



“DO NOT BE AFRAID TO TAKE  
MARY AS YOUR WIFE, FOR THE  
CHILD CONCEIVED IN HER IS  
FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

MATTHEW 1:20. NRSV

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
309 Fourth Street Northeast  
Valley City, North Dakota  
*Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai*  
*Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith*  
Second Sunday of Advent      December 8, 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 and a reminder of worship times.

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

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to celebrate Advent with Jesus.

**I have come to join Jesus for Advent.**

Let us begin preparing for the coming of the Christ child.

**I will prepare for the coming of the Christ child.**

Prepare for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

**Come, O come Emmanuel.**

\*ADVENT SONG    **“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”** vs 1,2    ELW 240  
*(Lighting of the Advent Candle)*

### \*ADVENT LITANY

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. Two candles shine as light peeks through the cracks and God's dream overflows.

**Vision awakens in us, a spark to brighten the way.**

Radiant flash and feeble flame break through; a long time coming yet unexpected. Watching and waiting, we prepare him room,

**Christ is coming to make all things new, and we are opening to the Light.**

\*ADVENT SONG            **“Prepare the Royal Highway”** vs 1,2,4            ELW 264

\*CONFESSION OF SIN    Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.    **Amen.**

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and**

**unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF MERCY **“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”** ELW 254

\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. Therefore I declare to you that you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE **“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”** vs 1,2,4 ELW 275

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, **to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Malachi 3:1-4** (PB pg. 995 - Old Testament)

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

**Luke 1:68-79** (please read responsively)

**Philippians 1:3-11** (PB pg. 209 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation **Prepare ye the way of the Lord  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 1st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 1:18-25** (PB pg. 1 - New Testament)

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

SERMON **“Joseph”** Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** ELW 283

\*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW pg. 127

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“Give Thanks”**

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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:

**“You Are Mine”**

ELW 581

**“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”**

ELW 247

**“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”**

ELW 451

**“You Are My All in All” (chorus)**

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\*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

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

ELW 270

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

## Announcements

Stop in 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.



Our sympathies to Lila Rohwedder & family and friends of **W.E. (Windy) Rohwedder**. Windy died on Saturday, November 30. His Celebration of Life will be here at Faith on Saturday, December 21 at 2pm. This would have been his 100th birthday.

The Sunday School kids will be practicing for their Christmas Program during their Sunday School time. **The Children's Christmas Program will be December 15 during the 9:30am worship service.** We will have our potluck dinner following the program.

**Noisy Offering—Next Sunday, December 15** the kids will be collecting a noisy offering during the Children's Word. The noisy offering collected will go to the **Mission Christmas Fund**. Your loose change and dollars bills make a difference!

**A box to collect items for SMP Health - St. Raphael is set up in the gathering area.** We will be collecting Men's Undershirts (size Large-3x); Gripper Socks; Men's & Women's Sweatshirts size Large-3X); Lotions; Candy (either Regular or Diabetic). Items for SMP Health-St. Raphael will need to be here by **December 15**. Thank you for your generous giving.



We would like to have about 15 poinsettias to adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase a plant for suggested amount of \$25 (price of poinsettias has increased) or bring a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one there is a sign up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

### Serving Today

**Greeters:** Gary & Diane Sommerfeld  
**Ushers:** Audrey & Evelyn Jacobson  
**Lector:** Scott Johnson  
**Acolyte:** Evelyn Jacobson  
**Kitchen:** Gary & Diane Sommerfeld, Duane & Diana Larson  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** Cyndi Hill

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 12/1 99 89+ online

Offering: 12/1 \$4,795.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

## The Week Ahead: December 9-15, 2024

### Monday, December 9

Pastor's Sabbath

### Tuesday, December 10

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

### Wednesday, December 11

12:00pm - Community

Christmas Party at Eagles

12:10pm - Sounds of Season  
at Our Savior's

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club—

Christmas Party

3:30pm - WELCA Meets

5:30pm - Council Meets

6:30pm - Confirmation at OSLC

Complete Service Project

### Thursday, December 12

10am - Healthy Families Class

### Saturday, December 14

8:00am - Men's Group Meets

### Sunday, December 15

Noisy Offering—Mission  
Christmas Fund

9:30am - Worship Service

w/Christmas Program

11:00am - Potluck Dinner

2:00pm - EBC Fraternity Alumni

"We're in the Christmas

Mood" Dessert Concert

at Nome Schoolhouse

**18th Annual “Sounds of the Season” Brown Bagger Series—Wednesday, December 11, 12:10-12:50pm** at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Sanctuary. **Faye Bubach** will be the featured performer. Bring your lunch or just come to listen to the music of the holiday season and enjoy provided refreshments. This year they will be livestreaming the performance on their Facebook page: Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Valley City, ND.

**The Valley Troubadours Annual Christmas Concert!**

You have several opportunities to enjoy their Christmas Concert!

**Sunday, December 8**—Larry J. Robinson Center

for the Arts Building, **4pm**

**Monday, December 16**—Barnes County Courthouse, 7pm

—Valley Voices will also be performing

**Tuesday, December 17**—SMP - St Raphael, 6:30pm

Free Admission—Freewill offering taken. Facilities are handicapped accessible.



**Salvation Army Bell Ringing began on Monday, November 25 and continues through Tuesday, December 24, 10am-6pm.**

The kettles will be set up at Leever's Food and Petro Serve USA (top of the hill on 8th Ave SW).

The bell ringing is in 1 hour shifts. If you are interested in ringing the bells please call Naomi at 701-541-1418 or Lenora at 840-1357.

**Community Christmas Party—Kiwani's invites you to join them on Wednesday, December 11 at 12 noon** at the VC Eagles Club to enjoy Burgers and Fries for \$15. The Merry and Bright Stars Choir will be performing.



**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:**—Warren Ventsch; Brian Ventsch (Warren & Brenda's son); Marsha Saylor; Nancy Knutson; Corey Green (Karen Ntischke's grandson); Jesse Archambeau (Karen Ntischke's nephew); Sophia Halsa (Cheryl Foell's granddaughter); Sandi Pollock; Kay Stanford; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen's mother); Bernice Martel (Gloriann Gaarder's sister); Marlys Kunze; 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); Family of Lloyd Vogel.

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**Join Us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 4:00pm. The service will include Holy Communion, Christmas Hymns, and Special Music**