

<u>Serving Today</u>		<u>Attendance & Offering</u>
Greeter:	<i>Brooke Bopp</i>	Attendance: 10/19 179 37+ online views
Ushers:	<i>Sorensen, Metcalf, Johnson, Rodin Families</i>	
Lector:	<i>Ellie Altringer</i>	Offering: 10/5 \$5,275.00 10/12 \$7,105.00 10/19 \$3,112.00
Communion Ministers:	<i>Ellie Altringer,</i> <i>Addison Gerhardt, Audrey Jacobson, Kassidy Schulz</i>	
Kitchen:	<i>Sorensen, Metcalf, Johnson, Rodin Families</i>	
Acolyte:	<i>Brody Metcalf</i>	Mission Plan monthly
Keyboard & Vocals:	<i>Cyndi Hill</i>	\$23,577.78
Vocals:	<i>Julie May</i>	
Processional—		
Cross Bearer: <i>Audrey Jacobson</i>		
Pascal Candle: <i>Kassidy Schulz</i>		
Communion Elements: <i>Ellie Altringer</i>		
Bible Bearer: <i>Addison Gerhardt</i>		

<u>The Week Ahead: October 27-November 2, 2025</u>	
<u>Monday, October 27</u>	<u>Sunday, November 2</u>
Pastor’s Sabbath	All Saints Sunday
<u>Tuesday, October 28</u>	Daylight Savings Time
10:30am - Women’s Bible Study	9:30am - Worship Service
1:30pm - Text Study	10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
<u>Wednesday, October 29</u>	10:45am - Sunday School
1pm - Quilters	
3:15pm- Kids Club	
6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC	

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

309 4th St NE Valley City, ND

Rev. Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 REFORMATION SUNDAY

9:30am worship service



Confirmation Class of 2025

(l-r): Pastor Jamie Desai, Kassidy Schulz,
Addy Gerhardt, Ellie Altringer, Audrey Jacobson

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.

The order of service is printed in the bulletin. All bold font is spoken by the congregation, the regular by the worship leader.

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

Service

Prelude

*PROCESSIONAL **“Lift High the Cross” vs 1,3** ELW 660

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to celebrate the love that God has poured into the world.

We have received God's love, and together we worship.

We gather together to bear witness to God's love that unites us.

We have received God's love, and together we proclaim.

We gather together to share God's love in water, wine, and bread.

We have tasted God's love, and together we give thanks.

Let us rejoice in the presence of God, who unites us in the promise of the Holy Spirit, and calls us forth in service and love.

We are God's love, and together we serve.

SONG **“The Journey of Praise”** see screen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious Lord God, **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

A reminder for our 7th-9th grade confirmation youth: You will meet for confirmation at **Our Savior's beginning November 1st—January 31st.** Confirmation is 6:30-8pm. You are welcome to enjoy a quick snack and drink beginning around 6pm.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Faith Lutheran. Your contributions support the missions and ministries of Faith Lutheran as well as monthly expenses of the church. Scan the QR Code to set up your online giving or you can go to our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org.



Trinity Lutheran WELCA Annual Fall Festival—Saturday, November 8.

Bake & Lefse Sale: **10:30am-1:30pm.** Luncheon Hours **11am-1:30pm.**

Menu: Casserole Extravaganza!, served with their famous coleslaw & dessert. Adults: \$10, Ages 6 & Under: \$5. Lunch Pick up & Delivery available 11:30am-1pm. Call 845-8987.



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; Lee Ann Peterson; Bud Anderson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); Cheryl Nordquist; 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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Dear Confirmands of 2025,
You are becoming the person God designed you to be, a person of faith—a person with strong values—a person who loves God and other people. As you confirm your faith in Christ, may God’s Spirit of love, joy, peace and grace become more and more a part of your spirit. In every situation and relationship be the person you believe Jesus wants you to be, trusting always that Christ will be with you—no matter what! Be strong in the knowledge that you are deeply loved by God, your Creator, and deeply loved by all of us, too! God bless you in Christ forever! Amen.

