



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 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, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your eyes to the hills

From where our help comes.

Our help comes from the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is our keeper

The Lord will keep us from all evil.

*GATHERING HYMN

"All Are Welcome"

see screen

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: We have not loved you with all of our hearts.

Men: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Pastor: We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.

Women: We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Pastor: We are captured by our desire for material wealth.

Men: We forget those who do not have food or shelter.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Pastor: We abuse the gifts of your creation.

Women: We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Pastor: We fail to respond to your call to do justice.

Men: We seek only comfort for ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

SONG OF MERCY **“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”** vs 1,2 ELW 587

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

We are broken but God’s promises are not. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

SONG OF PRAISE **“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”** vs 1,2 ELW 669

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, **tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



HOLY BAPTISM

ALIVIA EILEEN THOMAS

ELW pg. 227



HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me!” vs 1,2

ELW 595

NOISY OFFERING—THANKSGIVING BASKETS

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Genesis 32:22-31 (PB pg. 33 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 121 (please read responsively)

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (PB pg. 230 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Open the Eyes of My Heart”** see screen

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 18:1-8 (PB pg. 83 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”** vs 1,3,4

ELW 769

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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*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 2

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 Music

You Are My All in All” (chorus)

Cyndi Hill
see screen

*BLESSING

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

“Blessed Be the Name”

ELW 797

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

Serving Today

Greeter:

Ushers:

Lector:

Acolyte:

Keyboard & Vocals:

Vocals:

*Aaliyah Torbenson
Randy & Teri McClaflin
Martee Lunde
Brody Metcalf
Cyndi Hill
Julie May*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 10/12 170 50+ online

Offering: 10/5 \$5,275.00

10/12 \$7,105.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$23,577.78

Announcements



Enjoy the Men's Group Pancake Brunch this morning, October 19! The Pancake Brunch will be served **9:30am-12:30pm**. This is a freewill offering. They will be serving pancakes, sausage & fried potatoes. They will have to-go containers available as well. Thank you for supporting our Men's Group!

Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Alivia Eileen Thomas**, born April 8, 2025. Alivia's parents are Dillon & Tiffani Thomas. Alivia's sponsors are Hunter & Tierra Wright and Jayme & Ryan Penatzer. Please keep Alivia and her family in your prayers.

Congratulations Spencer & Jazmine (Schmidt) Heiser on their marriage! They were married here at Faith on Saturday, October 18 with Pastor Jamie officiating. God bless your marriage!

We are happy to welcome and recognize our new members to our Faith Lutheran Family. We look forward to getting to know each other! Welcome Al & Sherri Adams; Kevin & Barb Baasch; Daniel, Jenna & Rylan Biggers; Diane Busche; Bailey, Sarah & Westen Duffy; Ruth Geinert; Jed, Katie, Drew, Charlie & Jack Kohler; Pat Seiner; Mark & Jody Svenningsen; Brent & Janis Wallender; Dianne Wood & Gerold Busche.

We will be receiving a noisy offering today to go toward the Thanksgiving Baskets. The kids will come around with their pails to collect your loose change & dollar bills. Thank you for your generosity.

Wear Red! Next Sunday, October 26th is Reformation Sunday. We have four 10th grade confirmands who will make their promises to God in the Affirmation of Baptism during our worship service. We give thanks for these young people who have open hearts to what God has in store.

The Week Ahead: October 20-26, 2025

Monday, October 20

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, October 21

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, October 22

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC

Thursday, October 23

1:00pm - Sheyenne Valley

Memory Café at FLC

Friday, October 24

5:30pm-7:00pm - Trunk or Treat
at Chautauqua Park

Saturday, October 25

6:00pm-8:00pm—Hi-Liner

Boo Bash & Haunted School

Sunday, October 26

Affirmation of Faith

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

5:00pm-7:00pm - Hi-Liner

Boo Bash & Haunted School



**Thank
You**

We had a wonderful turnout for the Fall Festival! We appreciate all the baked goods, crafts, lefse, etc. that was brought in. Your monetary donations are greatly appreciated. The proceeds from the Fall Festival will go toward supporting local and state organizations/agencies. The Youth's Lunch-to-Go went great! Thank you to everyone for making this a success!

Throughout the months of **October** and **November** the Mission Team will be collecting **winter gloves/mittens and caps** for the elementary schools. A collection container is under the table in the gathering area.

We will be accepting donations of wrapped Halloween candy for us to pass out at the fun **Hi-Liner Boo Bash & Haunted School** event at the High School, Saturday, October 25, 6-9pm and Sunday, October 26, 5-7pm. You can drop the candy by the office. Thank you!

New Church Directory—We would love to have all of your smiling faces in our directory! Schedule your professional photography session now! The dates are **Wednesday, November 5, 2-8:30pm; Thursday, November 6, 2-8:30pm; Friday, November 7, 2-8:30pm; Saturday, November 8, 10am-4:30pm.** To schedule your session go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography schedule, church code: ND157, password: photos. You can also stop by or call the office and Julie will get you scheduled. Please ask if you have any questions!

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café—Thursday, October 23, 1-3pm, at Faith Lutheran. If you or a loved one is experiencing memory loss, this is an opportunity to connect and visit with healthcare professions and individuals. The topic will be Fire Prevention & Safety. For more information, call City-County Health District at 845-8518 or follow at [SheyenneValleyMemoryCafe](https://www.facebook.com/SheyenneValleyMemoryCafe) on Facebook.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Ruby Hansen; Mark Hill; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Arlene Larson; Laurette Zachrison.

General Prayer List:—Kathy Burke; Laine Schwehr; Verlynn Christianson; LeeAnn Peterson; Bud Anderson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); Cheryl Nordquist; Sandi Pollock; JoAn Nellermoe; Don Burke; Amanda Spencer (Karen Nitschke's granddaughter); Scott Stanford; Bob Green; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Nancy Knutson; Jake Archambeau (Karen Nitschke's nephew); Kay Stanford; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen's mother); Bea Faust; Verna Anderson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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*Thank you for all the cards and gifts,
support and encouragement you gave
on Pastor Appreciation Sunday.*

Pastor Jamie

