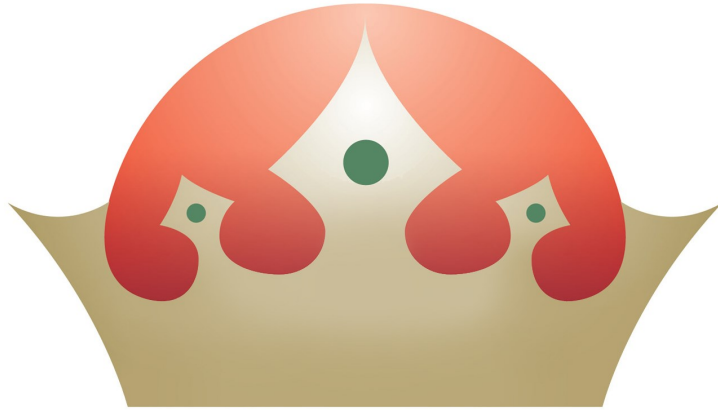




*He himself
is before all
things, and in
him all things
hold together.*

COLOSSIANS 1:17, NRSV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota
Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith
Christ the King Sunday November 23, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to us Oh Lord Jesus and meet us in these difficult times.

Christ Jesus, bless our days and give us the hope of a promised tomorrow.

Come to us Oh Gracious God and fill us with your presence.

Christ Jesus, plant within us a song of Jubilee.

Come to us Lord God as we offer ourselves in love and grace.

Christ Jesus, gather us close to you as we remember your promises.

*GATHERING HYMN **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"** vs 1,3,4 ELW 634

CONFESSION OF SIN

Together we confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Let us confess our sin to God and to one another)

God who provides, **we confess that we are captive to greed, mistrust, and despair. We cannot free ourselves from habits of hoarding and complaining.**

God who remembers, **we fear our neighbor's need and forget our dependence on you. We spoil the gift of daily bread.**

God who delivers, **we repent of seeing only scarcity and worrying about what we lack. We plead for your presence: grant us rest, set us free, and teach us your generous ways.**

Song of Mercy

"There Is a Balm in Gilead" vs 1

ELW 614

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Children of God, there is more than enough. God's mercies are new every day: through Christ Jesus, the Bread of life, God gathers us together, forgives all our

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

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

Pastor Jamie Desai

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe we are chosen by God, our Creator, to participate in the ongoing work of creation by holding life sacred and being good stewards of God's gracious gifts. We believe we are chosen by Jesus Christ, our Savior, to participate in the ongoing work of spreading the Good News of God's saving love and serving others in the name of the Lord. We believe we are chosen by the Holy Spirit, who calls us through the Gospel to believe in Jesus Christ,

gathers us as a community of believers to worship together and support one another, and enlightens us with gifts of love, forgiveness and everlasting life. We believe the Holy Spirit nourishes our growth, preserves us in faith, and keeps us in God's grace forever. Amen.

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Shall We Gather at the River”** vs 1 ELW 423

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

“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW 471

“Sanctuary” see screen

“You Are My All in All” (chorus) see screen

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”** vs 1,4 ELW 855

Serving Today

Greeters: *Joey Sayler, Chloe Sayler*
Ushers: *Natalie & Clint Meyer, Larry H. Sayler, Larry E. Sayler*
Lector: *Mary Johnson*
Acolyte: *Gavin Welken*
Kitchen: *Marsha Sayler, Cheryl Foell, Jake Rohde, Chuck Shape*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 11/16 207 55+ online

Offering: 11/2 \$4,690.00
11/9 \$5,337.00
11/16 \$5,316.90

Mission Plan monthly
\$23,577.78

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 conservation.



Sunday School Information—The kids will be practicing for their Christmas Program during their Sunday School time.

No Sunday School next Sunday, November 30. The Children's Christmas Program will be December 14 during the 9:30am worship service. We will have our potluck dinner following the program.

"The Case for Christmas" - This study will dig into the true story of Christmas separating fact from fiction and the hype from holiness. Based on the book by Lee Strobel, Pastor Jamie will lead us to go behind the Nativity scene and explore the evidence that Jesus was a real person in history and that the incarnation actually took place. **The four sessions are November 30—Setting the Record Straight; December 7—The Stuff of Legends; December 14—Why the Virgin Birth Makes Sense; December 21—How the Messianic Prophecies Point to Jesus.** Meet at **10:45am** in the Fireside Room. Sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering area. Books will be \$6. Julie will let you know when they arrive so you can read the 1st chapter before the first session on Sunday, November 30.



The office will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. Because of this the December newsletter will be mailed out on Tuesday, December 2nd.

The Week Ahead: November 24-30, 2025

Monday, November 24

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, November 25

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, November 26

No Church Activities

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

Office Closed

Friday, November 28

Office Closed

Sunday, November 30

No Sunday School

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship



Noisy Offering—November 16 we received \$353.22 for the **Mission Christmas Fund!** We are thankful for your generous giving!

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

A **BIG Thank You** to volunteers and donors who helped make our 2025 Community Thanksgiving Basket Project a success! Individuals from Faith Lutheran, Our Savior's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran churches came together for two nights to pack 175 Thanksgiving boxes, make home deliveries and load cars for pick-up. This event wouldn't be possible with all of you!



The Valley City Salvation Army Kettle Campaign needs bell ringers now until December 24. If you can help for any amount of time (1-2 hours, or more!), please sign up by calling Naomi Schlect (701-541-1418) or Lenora Ziemba (701-840-1357). Bell ringing locations will be at Petro and Leever's. Thank you!

You are cordially invited to join us today, November 23 at the Congregational United Church of Christ for the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at 4pm.

A meal will be served afterwards. We ask everyone to bring non-perishable items or monetary donation for the Barnes Council Food Pantry. All are welcome! The meal is free and open to the public.

Diaper, Wipe, and Formula Drive—November 10-26.

Healthy Families ND is non-profit home visiting program that supports prenatal families & families with young children. You can make a difference for children & families in our community.

*Formula must be unopened & cannot have expired. Wipe packages must be unopened. However, both opened & new packages of diapers will be accepted. Drop box here at Faith & Dacotah Bank. Thank you!



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:—Doug Kratz; Kathy Burke; Laine Schwehr; Verlynn Christianson; LeeAnn Peterson; Bud Anderson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); Cheryl Nordquist; Sandi Pollock; JoAn Nellerroe; 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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We invite you to join us Christmas Eve for our Candlelight Worship Service. We will be having 2 services, 3:00pm and 5:00pm. The service will include Holy Communion, Christmas Hymns, and Special Music