Thank you to the 9th grade class and their parents who prepared and served the confirmation banquet!

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.

We do have a sound-proof nursery with a speaker so you can hear (and see) the service while rocking an infant to sleep or calming a crying child. There is a diaper changing station there and in the family bathroom near the office wing.



Daylight savings time ends Saturday, November 1. Don’t forget to turn your clock back 1 hour.

Next Sunday, November 2nd is All Saints Sunday—Join with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we remember those beloved who now reside with Christ and ask for God’s strength and peace in our sorrows. During the worship service we will remember those who have died in the past year. A candle will be lit for each person as their name is read. Those at worship may also light a candle in remembrance of a loved one that has went on before them.

Community Thanksgiving Baskets Mission Project—

It’s almost time for our Thanksgiving Basket tradition! Faith Lutheran is partnering with Our Savior’s and Trinity Lutheran to bless local families with Thanksgiving meals.

Important Dates: Basket Packing: Thursday, November 20—5:30pm

Basket Pickup: Friday—November 21—5:30pm Basket Delivery: Friday, November 21—5pm

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome to join us—this is a great service opportunity, especially for Confirmation student!

Want to help? Sign up in the gathering area or contact Julie in the office. **Monetary donations** can be dropped off or placed in the an envelope labeled “Thanksgiving Baskets”. On average, each basket costs about \$55, and this year we plan to provide 125 baskets to families in our community.

If you know someone who could use a Thanksgiving basket this year, please have them contact Julie in the office 845-4390 to be added to the recipient list **beginning November 3rd.** Questions? Contact Kirsta Johnson, Mary Rausch, Brenda Rohde, or Erin Metcalf.



Throughout the months of October and November the Mission Team will be collecting **winter gloves/mittens and caps** for the elementary schools. A collection container is under the table in the gathering area.



***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 -**
Almighty God, **gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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)
Jeremiah 31:31-34 (PB p. 217 - Old Testament)
Lector: The Word of God **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**
Psalms 46 (please read responsively - see screen)
Romans 3:19-28 (PB p. 160 - New Testament)
Lector: The Word of God **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation “Thy Word”** see screen
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.
People: Glory to you, O Lord
John 8:31-36 (PB p. 105)
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord - **People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Jamie Desai

***HYMN OF THE DAY “Borning Cry”** ELW 732

RITE OF CONFIRMATION
Introduction of confirmands by Amy Pederson, Council President
These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism: Ellie James Altringer, Addison Kay Gerhardt, Audrey Jan Jacobson, Kassidy Jean Schulz

PASTOR: *Let us pray. Gracious Lord God, we thank you for these sisters, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Congregation: Amen.*
Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.
Do you renounce the devil, and all the forces that defy God?
CONFIRMANDS: I renounce them.
PASTOR: *Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?*
CONFIRMANDS: I renounce them.

PASTOR: *Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?*
CONFIRMANDS: I renounce them.

PASTOR: *Do you believe in God the Father?*
ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
PASTOR: *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*
ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

PASTOR: *Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?*
ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTOR: *You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God’s faithful people; to hear His Word and share in the Lord’s supper; to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus; and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

EACH CONFIRMAND: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
PASTOR: *People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life of faith?*

CONGREGATION: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.
(Confirmands will gather at the altar and kneel as family/sponsors lay hands)
PASTOR: *Let us pray. We give thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.*

PASTOR: *Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving; give her patience in suffering; and bring her to everlasting life.*

CONFIRMANDS and CONGREGATION: Amen.
(Response after all confirmands have received their blessing)

PASTOR: *Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.*
CONGREGATION: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

*HYMN **“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”** vs 1,2,4 ELW 396

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING
*OFFERTORY **“Give Thanks”** see screen

