

So they pulled their
boats up on **shore,**
left everything and
followed him.



LUKE 5:11, NIV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA
309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota
Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai
Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany February 9, 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 join the Epiphany journey with Jesus today.

We have come to join the Epiphany journey with Jesus today.

Come walk in your own styles and at your own speeds.

We come in our different ways to walk with the One who has invited us to *Come and See.*

Let us show and tell the world what it means to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

We have come to join the Epiphany journey with Jesus today.

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***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.**

***KYRIE** Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. ELW pg. 184
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Most Holy God, **the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



HOLY BAPTISM

DAISY DIANE NEWTON
RHYATT JAMES EARNEST

ELW pg. 227



NOISY OFFERING—Barnes County Food Pantry

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

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

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

Psalms 138 (please read responsively)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (PB pg. 184 - New Testament)

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

***Gospel Acclamation** “**Listen, God Is Calling**” refrain ELW 513

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 5:1-11 (PB pg. 64 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “**You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore**” ELW 817

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks”

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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 Hymn:

“Come, Let Us Eat”

ELW 491

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW 574

“Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult”

ELW 696

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters: Adam & Amanda Pilgrim
Ushers: Steve & Karolee Ondracek
Lector: Paula Thomsen
Acolyte: Ellie Altringer
Coffee: Adam & Amanda Pilgrim, Cindy Waagen, Julie Moritz
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 2/2 116 68+ online

Offering: 2/2 \$3,010.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$23,577.58

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 conversation.



Today we celebrate **Daisy Diane Newton** as she receives God's promises in Holy Baptism. Daisy was born February 28, 2024. Her parents are Danny & Mikayla Newton & big brother is Clayton. Daisy's sponsors are Timmy Newton and Ali Newton. Please keep Daisy and her family in your prayers.

Today we celebrate **Rhyatt James Earnest** as he receives God's promises in Holy Baptism. Rhyatt was born December 21, 2024. His parents are Kaycee Smith & Payton Earnest. Rhyatt sponsors are Kaylee Smith and Kayne Earnest. Please keep Rhyatt and his family in your prayers.

The Week Ahead: February 10-16, 2025

Monday, February 10

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, February 11

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:30pm - Mission Team Meets

Wednesday, February 12

No Kids Club

1:00pm - Quilters

3:30pm - WELCA Meets

5:30pm - Council Meeting

6:30pm - Confirmation at Trinity

Thursday, February 13

Giving Hearts Day

Friday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day!

Saturday, February 15

8:00am - Men's Group Meets

4:00pm-6:30pm - Klub Dinner
at Trinity

Sunday, February 16

Baptism—Auka

No Sunday School

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - March Service & Care
Meeting



Noisy Offering—February 9 is Souper Bowl of Caring—

because of that we will be receiving a noisy offering during the Children's Message for Barnes County Food Bank. The children will

be collecting your loose change and dollar bills in their bucket.

Your loose change and dollar bills make a difference! We are thankful for your generous giving. **We are also collecting cans of soup for the Food Pantry if you would like.** Thank you for helping those who are in need of food to eat.

No Sunday School on February 9 (Wendi is gone) or **February 16** (4 day weekend).

Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe at Trinity Lutheran—Sunday, February 9, 10:30am-12:30pm. French Toast Bake will be served. All free-will offering proceeds will benefit Casa de Fe orphanage in Shell, Ecuador. All are welcome!



The Mission Team will be collecting 2-piece pajamas for Project Ignite Light throughout February. All sizes are needed. You may buy sleep pants and a top especially for the older youth since

pajamas may be harder to find in the larger sizes. Please note: Project Ignite doesn't take one piece pajamas/sleepers. They are also collecting **fleece** for the fleece tied blankets. If you would like to donate fleece, it takes 2 coordinating pieces of fleece (1 1/2 yards each) to make a blanket. We will have a fleece blanket tying event **Sunday, February 23rd** after worship.



Giving Hearts Day is Thursday,

February 13. This is a 24-hour event in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota that provides a platform for charities to fund

their missions. To make your donation to the charities of your choice go to: **www.givingheartsday.org**. You may schedule your donation for Giving Hearts Day anytime now. We encourage you to give to our partners in ministries, Eastern North Dakota Synod and Red Willow Bible Camp Ministries.



WELCA will be collecting Thankofferings throughout the month of February. Thankoffering

Envelopes were mailed out with the February newsletter. We have Thankoffering envelopes on the gathering table as well. If you would like to give your Thankoffering online you may also go to our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org and donate to WELCA there. We give in thanks of blessings receive—and we do receive so many blessings. Your generous Thankofferings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Mark Hill; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Laurette Zachrison.

General Prayer List:—Scott Stanford; Mike Schmidt; Bob Green; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Jan Leuer (Bernie Mortenson's sister); Alan Scherling (Elaine Wall's nephew); Nancy Knutson; Jesse Archambeau (Karen Nitschke's nephew); Sandi Pollock; Kay Stanford; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen's mother); Bea Faust; Verna Anderson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Sue Olson; Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson's brother-in-law); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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Thrivent Choice Dollars ® —Thrivent Financial members the deadline to direct your 2024 Choice Dollars expires on **March 31st**. Go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to make your choices for your Choice Dollars. Thank you everyone who designates their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran! In 2024 Faith Lutheran received \$1,336.

Klub Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church—Saturday, February 15, 4-6:30pm. *What is Klub?* It's a traditional Scandinavian potato & ham dumpling made of potatoes, flour, and butter. All are welcome! This free-will offering meal is to raise funds for a new boiler heating system at Trinity Lutheran.