



Say to those who are of
a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God."

Isaiah 35:4, NRSV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 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

*ADVENT SONG **“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”** vs 1-3 ELW 240
(*Lighting of the Advent Candle*)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, **and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

“Emoji Christmas”



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

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“What Can I Give Him”

see screen

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:

Cyndi Hill

"You Are My All in All" (chorus)

see screen

***BENEDICTION**

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**

"Joy to the World"

ELW 267

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters:

Maya Van Bruggen

Ushers:

Scott & Amy Tichy

Acolyte:

Ivory Erickson

Kitchen:

Mark & Sandy Brandvold, Leighton & Dianne Smith,

Matt & Courtney Jorissen, Mark & Paula Thomsen,

Tyler & Angela Van Bruggen

Keyboard & Vocals:

Cyndi Hill

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 12/7 162 40+ online

Offering: 12/7 \$6,051.75

Mission Plan monthly

\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: December 15-21, 2025

Monday, December 15

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, December 16

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:15pm - Foundation Meeting

Wednesday, December 17

No Kids Club or Confirmation

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

1:00pm - Quilters

Sunday, December 21

No Sunday School

Noisy Offering—Stocking Stuffer
Program

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - January Service & Care
Meeting

10:45am - Book Study

SPECIAL THANKS:

Thank you to our teachers: Angela Van Bruggen, Ashley Horner, Jessica Johnson, Abby Wilmes, Alyssa Wilmes, Brenna Storley, Kylie Van Bruggen for helping with the program. Also, thank you to our student helpers: Brooke Bopp, Grady Samuelson, Talon Klevgaard, Braeden Schulz, Ivory Erickson, Joey Sayler, Chloe Sayler, Maya Van Bruggen, Rylee Gray for helping as well.

Thank you to Cyndi Hill for playing the piano for us.

Thank you to Tyler Van Bruggen for getting all the sound and microphones ready for us as well.

THANK YOU to the Men's Group for providing the goody bags and ornaments the kids are receiving.

Merry Christmas!

Come Let Us Adore Him!
We invite you to join us for our
Christmas Eve Worship Services
3pm and 5pm.
Services include Holy Communion
and Candlelight.

An Emoji Christmas



Faith Lutheran Church
Children's Christmas Program
December 14, 2025



Scene One

Dave and Skeptical Emoji

Song *"Go Tell It On the Twitter" - Children Sing*



Scene Two

Dave and Angel Emoji

Song *"O Little Town of Bethlehem" - Everyone*



Scene Three

Dave and Surprise Emoji

Song *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" - Angels*



Scene Four

Dave and Angry Emoji

Song *"Away in a Manger" - Nativity Scene Actors*



Scene Five

Dave and Heart Eyes Emoji

Song *"We Text U a Merry Christmas" - Children Sing*



Cast

Mary - Oakleigh Johnson

Joseph - Rhett Holm

Smiley Emoji (Narrators) - Kensington Pilgrim,
Christian Pilgrim, Harper Nathan

Dave - Blake Schmidt, Zach Wilmes, Rowan Nathan

Laugh Till You Cry Emoji - Jayce Auka

Skeptical Emoji - Elsie Jorissen, Shay Pilgrim

Surprised Emoji - Cali Anderson

Angel Emoji - Rylie Smith, Taylor McKay, Emery Wiebe

Heart Eye Emoji - Harper Van Bruggen

Anger Emoji - Carter McKay, Owen Johnson

Angels - Olivia Johnson, Brooklyn Auka, Addalyn Auka,
Quinn Jorissen, McKinley Yorek, Alex Rohde,
Eleanor Stearns, Amelia Wiebe

Camels - Jaxon Johnson, Weston Smith, Ashton Auka

Star - Reagan Gray

Wisemen - Ridge Rischmiller, Alex Jenrich,
Tyson Jenrich

Shepherds - Jack Rohde, Odin Greenley,
Corrigan Langemo

Sheep - Mila Jorissen, Kamryn Rausch, Lincoln Johnson,
Emily Schmidt, Joanna Anderson, Oliver Stearns



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
Zachrisson.

General Prayer List:—Maureen Walch (Karen Nitschke's sister);
Doug Kratz; Kathy Burke; Laine Schwehr; Verlynn Christianson;
LeeAnn Peterson; Bud Anderson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's
mother); 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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**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**

Announcements

**Join us for Potluck Dinner after the worship service/
Christmas program to enjoy food and fellowship together!**

Congratulations Wyatt & Shiloh (Jewett) Bjornson on their
marriage! They were married here at Faith on Saturday,
December 13 with Pastor Jamie officiating. God bless your
marriage!

Noisy Offering—next Sunday, December 21 the kids will be
collecting a noisy offering for the **Stocking Stuffer Program** at
SMP Health—St. Raphael. Your loose change and dollars bills
make a difference in brightening the lives of others! Please note
we did change the date for the noisy offering because of the
Christmas Program.

**There will be no Sunday School December 21 or December
28 or January 4, 2026. Sunday School will resume on
January 11, 2026. No Confirmation or Kids Club December
17, 24 or 31. Confirmation and Kids Club will resume on
January 7, 2026.**

Monday, December 15 WELCA of Faith, Trinity, and Our
Savior's will have coffee hour for our members at the St. Raphael
coffee shop from **1-2pm**. Family and friends are welcome to join.



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. **This is the last day to sign up.**

Now Hiring: Church Treasurer— We are seeking a faithful, trustworthy, and detail-oriented individual to serve as Church Treasurer. This vital role supports our mission by enduring our financial resources are managed with integrity and care. For more information please stop by the office. Applications are on the table in the gathering area.



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.

The 2026 offering envelopes will be available to be picked up by December 24th. If you would prefer not to have envelopes you can let the office know. Your contributions are recorded whether you use an envelope, give by checks or give online. We thank you for your continued financial support!

Community Closet will be open Monday, December 15, 5-7pm in the basement of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The Community Closet is open to all and provides free clothing. Volunteers for set up are needed on Sunday, December 14, 6-8pm in the basement of Our Savior's. Donations needed: Winter clothing for all ages, blankets, plastic storage totes.

19th Annual "Sounds of the Season" Brown Bagger Series— Wednesday, December 17, 12:10-12:50pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Sanctuary. **Beth Quick Berge** will be the featured performer. Bring your lunch or just come to listen to the music of the holiday season and enjoy provided refreshments.



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! 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.



Open Door Center presents—Merry & Bright Christmas Carolers Concert, Monday, December 22 at 1:30pm at Faith. Everyone will enjoy this concert that is free to the public.