OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”** 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 Hymns **“When Peace like a River”** ELW 785
“Blessed Assurance” ELW 638
“What Feast of Love” ELW 487
“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 **“Soon and Very Soon”** ELW 439

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



For when the **foolish** took their lamps,
they **took no oil** with them,
but the **wise** took
flasks of oil with their lamps.

Matthew 25:3-4

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-fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 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
Sing for the Lord a new song
For God has done marvelous things.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord
With joyous songs and praises.
Sound the trumpets and horns
Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

*GATHERING SONG **"Come, We That Love the Lord"** vs 1,2,4 ELW 625

CONFESSION OF SIN
Gracious Lord God, forgive us for clinging to what we know and is familiar instead of looking to you out of fear of something new.
Forgive us Oh Lord.
Gracious Lord God, forgive us for living in the fear we have of the future. Turn us to your light and assure us that you are our salvation.
Forgive us Oh Lord.
Gracious Lord God, call us again to step forward in faith and trust that you have the whole world in your hands.
We will trust in you, Oh Lord.

SONG OF MERCY **"We Come to the Hungry Feast"** vs 1,3 ELW 479

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS
Hear the Good News! God has given us everything we need and has called each of us to care and love the world. By the grace of God you are an accepted, forgiven and loved Child of God
I am an accepted, forgiven and loved Child of God.

*SONG OF PRAISE **"Great Is the Lord"** see screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)
Amos 5:18-24 (PB pg. 952 - Old Testament)
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 70 (please read responsively)
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (PB pg. 219 - New Testament)
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation **"Open Our Eyes"** see screen
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord
Matthew 25:1-13 (PB pg. 28 - 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

*APOSTLES' CREED ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Serving Today

Greeter: *Nixon Langemo*
Ushers: *Chloe Sayler, Natalie Meyer*
Lector: *Seth Auka*
Acolyte: *Harper Nathan*
Coffee/Kitchen: *Loree Morehouse, Larry H. Sayler, Larry E. Sayler*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*
Vocals: *Julie May*

Attendance

Attendance: 11/1 151 24+ online

Offering: 11/1 $4,715.00

Mission Plan monthly
$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: November 9-15, 2026

Monday, November 9
Pastor's Sabbath

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

Wednesday, November 11
Veteran's Day
No Kids Club or Confirmation
1:00pm – Quilters
3:30pm – WELCA Meets



Sunday, November 15
No Sunday School
9:30am – Worship Service
10:30pm – Coffee Fellowship
10:30pm – Fall Cleaning Day
10:30pm – December Service & Care Meeting
1:00pm – Murder Mystery Theater Fundraiser at TLC
4:00pm – Red Willow Ministries Annual Meeting

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.

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 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.

Christmas Program Practice begins today, November 8th! We hope your Sunday School children will be able to attend the practices. Wendi will be assigning speaking parts so she will need to know who will be here. **The program is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th.** Please note that there is no Sunday School Nov 15 due to church cleaning day and no Sunday School Nov 29 due to Thanksgiving break.

Fall Cleaning Sunday – Sunday, November 15 after worship service. Just like in the past, we will do the extra deep cleaning that can't be done during the regular weekly cleaning. Please wear your cleaning clothes to church and help clean after the service. The more help we have the faster we are done. We will be cleaning the sanctuary floor. Since there is floor heat under the flooring, we like to do this twice a year to keep it clean but not destroy the heating elements. Thank you to all the men who volunteer their time to help. It is a big undertaking but looks so nice when it is finished.

Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe—Sunday, November 8 at Trinity Lutheran, 10:30am-12:30pm. All free-will offering proceeds benefit Casa de Fe ("House of Faith)", an orphanage in Shell, Ecuador.

Third Annual Murder Mystery Theater - *"Murder is a Fine Art"* – Sunday, November 15 at 2pm at Trinity Lutheran. Enjoy an afternoon of suspense & dessert! Only YOU can crack the case! For reservations call 845-3837 or email: trinitylutheranvc@bektel.com by November 11. This free-will offering fundraiser benefits Trinity Youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis this summer.

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.

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: Jill Pederson; Mary Ann Anderson; 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 & 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 do have ear buds available for help 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.

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