

*When they
saw the star,
they rejoiced
exceedingly
with great joy.*

Matthew 2:10, ESV



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith
Epiphany of Our Lord January 5, 2025
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.

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

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Step into the light of the star that led the Magi to Jesus.

We will step out of the darkness and follow the light of the world.

That which was hidden from the world, the light has shined upon us.

We will welcome the light into our lives and participate in the righteousness of God's salvation.

Let us welcome our new King, the Prince of Peace, the Long-awaited Messiah.

We will welcome the Messiah into our presence and shine the light for all to see.

*GATHERING SONG **"Angels from the Realms of Glory"** ELW 275

CONFESSION OF SIN 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, know 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 **"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"** vs 1-3 ELW 282

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!

SONG OF PRAISE

“We Three Kings” vs 1-3

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in +our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our 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)

Isaiah 60:1-6 (PB pg. 766 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 (please read responsively)

Ephesians 3:1-12 (PB pg. 205 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Hymn

“The First Noel” vs 1,2,4

ELW 300

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 2:1-12 (PB pg. 2 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ELW 815

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ELW pg. 126

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

Serving Today

Greeters: *Dean & Brenda Klein*
Ushers: *Larry & Delores Welken*
Acolyte: *Addie Gerhardt*
Lector: *Duane Larson*
Coffee: *Larry & Delores Welken, Diane Busche, Dean & Brenda Klein*
Keyboard: *Amy Johnson*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 12/29 69
Offering: 12/1 \$4,795.00
 12/8 \$5,920.00
 12/15 \$7,081.77
 12/22 \$2,278.00
 12/24 \$8,146.00
 12/29 \$6,564.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: January 6-12, 2025

Monday, January 6

Pastor's Sabbath
Reports are Due!

Tuesday, January 7

10:30am - Women's Bible Study
1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, January 8

1:00pm - Quilters
1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting
3:15pm - Kids Club
5:30pm - Council Meeting
6:30pm - Confirmation at
Our Savior's

Saturday, January 11

Jr/Sr High Youth—Feed
My Starving Children

Sunday, January 12

Jr/Sr High Youth—Feed
My Starving Children
Baptism Keepsake Presentation
9:30am - Worship Service
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
10:45am - Sunday School

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.



Today, 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 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**.

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.

Confirmation and Kids Club both resume this Wednesday, January 8. Confirmation will be at 6:30pm at Our Savior's throughout the month of January. Kids Club will continue to meet at Faith from 3:15-5pm.

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 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.



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.

Faith Lutheran Visitation Team has a goal for 2025 to increase the number of people involved in this very important ministry. We're looking for people to dedicate a few hours a week to visit some members of our Faith family who are not able to regularly take part in church life. If you have ever considered serving in this visitation program or have any questions, please call Val Mortiz at 840-1652. I'm confident you'll find this a very rewarding experience.

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!

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); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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