Kassidy Jean Schulz
Daughter of Greg & Kellie Schulz
Birth Date: May 21, 2009
Baptismal Date: August 23, 2009
Baptismal Place: Faith Lutheran - Valley City, ND
Baptismal Sponsors: Michael Schulz, Elizabeth Lemar,
Ashley Ryerson, Jerry Ryerson
Confirmation Mentor: Nancy Ryerson
Scripture Verse: **1 Corinthians 16:14** - *“Let all that you do be done in love.”*

Faith Statement: I believe that God shows up in our lives in all kinds of ways, and one of the biggest ways I’ve experienced His love is through the friends He’s brought into my life. I’ve had people come into my life at just the right time when I needed someone to talk to, laugh with, or just remind me that I’m not alone. These friendships have helped shape my faith. They remind me that God doesn’t just speak through Scripture or prayer He also speaks through people. I’m so grateful for the people He has brought into my life,. I genuinely would not know where I would be without them whether I’m still close with them or not, they shaped me into who I am today. I am truly grateful that He has blessed me in the best way possible. God encourages me to seek a deeper understanding of my purpose in life. In July of 2023 I went on a mission trip with our church and I remember being so nervous because I was the only one my age going, but God helped me through and I’m so grateful I went because I got to make a difference and meet so many new people from all different walks of life and God brought us all together. I believe that He does that for us every day, even if we don’t realize it. He gives me strength when things get hard and helps me remember to be patient and kind with everyone. He teaches me grace not just for others, but for myself too.



Audrey Jan Jacobson
Daughter of Ryan & Cassie Jacobson

Birth Date: August 26, 2009

Baptismal Date: January 10, 2010

Baptismal Place: Trinity Lutheran - Lisbon, ND

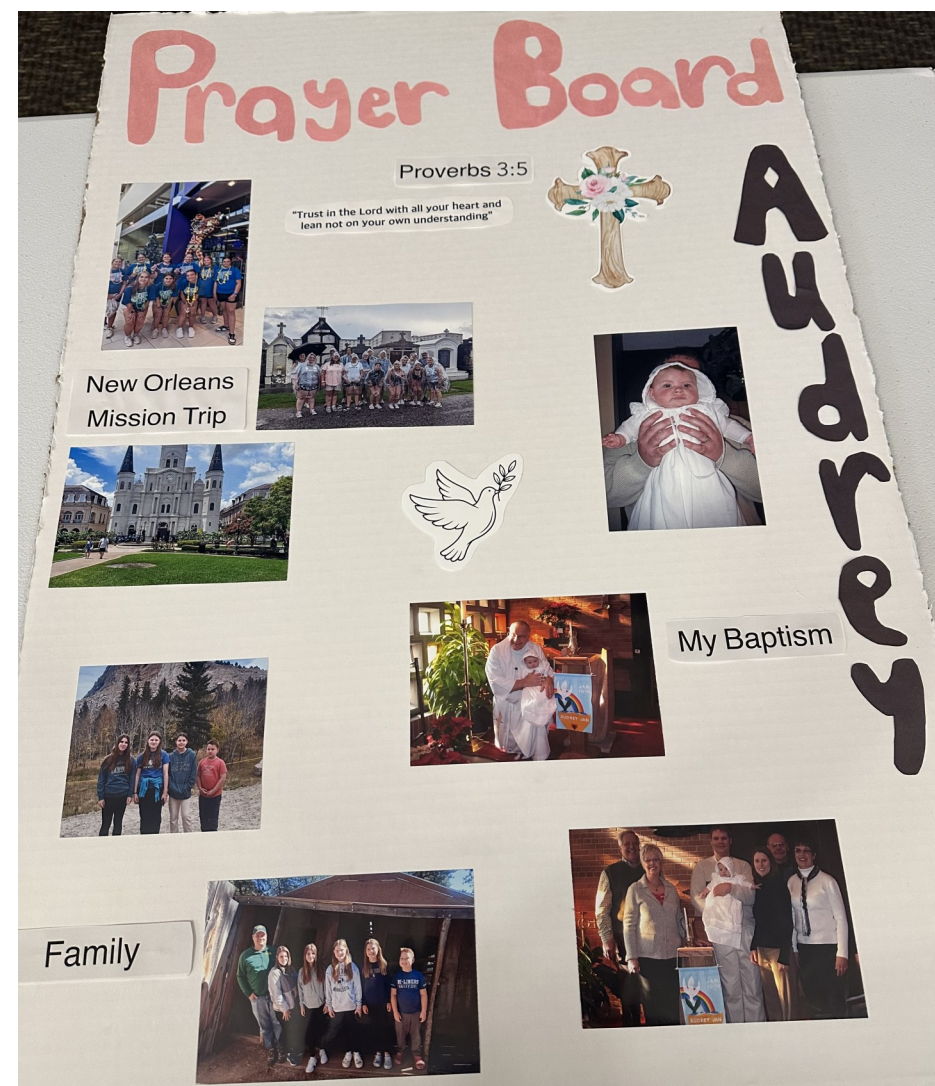
Baptismal Sponsors: Kirsten & Dallas Dockter

