of believers to worship together and support one another, and enlightens us with gifts of love, forgiveness and everlasting life. We believe the Holy Spirit nourishes our growth, preserves us in faith, and keep us in God's grace forever. Amen.

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING
*OFFERTORY **"Everybody's Got Something to Offer"** see screen

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 Music Amy Johnson
"You Are My All in All" (chorus) see screen

*BENEDICITON
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 **"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"** ELW 547

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

POSTLUDE We depart to serve the Lord

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.



Matthew 25:40

Faith Lutheran Church ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota
Pastor: Jamie Desai
Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith
Christ the King Sunday November 22, 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
Come to us Oh Lord Jesus and meet us in these difficult times.
Christ Jesus, bless our days and give us the hope of promised tomorrow.
Come to us Oh Gracious God and fill us with your presence.
Christ Jesus, plant within us a song of Jubilee.
Come to us Lord God as we offer ourselves in love and grace.
Christ Jesus, gather us close to you as we remember your promises.

*GATHERING HYMN **"Come, All You People"** ELW 819

CONFESSION OF SIN
Let us confess our sin the presence of God and of one another.

God who provides, **we confess that we are captive to greed, mistrust, and despair. We cannot free ourselves from habits of hoarding and complaining.**

God who remembers, **we fear our neighbor's need and forget our dependence on you. We spoil the gift of daily bread.**

God who delivers, **we repent of seeing only scarcity and worrying about what we lack. We plead for your presence: grant us rest, set us free, and teach us your generous ways.**

SONG OF MERCY **"Bring Your Mercy"** see screen

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Children of God, there is more than enough. God's mercies are new every day: through Christ Jesus, the Bread of life, God gathers us together, forgives all our sin, restores our strength and showers us in mercy. For you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

SONG OF MERCY **"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"** ELW 523

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might**, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD Noisy Offering - Mission Christmas

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)
Ezekiel 24:11-16, 20-24 (PB pg. 882- Old Testament)
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 95:1-7a (please read responsively)
Ephesians 1:15-23 (PB pg. 204 - New Testament)
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation **"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"** ELW 512
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord
Matthew 25:31-46 (PB pg. 29- 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"** vs 1,2,4 ELW 712

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
We believe we are chosen by God, our Creator, to participate in the ongoing word of creation by holding life sacred and being good stewards of God's gracious gifts. We believe we are chosen by Jesus Christ, our Savior, to participate in the ongoing work of spreading the Good News of God's saving love and serving others in the name of the Lord. We believe we are chosen by the Holy Spirit, who calls us through the Gospel to believe in Jesus Christ, gathers us as a community

Serving Today

Greeter:	*Cali Anderson*
Ushers:	*Natalie Meyer Family*
Lector:	*Amy Johnson*
Acolyte:	*Braeden Schulz*
Coffee/Kitchen:	*Sandy Mulvaney, Beth Oppegaard, Deb Shape*
Keyboard:	*Amy Johnson*
Vocals:	*Julie May*

Attendance

Attendance: 11/15 107 51+ online

Offering: 11/1 $4,715.00
11/8 $13,434.00
11/15 $3,680

Mission Plan monthly
$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: November 23-29, 2026

Monday, November 23
Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, November 24
10:30am – Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 25
No Church Activities

Thursday, November 26
Happy Thanksgiving!
Office Closed



Friday, November 27
Office Closed

Sunday, November 29
No Sunday School
9:30am – Worship Service
10:30am – Coffee Fellowship

Announcements



Stop in the fellowship hall for a cup of coffee or juice and a treat served at 10:30am fellowship following worship. It is good to enjoy each other's company and conversation.

Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Violet Louise Laxdal,** born May 24, 2026. Violet's parents are Rylee & Emma (Willey) Laxdal. Violet's sponsors are John & Amber Lonski. Please keep Violet & her family in your prayers.

Noisy Offering—today, November 22 we will be receiving a noisy offering for the **Mission Christmas Fund.** The children will be collecting your loose change and dollar bills for you to drop in their bucket. Your loose change and dollar bills make a different! We are thankful for your generous giving.

Christmas Program Practice has begun! We hope your Sunday School children will be able to attend the practices. **The program is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th during the 9:30am worship service.** We will have a Potluck Dinner afterwards at 11am. **Please note that there is no Sunday School Nov 29 due to Thanksgiving break.**



The office will be closed Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Throughout the month of November the Mission Team continues to collect winter gloves/mittens and caps for the elementary schools. A collection container is under the table in the gathering area.

A **BIG Thank You** to volunteers and donors who helped make our 2026 Community Thanksgiving Basket Project a success! Individuals from Faith Lutheran, Our Savior's Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran churches came together for two nights to pack 175 Thanksgiving boxes, make home deliveries and load cars for pick-up. This event wouldn't be possible with all of you!

You are cordially invited to join us **Sunday, November 22** at the Congregational United Church of Christ for the **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** at 4pm. A meal will be served afterwards. We ask everyone to bring non-perishable items or monetary donation for the Barnes Council Food Pantry. All are welcome! The meal is free and open to the public.

The Valley City Salvation Army Kettle Campaign needs bell ringers beginning November 23 through December 24. If you can help for any amount of time (1-2 hours, or more!), please sign up by calling Naomi Schlect (701-541-1418) or Lenora Ziemba (701-840-1357). Bell ringing locations will be at Petro and Leevers. Thank you!

Diapers and More: Baby Essential Drive—November 1-30. Healthy Families ND is non-profit home visiting program that supports prenatal families & families with young children. Many of the families served struggle with providing the necessities for their children.- Collecting donations of diapers, wipes, nursing bads, and breast milk storage bags for families in need in our community. Drop box here at Faith & Dacotah Bank. Thank you!



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: Gordon Reitan; Jill Pederson; Mary Ann Anderson; Peggy Scherling (Elaine Wall's niece); Jamie Bredeson; Melody Schram (Becky Kratz' aunt); Alan Black (Gloriann Gaarder's great-nephew); Anita Scholz; Maureen Walch; Verlynn Christianson; Don & Kathy Burke; Scott & Kay Stanford; Mackenzie Schram (Becky 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 invite you to join us Christmas Eve for our Candlelight Worship Service. We will be having 2 services, 3pm and 5pm. The service will include Holy Communion, Christmas Hymns, and Special Music.