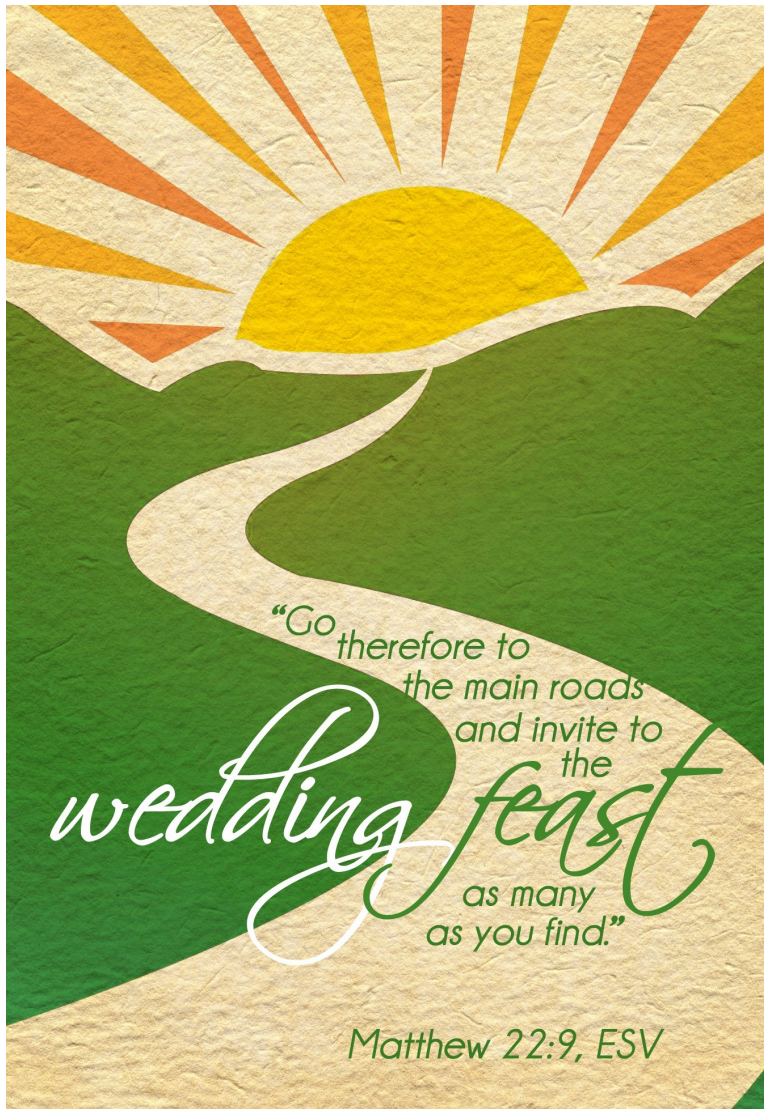




FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 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.

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift your eyes to the hills

From where our help comes.

Our help comes from the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is our keeper

The Lord will keep us from all evil.

*GATHERING HYMN

"All Are Welcome"

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: We have not loved you with all of our hearts.

Men: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Pastor: We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.

Women: We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Pastor: We are captured by our desire for material wealth.

Men: We forget those who do not have food or shelter.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Pastor: We abuse the gifts of your creation.

Women: We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Pastor: We fail to respond to your call to do justice.

Men: We seek only comfort for ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

SONG OF MERCY **“Jesus, Name Above All Names”**

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

We are broken but God’s promises are not. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

SONG OF PRAISE **“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

ELW 172

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

♪♪SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING♪♪

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 25:1-9 (PB pg. 723 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 23 (please read responsively)

Philippians 4:1-9 (PB pg. 211 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

ELW 473

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 22:1-14 (PB pg. 24 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”**

ELW 523

*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Doxology”

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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:

“Come, Let Us Eat”

ELW 491

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

ELW 484

“In the Singing”

ELW 466

You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BLESSING

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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW 547

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

Serving Today

Greeter: Harper Nathan, Anna Metcalf
Ushers: Al & Nancy Sorensen, Ryan & Erin Metcalf Family,
Mark & Krista Johnson Family, Cory & Ali Rodin Family
Lector: Wendi Wilmes
Acolyte: Nixon Langemo
Coffee: Al & Nancy Sorensen, Ryan & Erin Metcalf,
Mark & Krista Johnson, Cory & Ali Rodin
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance

