

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 Lutheran

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 REFORMATION SUNDAY

9:30am Worship Service



Confirmation Class of 2026

(back row, l-r) Pastor Jamie, Gavin Welken, Teagan Klevgaard,
Grady Samuelson, Joey Saylor

(front row, l-r) Halle Welken, Aaliyah Torbenson

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.

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.

GATHERING SONG

"The Journey of Praise"

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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 give 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.

*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.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

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*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 pg. 217 - Old Testament)

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 46 (Please read responsively - see screen)

Romans 3:19-28 (PB pg. 160 - New Testament)

*Gospel Acclamation

"Thy Word"

see screen

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 22:34-40 (PB pg. 25 - New Testament)

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: Teagan Paul Klevgaard, Joseph Larry Sayler, Grady Wendel Samuelson, Aaliyah Faith Torbenson, Gavin Denver Welken, Halle Rae Welken.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Lord God, we thank you for these brothers and 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 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.

PASTOR: *Do you renounce the devil, and all the forces that defy God?*

CONFIRMANDS: I renounce them.

PASTOR: *Do you renounce the power 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/ssopnsors 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/his faith, guide her/his life, empower her/him in her/him serving; give her/him patience in suffering; and bring her/him 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"

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 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 in 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

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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 colored 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. 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"

ELW 496

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

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"Sanctuary"

see screen

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW 484

"You Are My All in All" chorus

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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. **Okay! We Will!**

POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve the Lord

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH FAITH STATEMENTS

Teagan Paul Klevgaard

Son of Laura Klevgaard, Brian and Jocey Klevgaard

Birth Date: November 21, 2010

Baptismal Date: January 23, 2011

Baptismal Place: Jevnaker Lutheran - Borup, MN

Baptismal Sponsors: Scott & Jill Theis, Cody Bredman

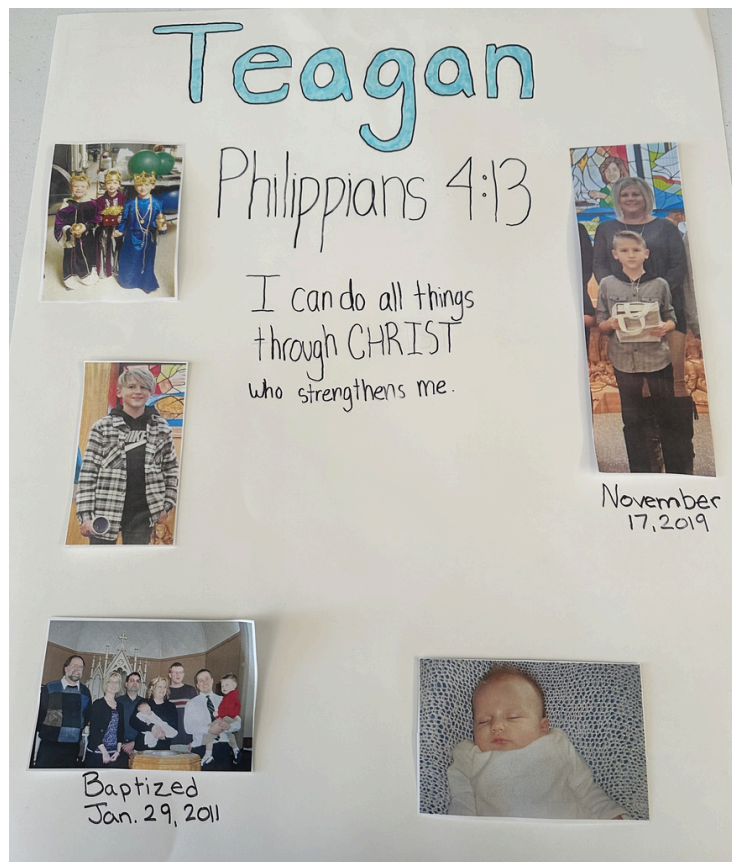
Confirmation Mentor - Jill Theis

Scripture Verse: **Philippians 4:13** - *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

Faith Statement: I believe in God and that He is always there for me, even when life gets hard. I know that I'm not perfect and that I make mistakes, but I believe God forgives me and helps me learn from them.

My faith is important to me because it reminds me that I'm never alone and that God has a plan for my life. I want to keep growing in my faith by praying, and going to Church, and letting God choose my path.

As I go through Confirmation, I want to take what I've learned and use it in my everyday life. I know there will be challenges, but I want to trust God, make good choices, and continue building my relationship with him. I am thankful for my faith and want it to remain an important part of my life grow older.



