

“FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOR, WHO IS **CHRIST THE LORD**”

Lector: **Isaiah 61:1-3, 11** (PB p. 767 - Old Testament)

Response **“Jesus, Name Above All Names”** see announcements

Lector: **John 1:19-23, 29-34** (PB pg. 94- New Testament)

CAROL **“What Child Is This”** ELW 296

“FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE **LORD**”

Leader: Isaiah 6:1-8 (PB p. 704 - Old Testament)

Response **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** refrain ELW 283

Leader: Luke 1:26-35 (PB pg. 58- New Testament)

CAROL **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** ELW 279

*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW pg. 127

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*LORD’S PRAYER ELW pg. 134

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“What Can I Give Him”**

What can I give Him poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wiseman I would do my part;

Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

BLESSING

Leader: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the everlasting peace of Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you now and forever.

People: Amen.

*SENDING CAROL **“Go Tell It on the Mountain”** ELW 290

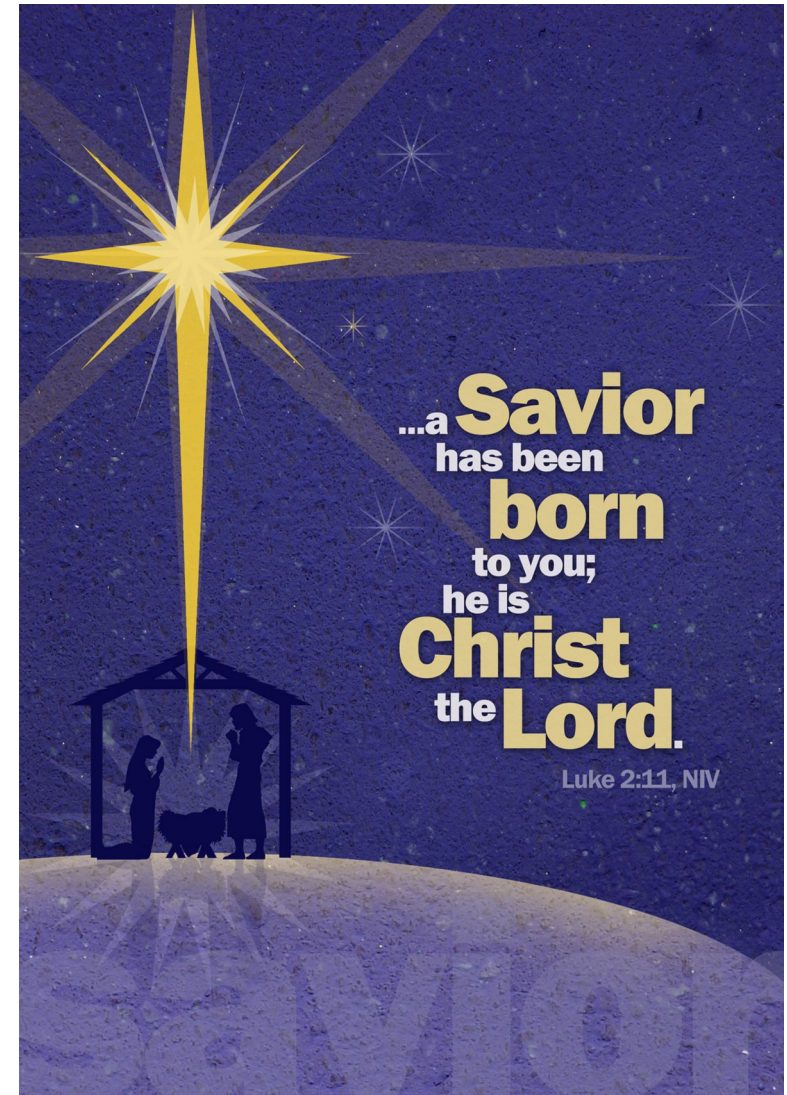
DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Okay we will.

POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve the Lord



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 of Christmas December 28, 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

*Indicates those who are able, please stand. (ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal)

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness
Leader: Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God’s forgiveness, grace, and love.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)
Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.
People: Forgive our lack of faith and trust.
Leader: Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.
People: Forgive our neglect of the poor.
Leader: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.
People: Forgive our selfishness and complacency.
Leader: With great joy the angels proclaimed, “Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”
Leader: In Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God’s forgiveness is good news of great joy!
People: Amen.

*CHRISTMAS CAROL “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” ELW 275

*GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE “Angels We Have Heard on High” ELW 289

*PRAYER OF THE DAY
ALL: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)
Lector: Psalm 8—please read responsively

O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?
Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
O Lord our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!

“FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD”
Leader: Isaiah 12:2-6 (PB p. 711 - Old Testament)
Response “O Come, All Ye Faithful” refrain ELW 283
Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 1st chapter
People: Glory to you, O Lord
Matthew 1:18-21 (PB pg. 1 - New Testament)
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord - People: Praise to you, O Christ.
CAROL “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” ELW 270

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers: Tyler & Angela Van Bruggen Family
Lector: Brenda Bong
Acolyte: Gavin Wiebe
Kitchen: Tyler & Angela Van Bruggen Family
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 12/21 154 70+ online

Offering: 12/7 \$6,051.75
12/14 \$8,117.00
12/21 \$11,299.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$23,577.78

Announcements

Stop in 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 conversation.



Thank you Val Moritz for leading worship today! Pastor Jamie is gone and will be back in office on Tuesday, December 30.

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 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!



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**.

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

The office will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2026 in observance of New Year's Day.

The Week Ahead: December 29, 2025-January 4, 2026

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



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 Jr/Sr High Youth would like to thank everyone who purchased a cross ornament for the Celebration of Life Tree in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please don't forget to take your cross ornaments home.

Thank you to everyone who purchases a poinsettia for Christmas. If you would like to take to your poinsettia home you are welcome to do so.

Baptismal Keepsakes—Sunday, January 11. Everyone who were baptized in 2025 will receive their baptismal keepsake at the 9:30am worship service. The keepsakes serve as a reminder of this special step in their Christian walk of faith.

Noisy Offering—We received **\$351.80** for the Stocking Stuffer Program at SMP-Health St. Raphael's on December 21. Thank you for your generous giving! Your loose change and dollars bills make a difference in the lives of others!

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 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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Jesus, Name Above All Names

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Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord

Emmanuel, God is with us

Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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