Attendance: 10/4 163 19+ online

Offering: 10/4 \$5,742.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: October 12-18, 2026

Monday, October 12

Pastor's Sabbath
5:00pm-7:00pm - Community
Closet at Our Savior's

Tuesday, October 13

10:30am - Women's Bible Study
5:15pm - Mission Team Meets

Wednesday, October 14

1:00pm - Quilters
3:15pm - Kids Club
6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC

Saturday, October 17

8:00am - Men's Group Meets

Sunday, October 18

Holy Baptism—Sophia Schauer
9:30am-12:30pm - Men's Group
Pancake Brunch
9:30am - Worship Service
10:45am - Sunday School
6:00pm - Confirmation Banquet

Announcements



Pastor Appreciation Day—

You're invited! Join us for cake and fellowship after worship today,

October 11th, as we celebrate and

recognize Pr. Jamie with gratitude and joy. There is a basket will available for your cards/messages of appreciation.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of **Frank Larson**.

Frank died Monday, October 5, 2026. His Celebration of Life will be held Friday, October 23 at 2pm here at Faith Lutheran with Pastor Jamie officiating.



Enjoy the Men's Group Pancake Brunch next Sunday, October 18! The Pancake Brunch will

be served **9:30am-12:30pm**. This is a freewill offering. They will be serving pancakes, sausage &

fried potatoes. They will have to-go containers available as well.

Thank you for supporting our Men's Group! Men's Group will meet on **Saturday, October 17** for their monthly breakfast gathering at 8am. Besides enjoying breakfast and fellowship they will be prepping for the pancake brunch. All men are invited to the meeting and your help with the Pancake Brunch on would be appreciated.

We will be receiving a noisy offering next Sunday, October 18th, for Thanksgiving Baskets. The kids will come around with their pails to collect your loose change & dollar bills. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Quilt Sale—Our talented quilters have their beautiful handmade quilts displayed in the sanctuary for purchase. The full-sized quilts are \$50 and the baby quilts are \$35. A reminder that quilts can be purchased throughout the year.



Trunk-or-Treat Event—Friday, October 30, 5:30-7pm, at Chautauqua Park. **We will be accepting donations of wrapped Halloween candy** for us to pass out at this fun event. You can drop the candy by the office. Thank you!

We are asking for more volunteers to serve as **communion assistants**. This would be to serve the elements of bread and wine/grape juice during communion. If you have questions please speak with Kathy Schlotman, our Altar Guild chair, and she can explain more to you.

New Member Invitation— We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family and we invite anyone interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran to contact the office. Once we have a list of interested people we will have an information session and a new member Sunday. We are so happy to see new faces and welcome each of you to share your faith and time and talents with us!

The Community Closet will be open Monday, October 12, 5-7pm in the basement of Our Savior's. This is a source the community has for free clothing for all genders and sizes as well as other items. Donations of winter gear—including boots are needed. These items are free. **Volunteers needed times: Sunday, October 11, 6-8pm; Monday, October 12, 7-8pm.**



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—Peggy Scherling (Elaine Wall's niece); Matt Anderson; Gordon Reitan; Jamie Bredeson; Melody Schram (Becky Kratz' aunt); Alan Black (Gloriann Gaarder's great-nephew); Rita Bearman; Anita Scholz; Maureen Walch; Doug Kratz; Verlynn Christianson; Don & Kathy Burke; Scott & Kay Stanford; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Nancy Knutson; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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We do have **ear buds** available for people who are hard of hearing and would like to use them to hear the service better. Talk to the sound person and they will set you up.

Trinity Mission Team ladies are having their Mission Brunch today, October 11, 10:30am-12:30pm (or until gone), and invite everyone for BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, & chips. This is a freewill offering event benefitting Casa de Fe, an orphanage in Ecuador.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Fingal, ND, Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale! Sunday, October 11, serving 11am-1:30pm.

Menu: Turkey, Potatoes & gravy, Dressing, Cranberries, Corn, Buns, Pickles, Coleslaw, Dessert and Beverage. Price: Adults \$15, Grades K-6 \$7, Pre-school Free. Take Outs available, Rada Cutlery available. All Are Welcome!