Joseph Larry Sayler
Son of Natalie & Clint Meyer

Birth Date: October 23, 2010

Baptismal Date: July 24, 2011

Baptismal Place: Faith Lutheran - Valley City, ND

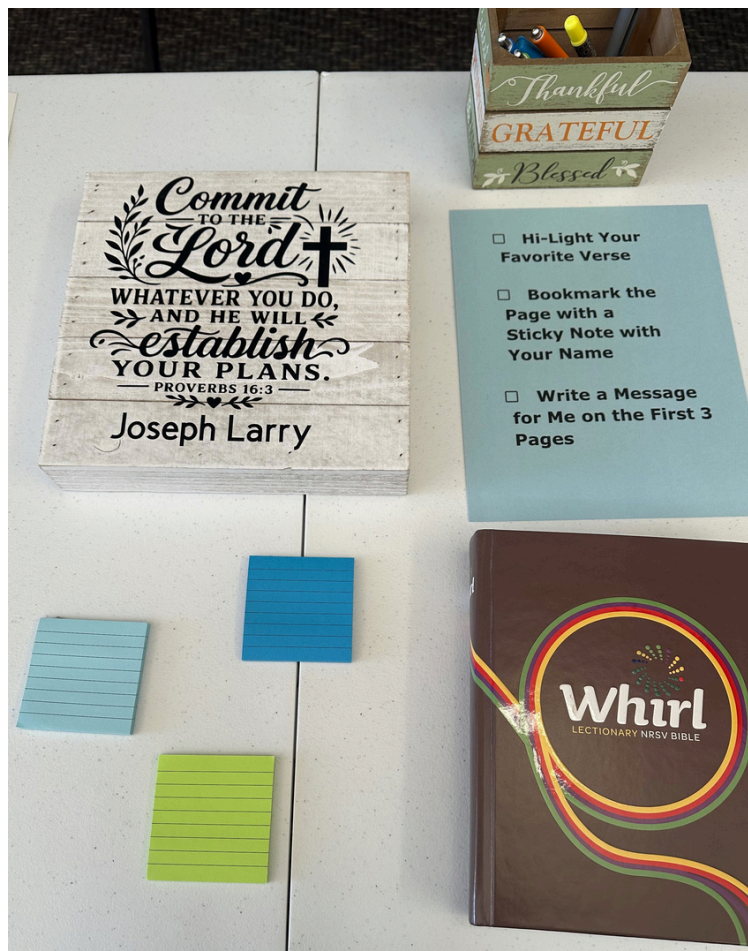
Baptismal Sponsors: Doreen Sayler, Larry E. Sayler, Nathan & Marsha Sayler

Confirmation Mentor - Larry E. Sayler

Scripture Verse: **Proverbs 16:3** - *"Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans."*

Faith Statement: For my entire life, I have had a good relationship with God. I have prayed every night for as long as I can remember, and God has gotten me through some very hard times. There have also been a few times when I have questioned if God was real, but He has always led me back to Him with His love. Whenever life gets hard, I know God is only putting me through it because He knows I can do it and that it will make me a better person.

I am glad I am being confirmed, and I am excited to see what God has in store for me as I continue my life. I will forever be thankful to my family for raising me with God, for everyone at church who has supported me, and most of all to God for always being there for me in the good times and in the bad times.



