



...you will find a babe  
wrapped in swaddling cloths  
and lying in a manger.

Luke 2:12, 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*

Christmas Eve                      December 24, 2025

3:00pm & 5:00pm 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

Special Music

**"O Holy Night"**

Kristen Pierce

Welcome and announcements

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The angel did say unto the shepherds.

**Do not be afraid!**

I am bringing you good news of great joy.

**For unto us a child is born who is Christ the Lord!**

Prepare for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

**Come, O come Emmanuel.**

CHRISTMAS HYMN    **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** vs 1-3

ELW 257

\*PROPHETIC READING—Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CHRISTMAS HYMN    **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** vs 1-3

ELW 283

### GREETING

As we gather we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed:

God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus.

Through Bethlehem's manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world.

**In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.**

CHRISTMAS HYMN    **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

ELW 279

## \*CHRISTMAS PRAYER

**Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and on the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S WORD

CHRISTMAS HYMN                      **“The First Noel”** vs 1,3,5                      ELW 300

GOSPEL READING—Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS SERMON Pastor Jamie Desai

**\*CHRISTMAS HYMN      “Angels, We Have Heard on High”      ELW 289**

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED ELW pg. 127

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY                      **“What Can I Give Him”**                      see screen

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. We will be serving communion continuously. 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:

**"Away in a Manger"**

ELW 277

**"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**

ELW 276

**"He Came Down"**

ELW 253

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

ELW 279

**"You Are My All in All"** (chorus)

see screen

\*COMMUNION BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING—John 1:1-14

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Please tip only the unlit candle, verse 3 stand and raise candles)

CHRISTMAS HYMN

**"Silent Night, Holy Night"**

ELW 281

\*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's 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.**

\*CHRISTMAS HYMN

**"Joy to the World"**

ELW 267

\*DISMISSAL

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas. **Okay we will!**

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

In memory of  
**Jesse Archambeau**  
In memory of **My Dad—Charles Archambeau**

In memory of **Steve Nitschke**  
In memory of **My Brothers—Dan, Tim, Steve, Jerry**  
In honor of **Anita Scholz**  
In honor of **My Family**  
In honor of **Pastor Jamie & Faith Family**  
Given by Karen Nitschke

In memory of **Betty O'Brien**  
In memory of  
**Lewis & Mable Larson**  
In honor of **James O'Brien**  
Given by Duane, Diana,  
Brian Larson

In memory of **Neva McClaflin**  
In memory of **Glenn McClaflin**  
In memory of **Marge Keaveny**  
In memory of **Carmen Yanish**  
Given by Randy & Teri McClaflin

In memory of **Elmer Schielke**  
In memory of **My Parents—Herb & Esther Kinzle**  
Given by Cindy Knudson

In memory of **Mom & Dad, Barb, Wesley, Allen, Ervin & Julius**  
Given by Lorraine Nitschke

In memory of  
**Chase Merrit Jenison**  
In memory of **River Jenison**  
Given by Lance, Laney,  
Kael & Gabe Jenison

In memory of **Dick Heroux**  
In memory of  
**Karen & Ray Smedshammer**  
Given by Jackie Heroux

In memory of **Wendy Washek**  
Given by Diane Sommerfeld

In memory of **Our Parents (Mennis and Sommerfeld)**  
In honor of **Lois Brandvold**  
In honor of **Our Children & Grandchildren**  
Given by  
Gary & Diane Sommerfeld

In memory of **Our Loved Ones**  
In honor of  
**Kenadie McCullough**  
In honor of  
**Kassidie McCullough**  
In honor of **Keltie McCullough**  
In honor of  
**Thatcher McCullough**  
In honor of **Kamryn Rausch**  
Given by Randy & Kay Bostrom



*Poinsettias on the Chancel*  
In memory of  
**Our Parents & Brothers**  
Given by Larry & Deloris Welken

In memory of **My Mom**  
Given by Jody Johnson & Family

In memory of **Grandpas**  
Given by  
Steve & Karolee Ondracek

In memory of  
**Glenn & Neva McClaflin**  
In memory of **Carmen Yanish**  
In memory of **Marge Keaveny**  
Given by Randy & Teri McClaflin

In memory of  
**Vernon & Myrna Kratz**  
In memory of  
**Earlis and Tracey Hill**  
In memory of **Marsha Schmitt**  
Given by Doug Kratz Family  
Virgil Kratz Family  
Leona McPherson Family

In memory of **Don Walls**  
Given by Elaine Walls

In memory of **Ron Cruff Sr.**  
In memory of **Ronnie Cruff**  
In memory of **Bobby Cruff**  
Given by Mary Stearns

In honor of **Diane Kohn**  
In memory of **Fritz Kohn**  
Given by  
Kari & Don Jones & Family

In memory of **Our Loved Ones**  
Given by Bruce & Julie Moritz

In memory of **John Stearns**  
Given by His Family

In memory of **Our Loved Ones**  
Given by Randy & Kay Bostrom

In memory of **Don Seiner**  
Given by Pat Seiner

In memory of **Leo & Althea Ihry**  
In memory of **Kevin Eggert**  
In memory of  
**Romaine & Joyce Moritz**  
In memory of **Jim Moritz**  
Given by Jack & Val Moritz Family

