



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**

309 Fourth Street Northeast  
Valley City, North Dakota

*Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai*

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost      November 12, 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 and a reminder of worship times.

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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, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all those who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad.

**Let all those who love the Lord say, *God is great!***

Let all those who are poor and needy find help without delay.

**Let all who rejoice in the Lord find justice and peace.**

Let all those who wait upon the Lord, wait with patience.

**Let all those who keep awake rejoice in the Lord.**

\*GATHERING SONG

**“All Are Welcome”**

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CONFESSION OF SIN

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

We have not loved you with our whole hearts.

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

**We have neglected those who need your love the most.**

We have neglected the gifts of your creation.

**We have destroyed your beauty out of ignorance and greed.**

We have failed to respond to your call to do justice.

**We have chosen to seek comfort for ourselves.**

Grant to us Oh Lord your mercy, forgiveness and everlasting peace.

SONG OF MERCY

**“Bring Your Mercy”**

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The God of acceptance, forgiveness and love, through his Son Jesus Christ has made you an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

**I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!**

SONG OF PRAISE

**“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”**

ELW 523

\*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

**“Seek Ye First”**

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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

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”** vs 1,2

ELW 686

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 Hymns:

**“When Peace like a River”**

ELW 785

**“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

ELW 759

**“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”**

ELW 461

**You Are My All in All”** (chorus)

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\*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

**“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”**

ELW 535

\*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeter:** *Joan Noeske*  
**Ushers:** *Jack & Val Moritz*  
**Lector:** *Taylor Yanish*  
**Kitchen:** *Kayla Holm, Bonnie Kramer, Kathy Holm*  
**Acolyte:** *Ellie Altringer*  
**Keyboard:** *Amy Johnson*  
**Vocals:** *Julie May*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 11/5 136 103+ online

Offering: 11/5 \$7,470.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

### The Week Ahead: November 13-19, 2023

#### Monday, November 13

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, November 14

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:15pm - Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 15

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

3:30pm - WELCA Meets

6:30pm - Confirmation

at Our Savior's

#### Thursday, November 16

5:30pm - Thanksgiving Baskets  
Preparations

#### Friday, November 17

5:00pm-6:30pm - Thanksgiving

Baskets Pick up/Deliveries

6:45pm - Jr/Sr High Youth -

Movie & Pizza

#### Saturday, November 18

8:00am - Men's Group Meets

#### Sunday, November 19

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Noisy Offering - Mission

Christmas

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

4:00pm - Community

Thanksgiving Service at

UCC Congregational Church

### Announcements

Stop in the fellowship hall for a cup of coffee or juice and a treat served at 10:30am following worship. We enjoy visiting with each other each week.



**A reminder: NO Sunday School this morning due to the long weekend for Veteran's Day.**



Throughout November the Mission Team will be collecting **new socks** of any size to be donated to APOC (Abused Person Outreach Center) as well as **winter gloves/mittens and caps** for the elementary schools.

A collection container is under the table in the gathering area.

### **Community Thanksgiving Baskets Event—THIS WEEK!**

The baskets will be filled **Thursday, November 16 at 5:30pm.**

**Friday, November 17** deliveries will begin at **5pm** and pick-ups will **begin at 5:30pm** here at Faith. A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering area if you would like to help either day or both. We do appreciate your monetary support for this event. You may enclose your donation in one of the donation envelopes and mark it Thanksgiving Baskets and put it in the offering plate, drop it by the office or mail it to Faith. You may also give online on our website: [www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org). Under the Online Giving Tab is a choice for Thanksgiving Baskets. Volunteers are an important part of this project. We are grateful to all who give of their time, talents and monetary gifts so others may enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with their families.



**Next Sunday, November 19th** the Third Graders will receive their first reader Bible and a Blessing during worship.

**Noisy Offering—Next Sunday, November 19th** 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. We will collect a noisy offering on the third Sunday of each month. Your loose change and dollar bills make a difference! We are thankful for your generous giving.

**Community Thanksgiving Service**—Everyone is welcome to attend the annual Community Thanksgiving Service offered by the Barnes County Ministerial. It will be held on **Sunday, November 19th at 4pm** at the UCC Congregational Church. In kind offerings of canned goods and monetary donations for the Barnes County Food Pantry will be accepted.



**Christmas Family Giving Tree**—The Mission Team will have the tree set up with local families info for Christmas presents. Each person will receive 2 gifts. The gifts need to be returned **by December 17**. A box to collect items for SMP Health - St. Raphael will also be set up. The items we will be collecting for the residents are men's socks/gripper socks, men's undershirts, sweatpants, sweaters/cardigans and of course candy. Items for SMP Health-St. Raphael will need to be here by **December 17th**. They will have the Christmas Giving Tree set up **November 26 and December 3 & 10**. Thank you for your generous giving.

**Bake, Lefse & Quilt Sale—Saturday, November 18, 8:30-11am at Our Savior's.** Bread, Candies, Goodies of all kind! Come Do Your Thanksgiving Baking! Coffee, juice and rolls will be served. Proceeds to benefit designated WELCA Missions.



## LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

**General Prayer List:**—Sue Olson; Christl Durand (Tami Kratz' sister); Paul & 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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