

“FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD”

Lector: **Isaiah 61:1-3, 11** (PB p. 767 - Old Testament)

Response “**Jesus, Name Above All Names**” see screen

Lector: **John 1:19-23, 29-34** (PB pg. 94- New Testament)

CAROL “**Let Our Gladness Have No End**” ELW 291  
or “**In the Bleak Midwinter**” ELW 294

“FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD”

Leader: **Isaiah 6:1-8** (PB p. 704 - Old Testament)

Response “**Jesus, Name Above All Names**” see screen  
or “**O Come, All Ye Faithful**” refrain ELW 283

Leader: **Luke 1:26-35** (PB pg. 58- New Testament)

CAROL “**O Little Town of Bethlehem**” ELW 279  
or “**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**” ELW 276

\*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW pg. 127

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*LORD’S PRAYER ELW pg. 134

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY “**Peace Came to Earth**” ELW 285  
or “**Jesus, What a Wonderful Child**” ELW 297

BLESSING

Leader: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the everlasting peace of Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you now and forever.

People: Amen.

\*SENDING CAROL “**Go Tell It on the Mountain**” ELW 290

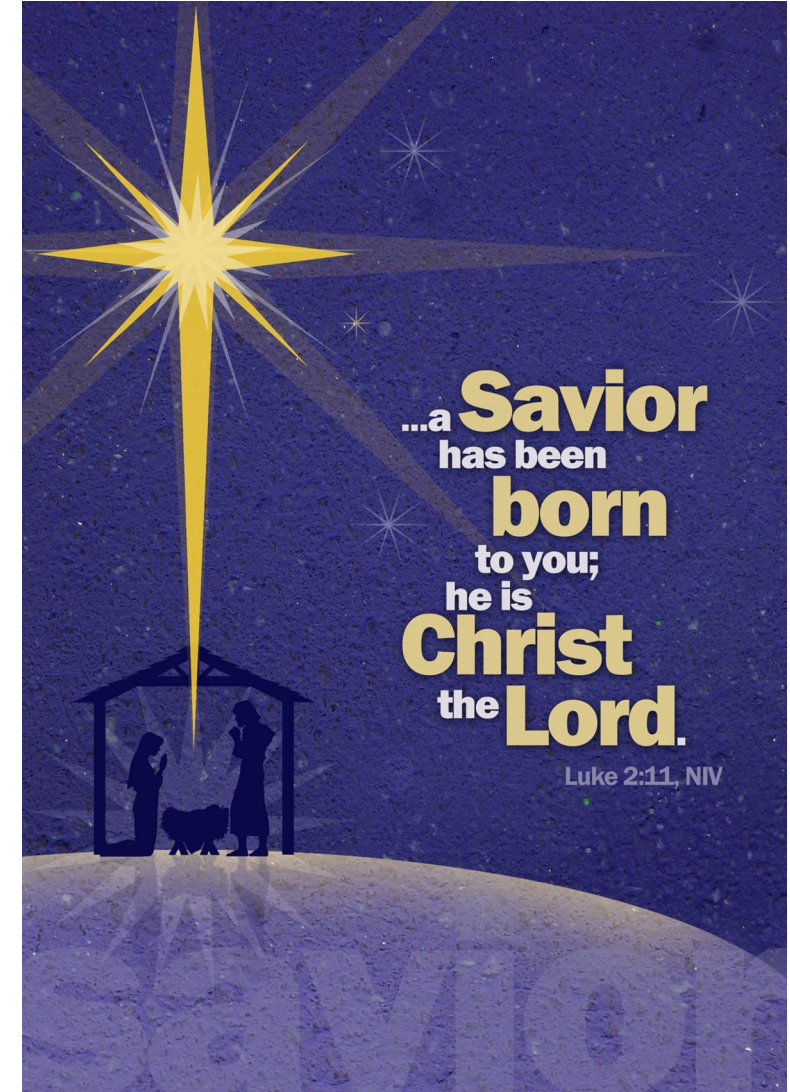
DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

***We Depart to Serve the Lord***



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Interim Pastor: *Jamie Desai*

Ministers in Daily Life: *People of God at Faith*

First Sunday of Christmas December 31, 2023

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. Please fill out a welcome card if you have changes: address, phone number, prayer request. Break off the bottom half to place in the offering plate; keep the top as a bookmark

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\*Indicates those who are able, please stand. (ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness

*Leader:* Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

**People: Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**

*Leader:* Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

**People: Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

*Leader:* The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

**People: Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

*Leader:* With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

*Leader:* In Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven.

May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens.

Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!