In memory of  
**LaVern & Audrey Homan**  
In memory of  
**Rey & Inez Peterson**  
Given by Ron & LeeAnn Peterson

In memory of **O'Neil Oppegaard**  
Given by  
Jan and Beth Oppegaard

In honor of **James O'Brien**  
In memory of **Betty O'Brien**  
In memory of  
**Lewis & Mabel Larson**  
Given by Duane, Diana  
& Brian Larson

In memory of **Kim Foell**  
In memory of **Amy Harbaugh**  
Given by Cheryl Foell & Family

In loving memory of **Russ Hilborn**  
In loving memory of **Matt Hilborn**  
Given by Their Family

In memory of **Chase Jenison**  
Given by Lance, Laney,  
Kael & Gabe Jenison

In memory of **Connie Pederson**  
Given by Larry Pederson,  
Mark, Sara & Christopher  
Larry, Brennan & Therin

## **Celebration of Life Tree**

In memory of **Amy Harbaugh**

In memory of **Kim Foell**

In memory of

**Orval & Elinor Speich**

In memory of

**John & Dorothy Foell**

In honor of **My Children &**

**Grandchildren**

Given by Cheryl Foell

In memory of **Steve Welken**

Given by

Larry & Deloris Welken

In memory of

**Howard Opegard**

Given by Carol Opegard

In memory of **Mike Kainz**

Given by Kirstin, Jason

& Addy Gerhardt

In memory of our parents

**Eugene & Ada Bong** and

**Rueban & Shirley Betsch**

Given by

Damon & Brenda Bong

In memory of **Jim Waagen**

In memory of **Stan Waagen**

Given by Cindy Waagen

In memory of

**Grandpa Brandvold**

Given by Paige, Josh & Ivy Jo

In memory of

**Grandpa Brandvold**

Given by Matt

In memory of

**Grandpa Brandvold**

Given by Adam & Abby

In memory of

**Grandpa Brandvold**

Given by Mark & Sandy

In memory of **Allen Johnson**

In honor of **My Family**

Given by Mary Johnson

In memory of **Alan Scherling**

In memory of **Jean Miller**

In memory of

**Helen & Bill Fagerstrom**

Given by Elaine Walls

In memory of **Harriet Johnson**

Given by Julie Moritz

In memory of **Jim Waagen**

In memory of

**Romaine & Joyce Moritz**

In memory of **Jim Moritz**

In memory of **John Freadhoff**

Given by Bruce & Julie Moritz

In memory of **Ron Lima**

In memory of **Scott Lima**

In honor of **Mason Lima**

In honor of **Landon Lima**

In honor of **Ben Bloxham**

In honor of **Ella Bloxham**

In honor of **Katelyn Bloxham**

Given by Margie Lima

In memory of **Ralph Everson**

In honor of **Maddy Everson**

In honor of **Maya Everson**

In honor of **Caden Everson**

In honor of

**Rocky & Erin Everson**

In honor of **Alex Everson**

In honor of **Jack Everson**

In honor of **Will Everson**

In honor of

**Brent & Kelly Everson**

Given by Paulette Everson

In memory of

**LaVern & Audrey Homan**

In memory of

**Rey & Inez Peterson**

Given by

Ron & Lee Ann Peterson

In memory of **Amber Kok**

In memory of **Chad Burchill**

In memory of **Brian Wallender**

In memory of **LuAnn Oberg**

In memory of

**Esther Wallender**

In memory of

**Albert Wallender**

In memory of **RaeAnn Paulson**

In memory of **Mark Paulson**

In honor of **Beckham Wallman**

In honor of **Bodhi Wallman**

In honor of **Kelcey Wallender**

& **Grant Gullicks**

In honor of

**Kylie & John Wallman**

In honor of **Karlee Wallender**

In honor of **Louie Gullicks**

In honor of **Tally Wallender**

Given by

Brent & Janis Wallender

In memory of **Don Bentz**

In memory of **Bonnie Ritchey**

In memory of **Wesley Wixon**

In memory of **Harold Pross**

In memory of

**Donald "Buddy" Eckart**

In memory of **Larry Grossman**

Given by Marlene Wixon

In memory of **Grandma Pam**

Given by Christian, Kenzington,

Shay & Lincoln

In memory of

**Delmer Rohrbeck**

Given by Beverly Rohrbeck

In memory of

**Mylo & Clara Sorensen**

In memory of

**Dale & Marcyne Pederson**

Given by Al & Nancy Sorensen

In memory of

**Leo & Althea Ihry**

In memory of **Kevn Eggert**

In memory of

**Romaine & Joyce Moritz**

In memory of **Jim Moritz**

Given by

Jack & Val Moritz Family

In memory of **Ray Leadbetter**

Given by

Jody & Mark Svenningsen

In memory of **Racheal Lynn**

**Arneson Lockwood**

In memory of

**Uncle LeRoy Magnuson**

In memory of

**Evelyn & Clarence Zaun**

In memory of **Alice Vick**

Given by Jan Arneson

In memory of **Tom Kunze**

Given by the Family of Tom

In memory of **Don Seiner**

Given by Pat Seiner

