



*The
kingdom
of God
will be ... given
to a people
that produces
the fruits
of the kingdom.*

Matthew 21:43, NRSV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 4, 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, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world.

You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High.

Worthy is Christ the Lamb, whose blood set us free to be the people of God.

For you are gracious and merciful,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*GATHERING HYMN **"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"** ELW 523

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN ELW pg. 321

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

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*Kyrie

“Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way”
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.

ELW pg. 184

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved God, **from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (**PB**- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 5:1-7 (PB pg. 702 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 80:7-15 (please read responsively)

Philippians 3:4b-14 (PB pg. 211 - New Testament)

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*Gospel Acclamation **“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

ELW 186

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 21:33-46 (PB pg. 24- New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”**

ELW 712

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

see screen

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.

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“We Are an Offering”

ELW 692

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 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: **“We Come to the Hungry Feast”**

ELW 483

“Sanctuary”

see screen

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW 742

You Are My All in All” (chorus)

see screen

*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

“Canticle of the Turning”

ELW 723

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: Nixon Langemo
Ushers: Grayson Foell, Dennis Hoyer & Linda Lane
Lector: Wendi Wilmes
Acolyte: Harper Nathan
Coffee: Dennis Hoyer & Linda Lane,
Gloria Glandt, Kellie Schulz
Keyboard: Amy Johnson
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance

Attendance: 9/27 162 44+ online

Offering: 9/6 \$4,881.00
9/13 \$5,122.00
9/20 \$2,190.00
9/27 \$3,117.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: October 5-11, 2026

Monday, October 5

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, October 6

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 7

12:30pm-1:30pm - Influenza
Vaccination Clinic

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Kids Club

3:30pm - WELCA Meeting

6:30pm - Confirmation at FLC

Friday, October 9

Fall Festival Set Up

Saturday, October 10

10:00am-1:00pm - Fall Festival

Sunday, October 11

Holy Baptism—Hunter Yanish

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - 10th Grade

Confirmands Meet w/Pr Jamie

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.



Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Hunter Matthew Yanish**, born October 5, 2024. Hunter's parents are Martin Yanish & Brittany Nathan. His sponsors are Olivia Borchers and Garrett Nathan. Please keep Hunter and his family in your prayers.

Our sympathies to the family & friends of **Jan Anderson**. Jan died Friday, September 25, 2026 in Bismarck, ND. In accordance with her wishes, no formal service is planned. Her family will honor her life and memory privately.



The Fall Festival is Saturday, October 10th!

The WELCA ladies will be setting up Friday afternoon, October 10. Please bring your priced baked goods, candies, crafts, baskets, etc. Friday afternoon or by 9am on Saturday. The bake sale suggested price lists are located on the table in the gathering area as well as labels you can use. **We will need volunteers to help with the set up and the Fall Festival so if you would like to help it would be greatly appreciated!** If you would like to make a monetary donation that would be great! Thank you!

10th Grade Confirmands will meet with Pastor Jamie today, October 4th, at 11am in the Fireside Room to prepare for their Affirmation of Faith. Confirmation Banquet will be **Sunday, October 18** at 6pm. Confirmation will be **Sunday, October 25** during 9:30am worship service.



Pastor Appreciation Day—

You're invited! Join us for cake and fellowship after worship on **Sunday, October 11th** as we celebrate and

recognize Pr. Jamie with gratitude and joy. If you would like to bring a card or note of thanks, there will be a basket available that day for your messages of appreciation.

Influenza Clinic—Wednesday, October 7, 12:30-1:30pm at Faith Lutheran in Fireside Room.

City-County Health District will be administering Influenza High-dose and conventional Flu vaccine which will be available for ages 6 months thru adult. They will also have the COVID-19 vaccine available. **You must bring your insurance card**—(Medicare Part B (or other Medicare Advantage Plan), Medicaid, BCBS, Sanford Health (not Sanford True), Preferred One, Medica (not Select Care), or Health Partners/Cigna cards with you and these entities can be billed. CCHD cannot bill any other private health insurer for adults. For any questions, contact CCHD at 701-845-8518. There is a signup sheet on the table.

St. Mary's Fall Supper—Sunday, October 4, 4-7pm at St.

Mary's Catholic Church, 6 miles east of Dazey. Enjoy a delicious meal of turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, dressing, homemade sauerkraut, cranberries, rolls, dessert and coffee. Meal prices: Adults \$15 | Ages 6-12 \$ | Ages 5 & under free. Takeout meals will be available, and a chair lit is available on site. Be sure to check out the unique gift baskets for sale and Oliver's Pumpkin Patch while you're there!

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Fingal, ND, Turkey Dinner and Bake Sale!

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!



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.