

“This is my Son,  
the Beloved, with whom  
I am well pleased.”



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

*Pastor: Jamie Desai*

*Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith*

Baptism of Our Lord      January 11, 2026

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.

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

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

*And God said, This is My Son, The Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.*

**We have come to join The Beloved, in whom God is well pleased.**

Let us thank God for sending His Son Jesus, *The Beloved* to dwell amongst us.

**We have come to join *The Beloved, in whom God is well pleased.***

\*GATHERING SONG    **“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”** vs 1,3            ELW 461

CONFESSON OF SIN

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

SONG OF MERCY

**“You Are Mine”** vs 1,3

ELW 581

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as accepted, forgiven and loved children of God.

**I am an accepted, forgiven and loved of God!**

SONG OF PRAISE

**"This Little Light of Mine"**

ELW 677

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF THOSE NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Daisy Diane Newton, Ryatt James Earnest, Jayce Edward Auka,  
Addalynn Grace Auka, Brooklynn Michelle Auka, Ashton Mikkal Auka,  
Atlas Jasper Brant, Della Kay Kracht, Alice Josephine Mallette,  
Walker Glenn-William Johnson, Rylan Allen Biggers,  
Colton Leif Anderson, Colter Edward Schuster, Arlo Gideon Horner,  
Alivia Eileen Thomas, Banks Shawn Johnson, Raven Tove Middlestead**

PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL KEEPSAKES

HYMN

**"Borning Cry"**

ELW 732

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Isaiah 42:1-9** (PB pg. 743 - Old Testament)

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

**Psalm 29** (please read responsively)

**Acts 10:34-43** (PB pg. 134 - New Testament)

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

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"** ELW 752

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 3:13-17** (PB pg. 3 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Baptized and Set Free"**

ELW 453

\*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“Thank You for the Gift”**

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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 Hymns:

**“Baptized in Water”**

ELW 456

**“Spirit of Gentleness”**

ELW 396

**“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”**

ELW 451

**“You Are My All in All” (chorus)**

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\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG **“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” vs 1,4**

ELW 551

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*



## Baptisms in 2025

Today we recognize all who were baptized at Faith Lutheran in 2025. The baptismal cross keepsakes serve as a reminder of this special step as they grow in their Christian faith.

**February 9 - Daisy Diane Newton;** her parents are

Danny & Mikayla Newton

**February 9 - Rhyatt James Earnest;** his parents are

Kaycee Smith and Payton Earnest

**February 16 - Jayce Edward Auka;** his parents are

Seth Auka and Michelle Patraw

**February 16 - Addalynn Grace Auka;** her parents are

Seth Auka and Michelle Patraw

**February 16 - Brooklynn Michelle Auka;** her parents are

Seth Auka and Michelle Patraw

**February 16 - Ashton Mikkal Auka;** his parents are

Seth Auka and Michelle Patraw

**May 4 - Atlas Jasper Brant;** his parents are

Madison Trzpuc and Hades Brant

**June 1 - Della Kay Kracht** her parents are

Chloe Hatten and Hayes Kracht

**July 27 - Alice Josephine Mallette;** her parents are

Derick & Kelly Mallette

**August 2 - Walker Glenn-William Johnson;** his parents

are Samantha Schlotman and Zander Johnson

**August 10 - Rylan Allen Biggers;** his parents are

Daniel & Jenna Biggers

**September 14 - Colton Leif Anderson;** his parents are

Miranda Erickson and Cody Anderson

**October 5 - Colter Edward Schuster;** his parents are

Aaron & Katie Schuster

**October 12 - Arlo Gideon Horner;** his parents are

Nick & Ashley Horner

**October 19 - Alivia Eileen Thomas;** her parents are

Dillon & Tiffani Thomas

**November 16 - Banks Shawn Johnson;** his parents are

Braydan Johnson & Samantha Ranisate

**December 7 - Raven Tove Middlestead;** her parents are

Erika Dalgliesh and Ethan Middlestead

### Baptismal Prayer

*Pastor:* Gracious God, we thank you for the new life you give us through holy baptism. Especially, we ask you to bless Daisy, Rhyatt, Jayce, Addalynn, Brooklynn, Ashton, Atlas, Della, Alice, Walker, Rylan, Colton, Colter, Arlo, Alivia, Banks, Raven on the celebration of their baptism. Continue to strengthen each child of God and their families with the Holy Spirit, increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*People:* Amen.

### Serving Today

Greeter:	Brooke Bopp
Ushers:	Jason & Kirsten Gerhardt Family
Lector:	Diane Sommerfeld
Acolyte:	Grady Samuelson
Kitchen:	Dean & Brenda Klein, Diane Busche
Keyboard & Vocals:	Cyndi Hill

### Attendance

Attendance: 1/4 91 21+ online

Offering: 1/4 \$5,821.00

### 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 conservation.



**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.**

**Baptismal Keepsakes**—Everyone who was baptized in 2025 will receive their baptismal keepsake during worship. The keepsakes serve as a reminder of this special step in their Christian walk of faith.

**Noisy Offering**—we will be receiving a noisy offering next Sunday, January 18 during the Children's Word for **Project Ignite Light.** The children will be collecting your loose change and dollar bills in their bucket. Your loose change and dollar bills make a difference!

**Faith Lutheran Church Celebrates 40 Years tomorrow, January 12!** Faith Lutheran was officially formed when First Lutheran and Nebo Lutheran joined together on January 12, 1986. Each congregation walked and met on the corner of the Public Library and walked back together to First Lutheran that was to become the newly united church. The members chose the name **Faith Lutheran!** It took faith by those two older congregations to become one and to start anew. Our two congregations in essence adopted each other on that day. We are reminded that by faith the people are the church! May Faith Lutheran continue to grow and thrive and to spread the Word of God.

### The Week Ahead: January 12-18, 2026

#### Monday, January 12

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, January 13

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, January 14

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation  
at Our Savior's

#### Thursday, January 15

Annual Reports Ready to Pick Up

#### Saturday, January 17

8:00am - Men's Group

#### Sunday, January 18

Noisy Offering—

Project Ignite Light

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - February Service &  
Care Meeting

10:45am - Sunday School

**The end of year 2025 giving statements are ready for you to pick up.** They are in alphabetical order and on the table in the gathering area. Please note: we are having you pick up your statement to save on postage. Any statements not picked up by January 30 will be mailed out. Thank you for your generous giving to Faith Lutheran!



The Mission Team will be collecting 2-piece pajamas for Project Ignite Light throughout January and 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.

We are still working on the new church directory. We will let you know as soon as we have more information on a print date. Thank you for your patience.



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

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. You may take your poinsettia home with you anytime now.



**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); 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); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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