

*"Today this  
Scripture has been  
fulfilled in your  
hearing!"*

Luke 4:21

**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*

Third Sunday after Epiphany      January 26, 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

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

**“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”**

ELW 314

### CONFESSION OF SIN

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
(Silence is kept for reflection)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

SONG OF MERCY

**“Bring Your Mercy”**

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**“Hark, the Glad Sound!”** vs 1,3,4

ELW 239

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, **you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10** (PB pg. 482 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalms 19** (please read responsively)

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a** (PB pg. 182 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

**“Open Our Eyes, Lord”**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Luke 4:14-22, 28-30** (PB pg. 62 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Christ, Be Our Light”** vs 1,3,5

ELW 715

\*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“Shine, Jesus, Shine”** vs 1

ELW 671

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:

**“One Bread, One Body”**

ELW 496

**“Drawn to the Light”**

ELW 593

**“Break Now the Bread of Life”**

ELW 515

**“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 Marching in the Light”**

ELW 866

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

### Serving Today

**Greeters:** *Chris & Kalyn Botz*  
**Ushers:** *Larry & Delores Welken*  
**Lector:** *Deb Shape*  
**Coffee:** *Dean & Brenda Klein Family, Diane Busche*  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** *Cyndi Hill*

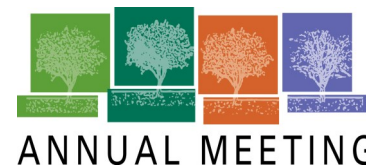
### Attendance & Offering

Attendance:	1/19	106	91+ online
Offering:	1/5	\$7,003.00	
	1/12	\$2,671.00	
	1/19	\$5,658.00	

Mission Plan monthly  
\$23,577.58

## 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.



**The Annual Meeting is today, Sunday, January 26th after worship.**

The reports are on the table in the gathering area. We need 40 people for a quorum.

**Noisy Offering**—we received \$198.52 for **Project Ignite Light** last Sunday. Your generosity makes a difference! Project Ignite Light is a faith-based organization that is located at the former Barnes County North school near Rogers. They provide children with important items needed such as pajamas and fleece blanket when examined at Local Advocacy Centers around the United States for physical and sexual abuse, neglect, and human trafficking. **‘Small acts of kindness truly make all the difference in a child’s life’**. If you would like to learn more about Project Ignite Light go to their website: <https://ignitelight.org>.



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 Week Ahead: January 27-February 2, 2025

### Monday, January 27

Pastor's Sabbath

### Tuesday, January 28

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

### Wednesday, January 29

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at Our Savior's

### Sunday, February 2

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

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.

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.



**Giving Hearts Day is Thursday, February 13.** This is a 24-hour event in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota that provides a platform for charities to fund

their missions. To make your donation to the charities of your choice go to: [www.givingheartsday.org](http://www.givingheartsday.org). You may schedule your donation for Giving Hearts Day anytime now. We encourage you to give to our partners in ministries, the Eastern North Dakota Synod and Red Willow Bible Camp Ministries.



#### **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); 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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