Confirmation Mentor - Kirsten Dockter

Scripture Verse: **Proverbs 3:5** - *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”*

Faith Statement: My faith has grown a lot over the years because it’s something really important to me. I believe that God is always with me, even when things are hard or confusing. I’ve learned that faith is about trusting that God loves me no matter how many mistakes I make.

Being confirmed means a lot to me, and I want to keep growing closer to God, whether it’s by learning more about the Bible or staying involved in my church. A big part of my confirmation journey has been with my friends and my family. They have both helped me in many ways and encouraged me to continue. I know my faith will keep changing as I grow older, but I want it to always be an important part of my life.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW p. 129

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **People:** We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: (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

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - We welcome all the baptized to the meal celebrating the new life we have in Christ Jesus. Come to the communion rail as the ushers direct. Please take a communion cup from the center boxes as you come forward. Kneel or stand. The communion minister will pour wine or grape juice into your cup. Take a pink color cup if you wish to receive grape juice or indicate your preference to the communion minister. The grape juice will be in the gold chalice and the wine will be in the silver chalice. Please place your empty cup in the boxes at the side when you return to your seat. Stay as long or as brief as you like at the communion rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. Young children will receive a grape from the student at the center and a blessing from the person bearing the bread at the rail. If you wish to refrain from communion, God knows your heart.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“One Bread, One Body”
“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”
“Sanctuary”
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”
“You Are My All in All” chorus

ELW 496
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ELW 484
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***COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***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**

“Lift High the Cross” vs 2,4

ELW 660

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace! Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve the Lord

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025
FAITH LUTHERAN CHUCH FAITH STATEMENTS

