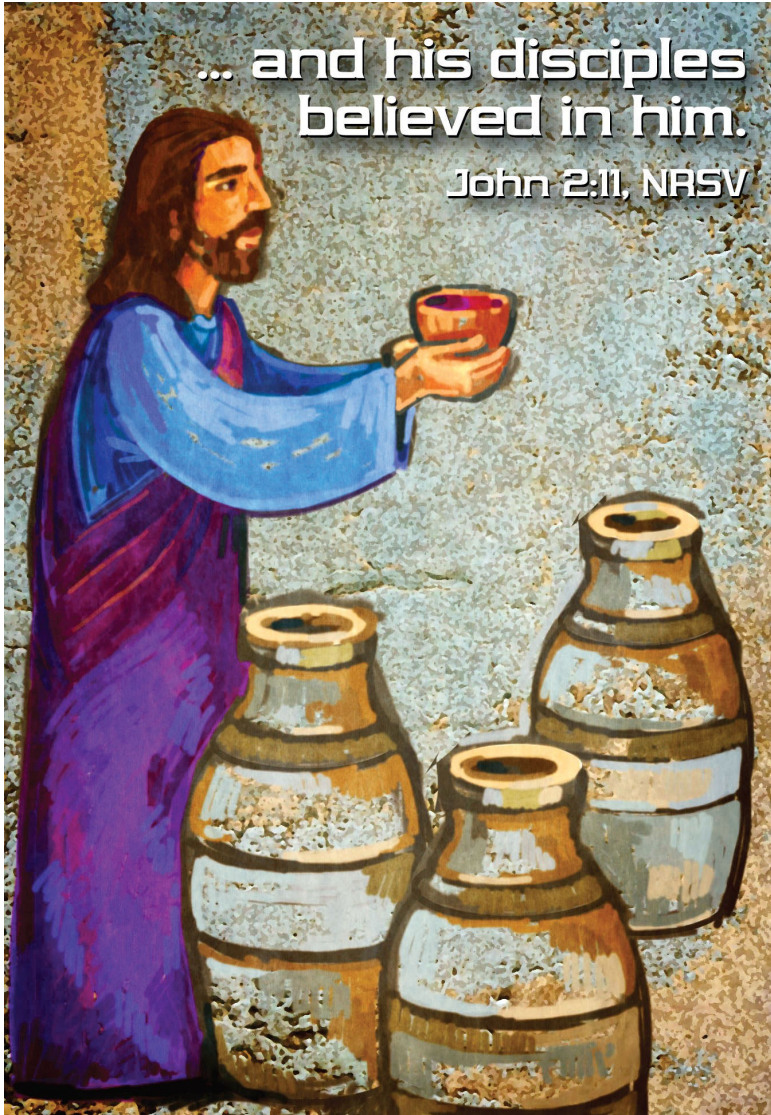


... and his disciples
believed in him.

John 2:11, NRSV



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

Second Sunday after Epiphany January 19, 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

Come join the Epiphany journey with Jesus today.

We have come to join the Epiphany journey with Jesus today.

Come walk in your own styles and at your own speeds.

We come in our different ways to walk with the One who has invited us to *Come and See.*

Let us show and tell the world what it means to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

We have come to join the Epiphany journey with Jesus today.

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome" vs 1,3,5

ELW 641

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord God, forgive us for holding on to what we have been given, out of the fear that it may be taken away.

***Gracious Lord God*, forgive us for all the opportunities we passed over to be Your light in the world.**

Gracious Lord God, call us now to step up in faith and trust Your infinite possibilities to love our neighbors.

***Gracious Lord God*, grant us the desire to place our lives into Your hands and the courage to do Your will in the world.**

SONG OF MERCY

"Mercy"

see screen

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

It is said, *that those who have nothing can share nothing*. God has given us everything we need. God is calling us to take part in Jesus' mission to love and care for the world. Come join the Epiphany Journey with Jesus as an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

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

*SONG OF PRAISE **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”** vs 1,2 ELW 310

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, **source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Noisy Offering—Project Ignite Light

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 62:1-5 (PB pg. 768 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 36:5-10 (please read responsively)

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (PB pg. 182 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Thy Word”

see screen

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

Glory to you, O Lord

John 2:1-11 (PB pg. 95 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”** vs 1,2,4

ELW 817

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE
OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Take My Life, That I May Be” vs 3

ELW 583

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: **“Take My Life, That I May Be”** vs 1,2,4

ELW 583

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

ELW 676

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

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“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 with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

“We Are Called”

ELW 720

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters: *Dean & Brenda Klein*
Ushers: *Chris & Kalyn Botz*
Acolyte: *Audrey Jacobson*
Lector: *Diane Sommerfeld*
Coffee: *Dean & Brenda Klein Family, Diane Busche*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*
Vocals: *Julie May*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 1/12 115 64+ online
Offering: 1/5 \$7,003.00
1/12 \$2,671.00


Mission Plan monthly
\$22,752.25

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 Jan and Beth Oppegaard and family. **O'Neil Oppegaard**, died on Monday, January 13, 2025. His Celebration of Life was Saturday, January 18 here at Faith with Pastor Jamie officiating.

 **The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26th after worship.** The reports are ready to **ANNUAL MEETING** pick up now.

The Week Ahead: January 20-26, 2025

Monday, January 20

Martin Lutheran King Jr. Day
Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

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

Thursday, January 23

1:00pm - Sheyenne Valley Memory Café at FLC

Sunday, January 26

9:30am - Worship Service
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
10:45am - Annual Meeting in Sanctuary
10:45am - Sunday School

Noisy Offering—we will be receiving a noisy offering next today 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 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. They are also collecting **fleece** for the fleece tied blankets. If you would like to donate fleece, it takes 2 coordinating pieces of fleece (1 1/2 yards each) to make a blanket. We will have a fleece blanket tying event **Sunday, February 23rd** after worship.

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.

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.

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café will be here at Faith on Thursday, January 23, 1-3pm. Dr. Misty Anderson will be leading Questions to Ask Your Doctor. She will provide practical advice on navigating conversations about memory loss with healthcare providers.

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.

The 2025 Daily Texts Devotional Books—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:—Scott Stanford; Mike Schmidt; Bob Green; MacKenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Jan Leuer (Bernie Mortenson's sister); Alan Scherling (Elaine Wall's nephew); 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); all those affected by the wild fires in California.

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