

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

*SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW pg. 144

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 pow'r and might,**

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg. 145

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 Music

Cyndi Hill

“You Are My All in All” (chorus) see screen

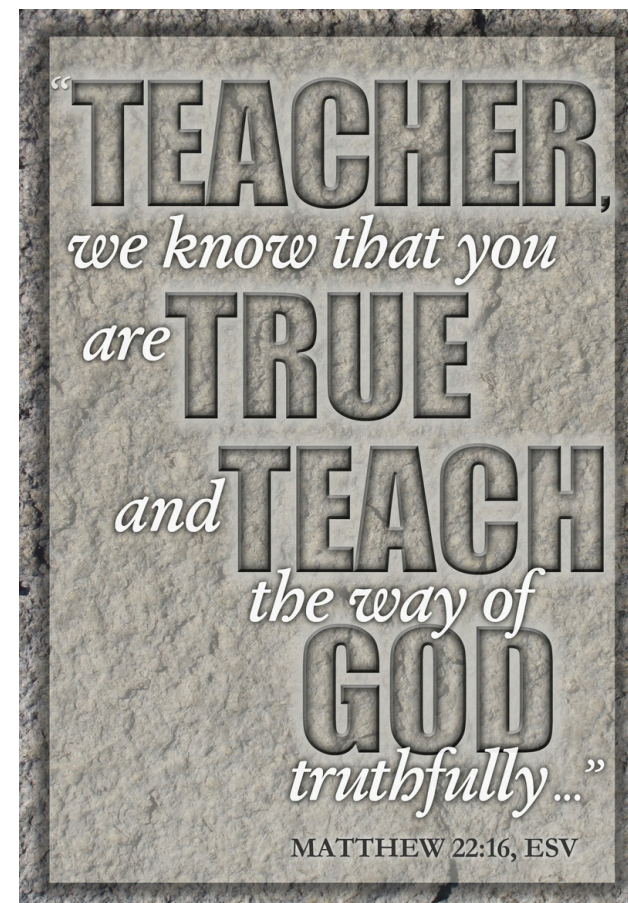
*BENEDICTION

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 **“God of Grace and God of Glory”** vs 1,2 ELW 705

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

POSTLUDE We depart to serve the Lord



Faith Lutheran Church ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 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.

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

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those whose help is in God who made heaven and earth.

Happy are those whose help is in God who executes justice for the oppressed.

Happy are those whose help is in God who gives food to the hungry.

Happy are those whose help is in God who upholds the orphan and the widow.

*GATHERING SONG

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532

CONFESSION

Gracious Lord God, we confess that we are imperfect people in an imperfect world.

We confess we have not followed your ways and the ways of your Son, Jesus.

We confess we are driven to get more of the world's goods than we need.

We confess we are tempted to seek security in our possessions.

We confess that we are too often insensitive to the needs of those around us.

We confess we are unwilling to share your blessings freely with those around us.

We confess that we trust our own will rather than yours.

We confess that we live as though the world revolves around us.

SONG OF MERCY

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" vs 1

ELW 733

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Hear our confession, O God, for the sake of Jesus, your Son. Forgive us, redeem us and breathe your Spirit within us as your accepted, forgiven and loved children of God.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE

"You Servants of God" vs 1,4

ELW 825

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image, created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

Noisy Offering - Thanksgiving Baskets

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 45:1-7 (PB pg. 748- Old Testament)

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

Psalms 96:1-9 (please read responsively)

I Thessalonians 1:1-10 (PB pg. 217- 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 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 22:15-22 (PB pg. 25- New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"We come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW 479

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the God of promise - the God of Abraham and Sarah - Isaac and Rebecca - Jacob and Rachel - the God of the past - the God of now - the God who owns the future. I believe in Jesus, God in our flesh - God who seeks us out - God who comes to serve - God who embraces outcasts - God who reigns from a cross - God who conquers death. I believe in the Holy Spirit - God with us forever - God giving us faith - God empowering our witness - God filling us with peace. I Believe! Amen.

Serving Today

Greeter: *Rylee Gray*
Ushers: *Anna Metcalf, Janet Thornton, Kellie Schulz, Braeden Schulz*
Lector: *Jessica Jenrich*
Acolyte: *Drew Kohler*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*
Vocals: *Julie May*

Attendance

Attendance: 10/11 161 62+ online

Offering: 10/4 \$5,742.00
10/11 \$7,939.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

Announcements



Enjoy the Men's Group Pancake Brunch today, 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!

Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Sophia Lynn Schauer**, born February 3, 2026. Sophia's parents are Casey & Samantha Schauer. Her sponsors are Haley Sayler, Mckenzie Drake, Xavier Preabt. Please keep Sophia and her family in your prayers.

We will be receiving a noisy offering this morning for Thanksgiving Baskets. The kids will come around with their pails to collect your loose change & dollar bills. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday, October 25th is Reformation Sunday. We have six 10th grade confirmands who will make their promises to God in the Affirmation of Baptism during our worship service. We give thanks for these young people who have open hearts to what God has in store.



We had a wonderful turnout for the Fall Festival! We appreciate all the baked goods, crafts, lefse, etc. that was brought in. Your monetary donations are greatly appreciated. The proceeds from the Fall Festival will go toward supporting local and state organizations/agencies. The Youth's Lunch-to-Go went great! Thank you to everyone for making this a success!

The Week Ahead: October 19-25, 2026

Monday, October 19

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, October 20

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 21

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

5:15pm - Council Meeting

6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC

Thursday, October 22

1:00pm - Sheyenne Valley

Memory Cafe

Sunday, October 25

Affirmation of Faith

No Sunday School

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

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.



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!

5th Annual Community Action Night Food Bank

Collection! Wednesday, October 21st confirmation students will be going around Valley City with their small group leaders to collect food for our local food pantry. You are more than welcome to drop off non-perishable food items to the church for this if you would like since the youth won't be in all areas of Valley City to collect.

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!



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; 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.

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café—Thursday, October 22,

1pm, at Faith Lutheran. Speaker begins at 1:30pm. Candace Johnson, Outreach Coordinator & Farmer's Union Insurance Representative will be speaking on Medicare Part D reenrollment. For more information, call City-County Health District at 845-8518 or follow at [SheyenneValleyMemoryCafe](https://www.facebook.com/SheyenneValleyMemoryCafe) on Facebook.