*PRAYER 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 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 **“Let Us Break Bread Together”** ELW 471
“Shine, Jesus, Shine” ELW 671
“Come Now, O Prince of Peace” ELW 247
“You Are My All in All” (chorus) see screen

*BENEDICITON

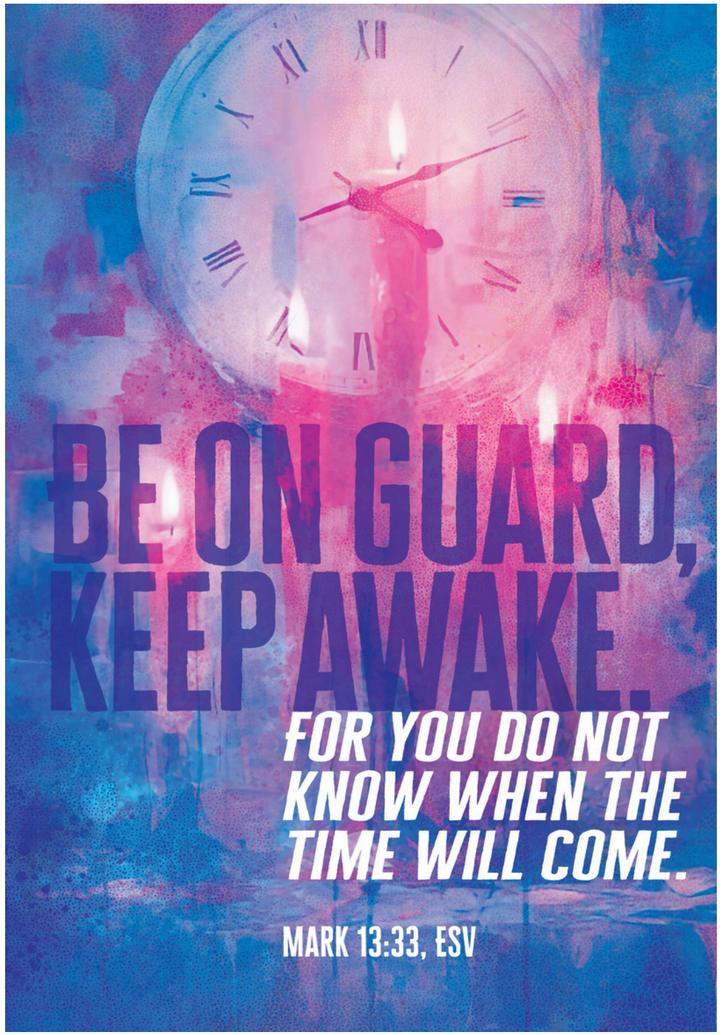
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

*SENDING SONG **“Soon and Very Soon”** ELW 439

*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
First Sunday in Advent November 29, 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.

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*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

We have come to celebrate the season of Adent with Jesus.
I have come to join Jesus for the season of Advent.
Let us prepare for the Prince of Peace.
I will prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace.
Let us open our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.
I have come to worship the Christ child.

*ADVENT SONG **"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"** vs 1 ELW 240
(Lighting of the Advent Candle)

*ADVENT LITANY

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. One candle shines as shadows lengthen and chaos roars - the dawn of God's kingdom in our midst.
Courage awakens in us, a spark to brighten the way.
Radiant flash and feeble flame break through; a long time coming yet unexpected.
Watching and waiting, we prepare him a room.
Christ is coming to make all things new, and we are opening to the Light.

*ADVENT SONG **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** vs 1,2 ELW 257

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord God, as we approach the end of the year, life seems so dreary and we feel so weary. We see the reality of hte world: hunger, poverty, loneliness, disease, emptiness and despair. Bust despite our best efforts, nothing seems to change. And we're ready to give up. Forgive us.

