

“He who  
*is mightier*  
than I  
*is coming ....*  
He will baptize you  
*with the Holy Spirit*  
and fire.”

Luke 3:16, 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*  
Baptism of Our Lord      January 12, 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.

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

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

*And God said, This is My Son, The Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.*

**We have come to join The Beloved, in whom God is well pleased.**

Let us thank God for sending His Son Jesus, *The Beloved* to dwell amongst us.

**We have come to join *The Beloved, in whom God is well pleased.***

\*GATHERING SONG            **"Shall We Gather at the River"**            ELW 423

CONFESSION OF SIN

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

SONG OF MERCY                            **"You are Mine"**                            ELW 581

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.” In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live a new as accepted, forgiven and loved children of God.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

**“This Little Light of Mine”**

ELW 677

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF THOSE NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Della Elizabeth Heide, Claire Josephine Heide, Landon Jerrold Heide,  
Camden Dennis Schuster, Iva Jolene Smith, Bria Rayeann Knutson,  
August Michael Pederson, Viola Faye Johnson,  
Westen John Duffy, Bailey John Henry Duffy**

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL KEEPSAKES

HYMN

**“Borning Cry”**

ELW 732

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Isaiah 43:1-7** (PB pg. 745 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalm 29** (please read responsively)

**Acts 8:14-17** (PB pg. 131 - New Testament)

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

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **“Baptized in Water”** vs 1

ELW 456

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** (PB pg. 61 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Baptized and Set Free”**

ELW 453

\*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“Baptized in Water”** vs 3

ELW 456

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:

**“Here Is Bread”**

ELW 483

**“Waterlife”**

ELW 457

**“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”**

ELW 304

**“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 **“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

ELW 543

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

### Serving Today

**Greeters:** Chris & Kalyn Botz  
**Ushers:** Dean & Brenda Klein  
**Acolyte:** Grady Samuelson  
**Lector:** Angela Van Bruggen  
**Coffee:** Dean & Brenda Klein, Diane Busche  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** Cyndi Hill

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 1/5 97 95+ online  
Offering: 1/5 \$7,003.00

Mission Plan monthly  
\$22,752.25

### The Week Ahead: January 13-19, 2025

#### Monday, January 13

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, January 14

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

#### Wednesday, January 15

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at Our Savior's

#### Saturday, January 18

8:00am - Men's Group

#### Sunday, January 19

Noisy Offering for Project Ignite Light

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - February Service & Care Meeting


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.



Our sympathies to Warren & Brenda Ventsch & Family. Their son, **Brian Ventsch**, died on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. His Celebration of Life will be Saturday, January 25 in Princeton, MN.

 **The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26th after worship.** The reports will be ready to be picked up **ANNUAL MEETING on Thursday, January 16th.**

**Noisy Offering**—we will be receiving a noisy offering next Sunday, January 19 during the Children's Message for **Project Ignite Light**. The children will be collecting your loose change and dollar bills in their bucket. Your loose change and dollar bills make a difference!

The poinsettias may be taken home anytime now. We do have the plastic bags to protect them from the elements so they can get home with you safely.



The Mission Team will be collecting 2-piece pajamas for Project Ignite Light throughout January and February. All sized 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 Moritz at 840-1652. I'm confident you'll find this a very rewarding experience.

The 2025 offering envelopes are available to be picked up. 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](http://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.



**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.



**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:**—MacKenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Jan Leuer (Bernie Mortenson's sister); Alan Scherling (Elaine Wall's nephew); Marsha Sayler; 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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