Grady Wendel Samuelson
Son of John & Tonya Samuelson

Birth Date: March 31, 2011

Baptismal Date: April 30, 2011

Baptismal Place: Trinity Lutheran - Jamestown, ND

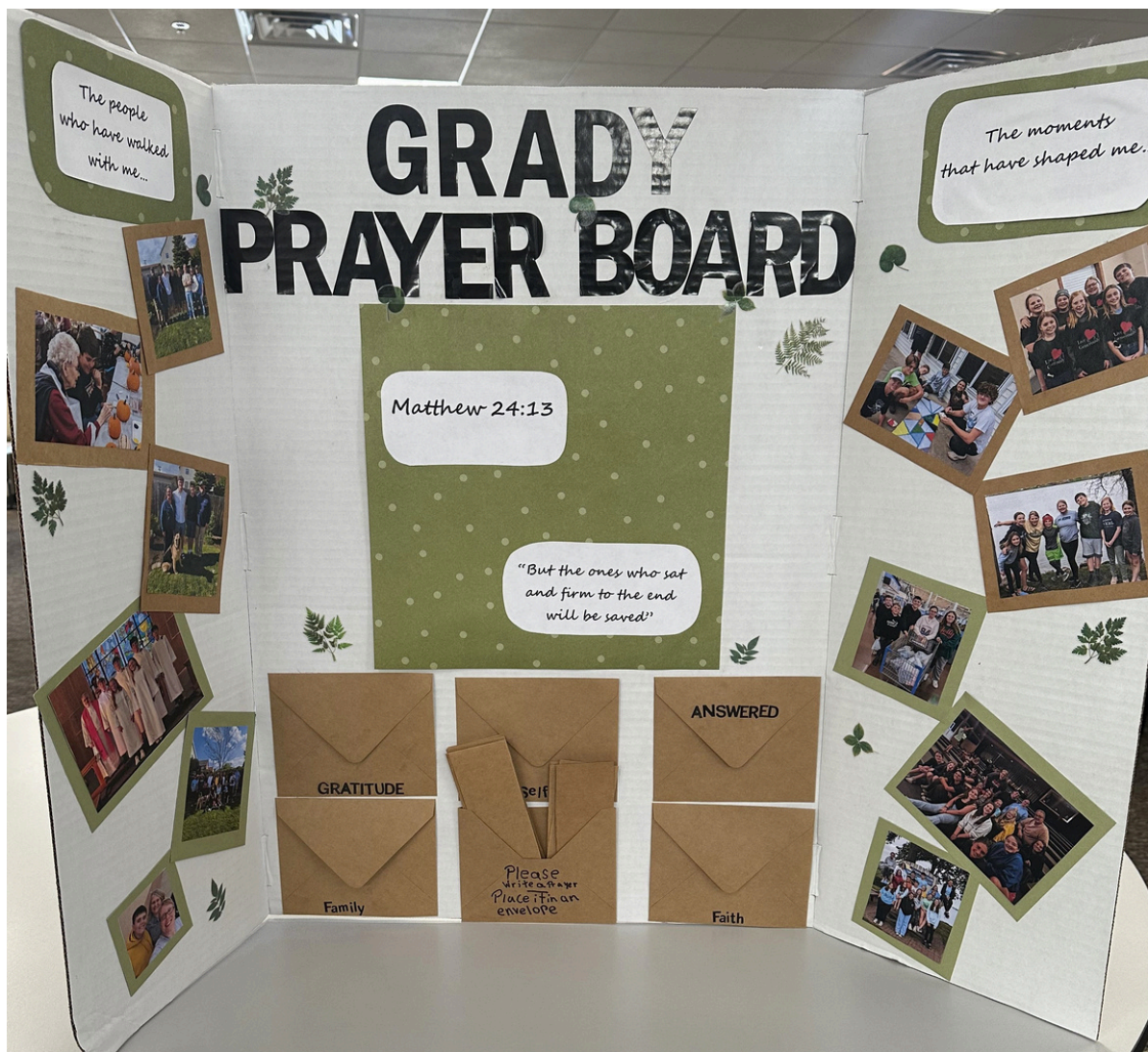
Baptismal Sponsors: Kelly Sable, Allan Samuelson

Confirmation Mentor: Wendi Wilmes

Scripture Verse: **Matthew 24:13** -

"But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

Faith Statement: Growing up I used to dread going to church as I saw it as a chore. But slowly, I realized church is so much more than just listening to Pastor Jamie for an hour. Going to church taught me compassion and kindness for others but most importantly forged my relationship with God. I experienced God's love on a daily basis. Whether the compassion is through the kindness of others as well as the hardships presented to me, I find myself craving the fellowship and community our church offers. So, I would like to not just thank my family I would like to thank the family I have developed within our church.



Aaliyah Faith Torbenson
Daughter of Janel Richman, Ryan Torbenson

Birth Date: December 20, 2010

Baptismal Date: March 20, 2021

Baptismal Place: Faith Lutheran - Valley City, ND

Baptismal Sponsors: Alyssa Baumann, Joseph Burchart

Confirmation Mentor: Emily Formo

Scripture Verse: **Proverbs 27:9** - *"Sweet friendships refresh the soul
and awaken our hearts with joy, for good friends are like the anointing oil
that yields the fragrant incense of God's presence."*

Faith Statement: My faith teaches me to treat everyone with love, kindness, and respect, no matter who they are or what they believe. I believe that God created every person for a reason, and everyone deserves to feel loved, accepted, and valued. I want to be someone who makes others feel included instead of left out and who chooses kindness even when it isn't always easy.