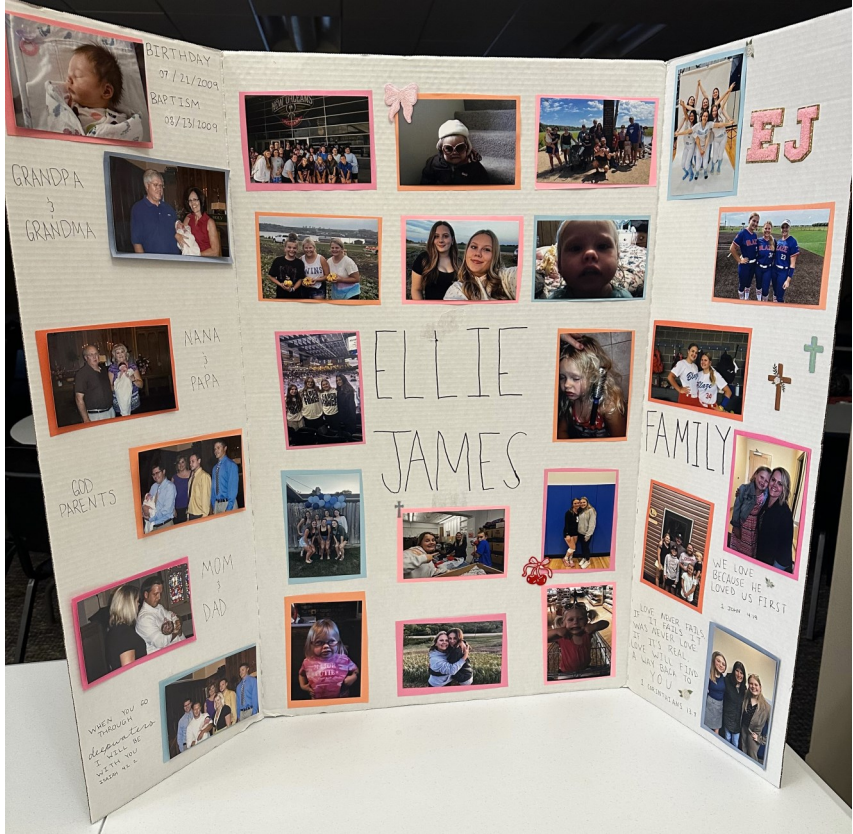
Ellie James Altringer
Daughter of Jimmy & Tara Altringer

Birth Date: July 21, 2009
Baptismal Date: August 23, 2009
Baptismal Place: Our Savior’s Lutheran - Valley City, ND
Baptismal Sponsors: Jeffery Altringer, James Jensen,
Preston Jensen, JeriAnn Everson
Confirmation Mentor - Patty Altringer

Scripture Verse: **Jeremiah 29:11** - *“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”*

Faith Statement: I have had to get over a lot of challenges in my life that shaped me into the person I am today. But along all of those battles I’ve had Jesus and God by my side. When my baby brother was in the NICU, I would pray all day and night for his health. I was so worried because my baby brother wasn’t healthy, and that scared me so much. Now he is a strong little boy, and God healed him. When I’m having a bad day at school or when a friendship isn’t going so smoothly I go pray. I tell God what’s wrong, knowing he’ll make it better. Losing people in any way is a tough thing, that I’ve had to deal with quite a few times, whether it was death or just growing apart, I’ve always had Christ. I know he will listen to me when no one else will or could. He makes me feel safe.

My parents raised me surrounded by love and Christ. I also have made good church friends that also helped me along the way. I’m thankful for all the people that I’ve either met in church and the people that brought me there. They all helped me with my journey in getting closer to Christ. I don’t know where I’d be if I didn’t get put on this amazing path as a child. So to anyone that helped me grow into this person, thank you. But mostly, thank you God and Jesus.



Addison Kay Gerhardt
Daughter of Jason & Kirsten Gerhardt

Birth Date: January 26, 2010
Baptismal Date: March 7, 2010
Baptismal Place: Faith Lutheran - Valley City, ND
Baptismal Sponsors: Troy & Kim Kainz,
Chad Kainz, Nicole Gerhardt
Confirmation Mentor - Nancy Kainz

Scripture Verse: **2 Chronicles 15:7** - *But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.”*

Faith Statement: On October 25th, 2024 my grandpa had passed away from stage 4 lung cancer. My grandpa was known as a strong man, he never gave up on anything. He had been my biggest supporter and also my best friend. In that moment of deep sorrow, I had found myself turning to God more than ever before. The pain of losing someone so close to you, felt unbearable, yet I knew God had been there for me and my family. I sensed a quiet strength holding me up, something that had reminded me I wasn’t alone. Though I may not fully understand why God had taken my best friend away from me, my biggest supporter, but I trust God called him home to a place free from pain and suffering. During my grandpa’s final days, I saw a glimpse of peace that I can only describe as divine, and now as I carry his memory forward. I pray for the grace to honor his life with the same faith and love that guided him through his journey. My grandpa will always be remembered as my “biggest supporter”, and to him I’ll always be remembered as his “Curly Sue”.

