New Testament)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** vs 1 ELW 279

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 2:41-52 (PB pg. 60 - New Testament)

The Gospel of the Lord - **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

ELW 282

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers:

Matt & Jessica Jenrich

Acolyte:

Kassidy Schulz

Lector:

Troy Miller

Keyboard & Vocals:

Cyndi Hill

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 12/22 84 71+ online
12/24 (Christmas Eve) 336 84+ online

Offering: 12/1 \$4,795.00
12/8 \$5,920.00
12/15 \$7,081.77
12/22 \$2,278.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: December 30, 2024-January 5, 2025

Monday, December 30

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, December 31

Office Closed at Noon

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

Quilting Class

Friday, January 3

Quilting Class

Sunday, January 5

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School Resumes—Epiphany Party

Announcements

There will be no Sunday School December 29. Sunday School will resume on January 5, 2025. No Confirmation or Kids Club January 1, 2025. Sunday School will resume January 5, 2025. Confirmation and Kids Club will resume on January 8, 2025.

Next Sunday, January 5 the Sunday School Children will have an Epiphany Party during their Sunday School time! This is the first Sunday back after Christmas break.

The office will be closed Tuesday, December 31 at noon and Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's.

The 2025 offering envelopes will be available to be picked up by December 24th. If you would prefer not to have envelopes you can let the office know. Your contributions are recorded whether you use an envelope, give by checks or give online. We thank you for your continued financial support!

The Jr/Sr High Youth thank everyone who purchased a butterfly ornament for the Celebration of Life Tree in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please don't forget to take your butterflies home.



The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26th after worship. The ANNUAL MEETING reports will be ready to be picked up on Thursday, January 16th. All reports for the annual report booklet need to be in to Julie by Monday, January 6.

Noisy Offering—We received **\$203.30** for the Mission Christmas Fund on December 22. Thank you for your generous giving! Your loose change and dollars bills make a difference!

The **2025 Daily Texts Devotional Books** have arrived! The cost of each book is \$12.50. The books are on the table under the mirror in the gathering area.

Baptismal Keepsakes—Sunday, January 12. Everyone who were baptized in 2024 will receive their baptismal keepsake at the 9:30am worship service. The keepsakes serve as a reminder of this special step in their Christian walk of faith.



The Mission Team will be collecting 2-piece pajamas for Project Ignite Light throughout January and February. All sizes are needed. You may buy sleep pants and a top especially for the older youth since pajamas may be harder to find in the larger sizes. Please note: Project Ignite doesn't take one piece pajamas/sleepers.

The January newsletter will be mailed out on Tuesday, December 31 so hopefully you will receive it by the end of next week. The newsletter & calendar do get uploaded onto our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org if you would like to read it there.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Faith Lutheran. Your contributions support the missions and ministries of Faith Lutheran as well as monthly expenses of the church. If you have set up your giving electronically on our website:

www.faithlutheranvc.org, we do have cards that you may place in the offering plates that say you give electronically.

The cards are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—Brian Ventsch (Warren & Brenda's son); Marsha Saylor; Nancy Knutson; Jesse Archambeau (Karen Nitschke's nephew); Sandi Pollock; Kay Stanford; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen's mother); Bea Faust; 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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