



Keep
awake
therefore,
for you
do not know
on what day
your
Lord
is coming.

Matthew 24:42, NRSV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

First Sunday in Advent November 30, 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have come to celebrate the season of Advent with Jesus.

I have come to join Jesus for the season of Advent.

Let us prepare for the Prince of Peace.

I will prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Let us open our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

I have come to worship the Christ child.

***ADVENT SONG "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" vs 1 ELW 240**
(Lighting of the Advent Candle)

***ADVENT LITANY**

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. One candle shines as shadows lengthen and chaos roars—the dawn of God's kingdom in our midst.

Courage awakens in us, a spark to brighten the way.

Radiant flash and feeble flame break through; a long time coming yet unexpected.

Watching and waiting, we prepare him a room,

Christ is coming to make all things new, and we are opening to the Light.

***ADVENT SONG "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs 1-3 ELW 257**

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Gracious Lord God, as we approach the end of the year, life seems so dreary and we feel so weary. We see the reality of the world: hunger, poverty, loneliness, disease, emptiness and despair. But despite our best efforts, nothing seems to change. And we're ready to give up. Forgive us.

In this time of Advent, we pray that you would enable us to watch for signs of where you are trying to break through the tinsel and glitter we use to mask our pain. Help us to face reality with patience and hope instead of becoming indifferent to the world's evil. Empower us to prepare for Christ's coming by cleaning up the clutter of our lives and creating a welcoming space for your presence in our lives.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The Christ child has looked with favor upon you and through the power of the Holy Spirit, you are a reborn child of God. Therefore, I declare to you: You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” vs 1,4

ELW 244

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 2:1-5 (PB pg. 700 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 122 (please read responsively)

Romans 13:11-14 (PB pg. 169 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”** (acapella) see screen

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 24:36-44 (PB pg. 28 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

ELW 241

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the one who comes before us and goes behind us, creating life and opportunities to love and care for the world. We believe in Jesus Christ who walks with us into real life each day. He is God, yet human like us and experienced all life’s joys and pains and challenges like we do. But his love is so great that not sin nor suffering nor even death could stop it. today the love of Jesus lives and continues to bring new life to the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit who comes like the wind and blows in and through us to bring God’s

power and light to all the world. The Spirit breathes life into us, the body of Christ we call the church, and enables us to follow the way of Christ. We believe in God, who goes before and behind, with, in and through us, bringing hope and life and newness to the world.

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

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

ELW 247

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:

“He Came Down”

ELW 253

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW 671

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

see screen

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG**

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW 439

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters:

Bill & Rhonda Friestad

Ushers:

Damon & Brenda Bong

Lector:

Marsha Sayler

Acolyte:

Halle Welken

Kitchen:

*Erin Metcalf, Joan Noeske,
Suzy Becker, Sandy Mulvaney*

Keyboard & Vocals:

Cyndi Hill

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 11/23 106 30+ online

Offering: 11/2 \$4,690.00
11/9 \$5,337.00
11/16 \$5,316.90
11/23 \$5,677.00

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—No Sunday School today, November 30. The kids will be practicing for their Christmas Program **next Sunday, December 7, 10:45am-12:15pm.** **The Children's Christmas Program will be December 14** during the 9:30am worship service. We will have our potluck dinner following the program.



We would like to have about 15 poinsettias to adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase a plant for suggested amount of \$25 or bring a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one there is a sign up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

Thank you to everyone who donated gloves/mittens and caps during October and November! They will be given to our elementary public schools and will help to keep our children warm while they are playing outside in the cold.

Next Sunday, December 14th the Junior High Youth will be having a Christmas Party at **6pm** at Faith. Enjoy pizza, board games, and a special Christmas gift game. Please bring a \$5 gift to share that evening with a friend!

The Week Ahead: December 1-7, 2025

Monday, December 1

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, December 2

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:15pm - Mission Team Meets

Wednesday, December 3

12:10pm - "Sound of the Season"
at Our Savior's

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation
at Our Savior's

Thursday, December 4

Quilting Class

Friday, December 5

Quilting Class

Sunday, December 7

Baptism - Raven Middlestead

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

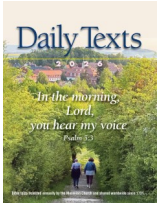
10:45am - Book Study

6:00pm - Jr High Christmas Party

7:00pm - Troubadours Christmas
Concert at Connect Church



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



2026 Daily Texts have arrived! The cost of each book is \$12. If you are interested in purchasing one they are located on the table under the mirror in the gathering area.

19th Annual “Sounds of the Season” Brown Bagger Series—Wednesday, December 3, 12:10-12:50pm at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Sanctuary. **Brad Edin** will be the featured performer. Bring your lunch or just come to listen to the music of the holiday season and enjoy provided refreshments. They will be livestreaming the performance on their Facebook page: Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Valley City, ND.



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!

The Valley Troubadours Annual Christmas Concert!

The Troubadours concert season is just getting started and will span a good chunk of the holiday season with performances kicking off Friday, December 5th at the Lone Oak Venue in Ayr, ND, ticket at Eventbrite.com. The groups home concert will be Sunday, December 7 at the Valley City Connect Church at 7pm. A free will offering will be taken at this event. On Monday, December 15, the Troubadours invite the community to join them in sharing the sounds of the Christmas season at 7pm at the Barnes County Courthouse. Refreshments will be served. Lastly, a special performance will wrap up the Troubadours Holiday Concert Series at SMP-St Raphael’s at 6:30pm on Tuesday, December 16.



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); 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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