**People: Amen.**

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL      **"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**      ELW 275

\*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.**

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE      **"Angels We Have Heard on High"**      ELW 289

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**ALL: Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Lector: **Psalm 8**—please read responsively

O Lord our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**  
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

**human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than divine;

**with glory and honor you crown them.**

You have made them rule over the works of your hands;

**you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle,

**even the wild beasts of the field,**

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O Lord our Lord,

**How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN A **SAVIOR**, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD"

*Leader: Isaiah 12:2-6* (PB p. 711 - Old Testament)

Response      **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** refrain      ELW 283

*Leader:* The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 1st chapter

**People: Glory to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 1:18-21** (PB pg. 1 - New Testament)

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

CAROL      **"That Boy-Child of Mary"**      ELW 293

or **"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"**      ELW 272

### Serving Today

**Greeters/Ushers:** *Scott & Amy Tichy Family*  
**Lector:** *Martee Lunde*  
**Acolyte:** *Owen Tichy*  
**Kitchen:** *Scott & Amy Tichy Family*  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** *Cyndi Hill*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 12/24 44/227 167+ online

Offering: 12/3 \$5,540.00  
12/10 \$4,622.00  
12/17 \$8,620.00  
12/24 \$4,598.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

### The Week Ahead: January 1-7, 2024

#### Monday, January 1

Happy New Year!  
Office Closed

#### Tuesday, January 2

10:30am - Women's Bible Study  
1:30pm - Text Study

#### Wednesday, January 3

No Confirmation or Kids Club  
1:00pm - Quilters  
1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

#### Thursday, January 4

Quilting Class

#### Friday, January 5

Annual Reports Due!  
Quilting Class

#### Saturday, January 6

9:00am - Women's Craft Day

#### Sunday, January 7

9:30am - Worship Service  
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship  
10:45am - Sunday School  
Resumes

### 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.

Thank you Duane Larson for leading worship this morning! Pastor Jamie will be back in the office on January 2nd. We will not be livestreaming the service this morning.

Please take a moment to look over the bulletin. The congregation will be choosing between two hymns throughout the service today. Thank you for your participation.

**The office will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of the New Year.**



**The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 21st after ANNUAL MEETING worship.** The reports will be ready to be picked up on **Thursday, January 11th**. All reports for the annual report booklet need to be in to Julie by **Friday, January 5th**.

**There will be no Sunday School December 31. Sunday School will resume on January 7, 2024. No Confirmation or Kids this week, on January 3rd. Confirmation and Kids Club will resume on Wednesday, January 10.**



The 2024 offering envelopes are available for you to pick up. If you don't see your name and would like to receive envelopes please let Julie know and she will get them for you. Your contributions are recorded whether you use an envelope, give by checks or give online. We thank you for your continued financial support! Offering received will go on your 2023 end of year statement.

**Baptismal Keepsakes—Sunday, January 7.** All children who were baptized in 2023 will receive their baptismal keepsake at the 9:30am worship service. The keepsakes will be personalized with their names and baptismal dates as a reminder of this special step in their Christian walk of faith.

The Jr/Sr High Youth thank everyone who purchased a bells ornament for the Celebration of Life Tree in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please don't forget to take your doves home.

**The 2024 Daily Texts Devotional Books** are here! The cost of each book is \$11.95. The books are on the table by Julie's office in the gathering area.

Members of Faith Lutheran Church,

The current FLC council has approved the below constitution changes to be presented for a congregational vote at our January 2024 annual meeting. Please review and reach out to any current council members with questions or comments. **See you at the annual meeting Sunday, January 21st.**

**Change #1**

Article IX—\*Section 1

**Original:** The church council shall consist of the pastor or pastors and nine (9) elected members.

**Revised:** The church council shall consist of the pastor or pastors and seven (7) elected members.

**Change #2**

Article VIII—Section 4

**Original:** Their tenure shall be so arranged that one third of the terms expire annually.

**Revised:** Their tenure shall be so arranged that no more than three terms expire annually.



**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**SMP Health - St. Raphael:**—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Mark Hill; Mavis Johnson; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Laurette Zachrison.

**Hospitalized:** Mary Ann Anderson (Mayville Hospital)

**General Prayer List:**—Mike Brand; Heath Webber; Sue Olson; Christl Durand (Tami Kratz' sister); Doreen Vangerud; Dave Heley (Shawn Ranisate's stepfather); Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson's brother-in-law); Dan & Bea Faust; Sandy Mulvaney; Doug Altringer; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Lori Hill (Tami Kratz's sister); Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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**Jesus, Name Above All Names**

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Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord

Emmanuel, God is with us

Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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