In this time of Advent, we pray that you would enable us to watch for signs of where you are trying to break through the tinsel and glitter we use to mask our pain. Help us to face reality with patience and hope instead of becoming indifferent to the world's evil. Empower us to prepare for Christ's coming by cleaning up the clutter of our lives and creating a welcoming space for your presence in our lives.

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

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The Christ child has looked with favor upon you and through the power of the Holy Spirit, you are a reborn child of God. Therefore, I declare to you: You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!
I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

SONG OF PRAISE **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** vs 3,4 ELW 257

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 64:1-9 (PB pg. 770- Old Testament)
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (please read responsively)
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (PB pg. 173 - New Testament)
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation **"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"** (acapella) see screen
The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord
Mark 13:24-37(PB pg. 51- New Testament)
The Gospel of the Lord - Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **"Christ, Be Our Light"** ELW 715

*APOSTLES' CREED ELW pg. 127

Serving Today

Greeter:	*Brooke Bopp*
Ushers:	*Cheryl Foell*
Lector:	*Brenda Bong*
Acolyte:	*Drew Kohler*
Coffee/Kitchen:	*Joan Noeske, Loree Morehouse, Cheryl Foell*
Keyboard & Vocals:	*Cyndi Hill*

Attendance

Attendance: 11/22 142 27+ online

Offering:	11/1	$4,715.00
	11/8	$13,434.00
	11/15	$3,680.00
	11/22	$4,878.00

Mission Plan monthly
$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: November 30-December 6, 2026

Monday, November 30
Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, December 1
10:30am – Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2
1:00pm – Quilters
3:15pm – Kids Club
6:30pm – Confirmation at OSLC

Thursday, December 3
Quilting Class

Friday, December 4
Quilting Class

Saturday, December 5
11am-4pm – VC BC Public Library Market Day

Sunday, December 6
9:30am – Worship Service
10:30am – Coffee Fellowship
10:45am – Sunday School - Program Practice
4:00pm – Valley Troubadours at Connect Church

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.

Sunday School Information – No Sunday School today, November 29. The kids will be practicing for their Christmas program **next Sunday, December 6, 10:30am-12pm. The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 13th during the 9:30am worship service.** We will have a Potluck Dinner afterwards at 11am. Bring a dish to share.



We would like to have about 15 poinsettias to adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. If you would like to purchase a plant for a suggested amount of $25 or bring a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the gathering area.

Thanks to your generous giving we received $386.75 for the noisy offering last Sunday! The noisy offering was for our Mission Christmas Fund.

"Church Merch" with our new logo is available now! The shirts/sweatshirts are on the table in the gathering area for you to see. To purchase fill out an order form and you can give it to Julie in the office or to Brenda Rohde. Make your checks payable to Brenda Rohde or you can venmo her. That info is on the order forms.

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!

Libraries are Sweet & Books are My Jam Market Day! Saturday, December 5th, 11am-4pm at Valley City Barnes County Public Library. Market Items – Jams & Jellies, Sweet Treats, Gift Items, Quilt Raffle (drawing at 4:30pm). All proceeds will support the VCBC Library Foundation's Brighten Up the Book Barn Project.

We are collection items for **SMP Health- St Raphael Gift Giving Stocking Stuffer Program.** Gift Suggestions: Gripper or Regular Socks, Sweatshirts or Casual Shirts, Casual Sweaters, Gift Cards to local restaurants, Postage Stamps, Large Print Word Search Books, Gloves, Warm Neck Scarves, Slippers, Monetary Donations for St. Raphael to use on Gift Certificates to the Gift Shop, Beauty Shop or Shopping Cart. A container is in the gathers area for you to place your unwrapped gifts.

The Valley Troubadours 2026 Sounds of the Season Annual Christmas Concert will be Sunday December 6 at 4pm at Valley City Connect Church with Special Guest – Enderlin Area Children's Choir. You can also see them perform Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30pm at SMP Health – St. Raphael and Monday, December 14 at 7pm at Barnes County Courthouse.



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.