



TEACH US
TO COUNT OUR
DAYS THAT WE
MAY GAIN A
WISE HEART.

PSALM 90:12, NRSV

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-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 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.

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

Prelude

YouTube

Welcome and Announcements

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come join us for worship today.

We come in the name of the Maker, the Savior and the Spirit.

Come one and all, old and young to join the journey of Jesus.

We come young and old to join in the journey of Jesus today.

Let us walk together with Jesus to serve our neighbors.

We will walk together with Jesus to serve our neighbors.

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

Gracious Lord God,

We desire to be the people you created us to be. We celebrate the glory and power revealed to us in Jesus Christ. But we confess we have been unwilling to take on the responsibilities that come with serving you by your presence in the world. Forgive us for being afraid to trust in Your Spirit to lead us into the places and to the people you have called us to serve.

SONG OF MERCY

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

ELW 752

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The Spirit of God has come to show us the Way for every day. God has called us through our ordinary days and in our ordinary ways to be messengers of hope to the world. Therefore, accept your God given responsibilities as an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and gracious heavenly Father, **this morning we thank You for Your gracious love and for Your Holy Word. We thank You for those who today have received their Bibles. Bless the adults who gave them, and the children who received them. Speak Your Word to them, so that they may know the promise of Your love, trust the goodness of Your grace, follow the ways that leads from darkness into light, and live as Your children, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN SING

♪♪ **“Peace Like a River”** ♪♪

CHILDREN’S WORD

Noisy Offering—Mission Christmas

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (PB pg. 978 - Old Testament)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 90:1-8, 12 (please read responsively)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (PB pg. 219 - New Testament)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

“Hear Our Prayer”

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 26:6-13 (PB pg. 30 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”** ELW 817

*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Praise and Thanksgiving”** vs 1

ELW 689

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:

You Are My All in All” (chorus)

YouTube Songs

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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

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW 537

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: Gavin Welken
Ushers: Natalie & Clint Meyer Family
Lector: Nancy Ost
Kitchen: Sandy Mulvaney, Erin Metcalf, Paulette Everson
Acolyte: Addy Gerhardt
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 11/12 87 91+ online

Offering: 11/5 \$7,470.00
11/12 \$3,842.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: November 20-26, 2023

Monday, November 20

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, November 21

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, November 22

No Activities

Thursday, November 23

Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

No Sunday School

9:30am - Worship Service w/Baptism

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship



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.



Sunday School Information—The kids will be practicing for their Christmas Program during their Sunday School time. **No Sunday School next Sunday, November 26th** for the Thanksgiving long weekend. **The Children's Christmas Program will be December 17th** following worship at 10:45am. We will have our potluck dinner after the program.

Noisy Offering—Today we will be receiving a noisy offering for the **Mission Christmas Fund**. The Mission Christmas Fund will be used in December to provide gift cards from local businesses to those who could use them due to illness or other circumstances. 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 this afternoon, **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.

No church activities this Wednesday, November 22. The office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Through 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.



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.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing will begin on Tuesday, November 21 and continue through Saturday, December 23, 10am-6pm. The kettles will be set up at Leever's Food and Petro Serve USA (top of the hill on 8th Ave SW).

The bell ringing is in 1 hour shifts. If you are interested in ringing the bells please call Naomi at 701-541-1418 or Lenora at 840-1357.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

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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Christmas Eve Worship Services

Christmas Eve morning worship service will be at 9:30am.

Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at 4:00pm.