In memory of **Diane Wahl**

In memory of **Dennis Wahl**

In memory of **Tom Miller**

In memory of **Ellen Hotvedt**

In honor of **Sue Miller**

In honor of **the Diehl Family**

Given by the Miller Family

In memory of **Loved Ones**

Given by Gloriann Gaarder

In memory of

**All of Our Loved Ones**

Given by Chuck & Deb Shape



	<b><u>Serving Today</u></b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>3:00pm</b> —Matt & Courtney Jorissen Family <b>5:00pm</b> —Rylee Gray
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>3:00pm</b> —Jessica & Matt Jenrich Family, Tyler & Angela Van Bruggen Family <b>5:00pm</b> —Mark & Sandy Brandvold, Family
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>3:00pm</b> —Don Schlotman; <b>5:00pm</b> —Taylor Yanish
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<b>3:00pm</b> —Grady Samuelson; <b>5:00pm</b> —Halle Welken
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	<b>3:00pm</b> —Mark & Paula Thomsen, John, Tonya & Jack Samuelson <b>5:00pm</b> —Kent & Patty Gronlie, Scott, Wendi, Abby, Alyssa Wilmes Grape Server—Zach Wilmes Cyndi Hill
<b>Keyboard &amp; Vocals:</b>	Kristen Pierce—Soloist
<b>Special Music:</b>	Jere Heide, Tedi Dimmer
<b>Instrumentals:</b>	Jere Heide—Director
<b>Handbells:</b>	Mary Stearns, Barb Baasch, Deb Shape, Allison Anderson, Erin Heide, Erin Metcalf, Val Moritz, Amy Johnson, Kim Fuller, Julie Moritz
<b>Soundboard:</b>	<b>3:00pm</b> —Tyler Van Bruggen <b>5:00pm</b> —Brian Yanish
Thank you everyone for serving!	

### **The Week Ahead: December 29-January 4, 2025**

#### **Monday, December 29**

Pastor's Sabbath  
Office Closed at Noon

#### **Tuesday, December 30**

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, December 31**

No Activities

#### **Thursday, January 1**

Happy New Year!  
Office Closed

#### **Sunday, January 4**

No Sunday School  
9:30am - Worship Service  
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

### **Announcements**



Thank you for sharing Christmas Eve with Faith Lutheran Church. May you find joy, love and peace in Jesus this Christmas.

**The office will be closed Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26 in observance of Christmas.**

The 2026 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up. If you would like to have envelopes and do not see your name please see Julie in the office. Your contributions are recorded whether you use an envelope, give by checks or give online. We thank you for your continued financial support!



Pastor Jamie will be gone December 25-December 30. Sunday, December 28th we are thankful to have Val Moritz leading the service. We hope you will join us for worship.



**The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 25th after ANNUAL MEETING worship.** The reports will be ready to be picked up on **Thursday, January 15th**. All reports for the annual report booklet need to be in to Julie by **Monday, January 5**.



**53rd Annual Community Christmas Eve Dinner will be held in the St. Catherine's Church Dining Hall, December 24th, 5:30-7pm.** For those who will be alone this Christmas, come celebrate Jesus' birthday with other members of our community. Desserts are welcome. Financial donations are appreciated. Sorry—No deliveries except for the love of Jesus to one another!!

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

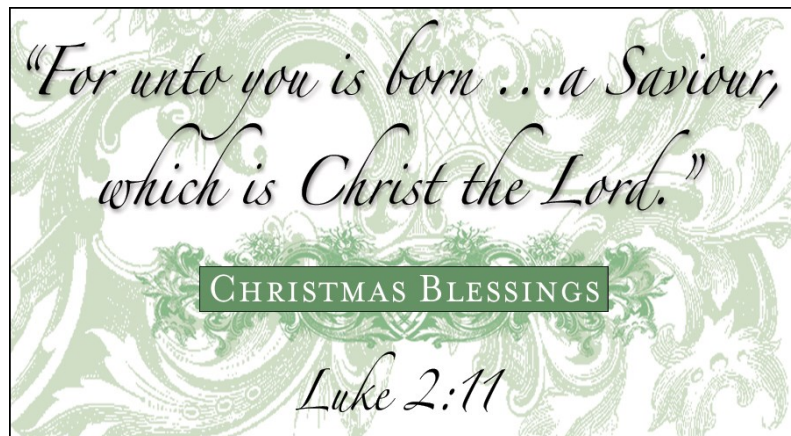
The January newsletter will be mailed out on Wednesday, December 31st. There is a lot of information in our newsletters so we hope take a moment to read it.



**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.

#### **Snow/Storm Cancellation Plan for Sunday Worship—**

Pastor and Council President will communicate and determine whether worship will be held during severe weather. Any cancellations will be announced to the congregation and community via Facebook, radio, and other social media outlets as soon as possible. Hopefully we won't need to cancel worship much this winter.



#### **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:**—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 Neller-moe; 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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