I know that I'm not perfect, and sometimes it can be hard to love people who are different from me or who have hurt me. However, treat people the way we want to be treated. I want my words and actions to reflect God's love and to be a positive example to the people around me.

As I continue to grow in my faith, I want to remember that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a difference. I pray that God helps me see others through His eyes and reminds me to lead with love, patience, and respect every day.



Gavin Denver Welken
Son of Brian & Georgia Welken

Birth Date: June 17, 2010

Baptismal Date: August 8, 2010

Baptismal Place: Faith Lutheran - Valley City, ND

Baptismal Sponsors: Steve Welken, Sheila Echeverry, Ronda Amann, Lisa Aundson

Confirmation Mentor: Deloris Welken

Scripture Verse: **Hebrews 11:1** -

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Faith Statement: My faith has grown a lot over the years, and it means a lot to me. I know God is always with me, even when things are hard or confusing. To me, faith is about trusting that God loves me no matter how many mistakes I make.

Being confirmed means I want to grow closer to God by learning more about the Bible and staying active in my church. My friends and family have always encouraged me, and they continue to support me on this journey. It is important to me that I always keep faith in my life.



Halle Rae Welken

Daughter of Brian & Georgia Welken

Birth Date: August 8, 2010

Baptismal Place: Faith Lutheran - Valley City, ND

Baptismal Sponsors: Steve Welken, Sheila Echeverry, Ronda Amann, Lisa Amundson

Confirmation Mentor: Deloris Welken

Scripture Verse: **Isaiah 43:2** -

"When you go through deep waters I will be with you."

Faith Statement: My parents raise me with love and taught me to know the love of Jesus. I have church friends that have helped me in my life, and I'm thankful for the people I've met in church and in my community. They have all helped me on my journey to grow closer to God. Most of all, I thank God and Jesus. I will continue to grow in my faith by trusting in Jesus as my Savior. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and I know that God been, and always will be, strengthening, guiding, and comforting me.



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, October 31. Don't forget to turn your clock back 1 hour.

Next Sunday, November 1st 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 19 – 5:30pm

Basket Pickup: Friday, November 20 – 5:30pm **Basket Delivery:** Friday, November 21 – 5pm

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome – this is a great service opportunity, especially for Confirmation students!

Want to help? Sign up in the gathering area or contact Julie in the office. Monetary donations can be dropped off or placed in an envelope labeled "Thanksgiving Baskets."

If you know someone who could use a Thanksgiving basket this year, please contact Julie to have them added to the recipient list. Questions? Contact Krista 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.

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.

Trinity Lutheran WELCA Annual Fall Festival – Saturday, November 7. 10:30am-1:30pm – Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Quilt Sale Greetings Cards; 11am-1:30pm – Casserole Extravaganza Luncheon served with coleslaw & dessert. Cost: \$10 (\$5 for youth 6-12yrs; Free for 5 yrs & under). Take out and Delivery available: for delivery, call 701-845-3837 between 10:30am-12:30pm.

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; Jamie Bredeson; Melody Schram (Becky Kratz' aunt); Alan Black (Gloriann Gaarder's great-nephew); Anita Scholz; Maureen Walch; Verlynn Christianson; Don & Kathy Burke; Scott & Kay6 Stanford; Mackenzie Schram (Beck Kratz' niece); Nancy Knutson; Linda Moser; 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.

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. To set up online giving go to our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org

Serving Today

Greeter: Rylee Gray

Ushers: Anna Metcalf, Kent & Patty Gronlie

Lector: Grady Samuelson

Acolyte: Brooke Bopp

Communion Ministers: Teagan Klevgaard, Joey Sayler, Grady Samuelson, Aaliyah Torbenson, Gavin Welken, Halle Welken

Coffee/Kitchen: Kent & Patty Gronlie, Scott & Wendi Wilmes, Jessica Johnson

Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill

Vocals: Julie May

Processional –

Cross Bearer: Gavin Welken

Pascal Candle: Joey Sayler

Communion Elements: Halle Welken, Aaliyah Torbenson

Bible Bearer: Teagan Klevgaard

The Week Ahead: October 26-November 1, 2026

Monday, October 26

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, October 27

10:30am – Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 28

1:00pm – Quilters

3:15pm – Kids Club

6:30pm – Confirmation at FLC

Friday, October 30

5:30pm-7:00pm – Truck or Treat at Chautauqua Park

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Time

No Sunday School

9:30am – Worship Service

10:30am – Coffee Fellowship