

Thanksgiving Eve

November 26th, 2025

Order of Worship – 6:30pm

Welcome
Confession & Forgiveness
Gathering Song “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ELW #693
Greeting
Kyrie & Hymn of Praise ELW Setting 3 ELW #138
Prayer of the Day
Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 (NRSV)
Psalm Psalm 100 (NRSV)
Gospel Acclamation “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” ELW #461
Gospel Reading John 6: 25-35(NRSV)
Sermon **Not Just Stuffing** **Pastor Sue**
Offering “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” ELW #843
Offertory Prayer
Prayers of the People
Holy Communion “Lamb of God” ELW Setting 3 ELW pg. 146
 “For the Fruit of All Creation” ELW #679
 “Praise and Thanksgiving” ELW #689
Post-Communion Prayer
Blessing
Sending Song “Now Thank We All Our God” ELW #840
Pastor: Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.
 The readings for November 30th – 1st Sunday of Advent will be from
 Romans 13: 11-14 (NRSV) & Matthew 24: 36-44 (NRSV)
Please join us following the service for fellowship and a pie social!



Thanks to your generosity, the Noisy Offering collected today & the past 2 Sundays will go to the Great Plains Food Bank. The offering collected Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14th will go to the Lutheran Disaster Response for Jamaica. Thank you!

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

Dates: November 16 – November 23

Last Week **Month to date**

Attend: 173 600

Care & Share Offerings for November 2025 go to the
 FM Emergency Food Pantry

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK of November 26th – November 30th, 2025

Thursday **Happy Thanksgiving!**
 Church Office Closed
 Friday Church Office Closed
 Sunday 9:00am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
 No Launch Sunday School
 11:00am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion



We are so happy you are with us today! If you are visitor, please stop by the Welcome Desk after worship & look for me. We have a gift for you.

Memory Café schedule for November 2025

Nov. 26th – 9:30am Life After Loss Support Group

1:00pm Caregiver Café Support Group

Both at Linger, Laugh & Learn Center, 1122 1st Ave. N Fargo

Dec. 3rd – 7th Annual Intergenerational Community Service Project: '90 Blankets in 90 Minutes' Hope Lutheran South Campus

The Arts & Environment Team are looking for 10 people to help put up Christmas decorations on Friday, Nov. 28th from 2pm – 5pm. Please contact Bill Fradet if you can help. Thank you!

Sanford Hospice invites our congregation & community to a Blue Christmas

Service on Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 5:30pm in the James Carlson Public Library Community Room, 2801 32nd Avenue South, Fargo. This will be a gentle, reflective gathering that honors the reality that Christmas can be both beautiful & bittersweet. This service offers a quiet space for remembrance, hope & healing.

The Kings Men monthly breakfast at Deaner's Diner on Thanksgiving Day in November & on Christmas Day in December. See you in January!

Advent Meals will be served beginning Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 5:30-6:15pm. There will be a freewill offering. The menu is Taco in a Bag.

Please check out the donation board in the Narthex by the information desk & choose what you would like to donate. Donations should be brought to the church by the Monday prior to the Wednesday service. Offerings will be saved for upcoming faith & trip experiences for our Youth! It's also a great learning experience for our youth to sharpen their work & people skills & serve their church community. Please contact Marean Kramer, Faith Formation Director with any questions at 701.369.2464 or mkramer@growinfaith.org

There will be 1 service on Sunday morning, Dec. 21st at 10am. Launch Sunday School will present their Christmas program & the choir will sing. The service will be followed by fellowship with Christmas goodies in the Narthex.

Worship Assistants: 6:30pm

Ushers: Theresa Johnson Marcia Kenyon Cathy Meyer Brityni Wyum

Communion Assistants: Shawn Borud-Tweiten Bonnie Swanson

Greeters: Shawn Borud-Tweiten Bonnie Swanson

Cantor: Jolanda Anderson

Hospitalized or needing a Pastoral Visit: If you or a family member has been hospitalized, please contact Pastor Sue.

Prayer Concerns: If you or a family would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office.

All are Welcome for a time of fellowship & study at the Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study. The study meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

You are welcome to join family Launch Sunday School today at 10am in the Fellowship Hall & Wednesday at 7:00pm for COMPASS confirmation. Programs are FREE & open to all! We have plenty of room for more families. Contact Maren Kramer for more information. The links to register are below.

Launch QR



Compass QR



99th Annual Concordia Christmas Concert tickets are on sale! Experience the region's grandest musical tradition performed by nearly 350 student musicians. "Welcome All Wonders!" will feature 3 choirs & a 90-piece symphony orchestra & will be performed in front of a magnificent 140'-wide mural. Concert dates are Dec. 5, 6 & 7. For tickets, visit concordiachristmas.com

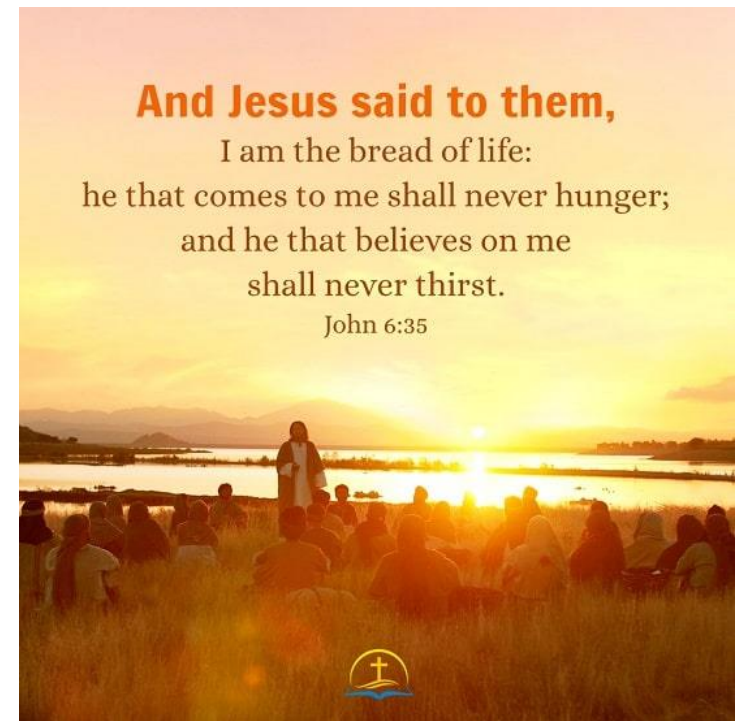
We are in for a real treat this Christmas season! We are hosting 2 Christmas Concerts that are a must see!

Saturday, Dec. 13 at 4pm – Fargo Moorhead Gay's Men's Chorus will present "Peace on Earth". The concert will be followed by a free will dinner of foods from around the world.

Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3pm – Dakota Vocal Union will be presenting a "Community Christmas Concert. Goodies will be served following the concert. Please plan to join!

We will be holding a **Blue Christmas Service at 6:30pm on Sunday, Dec. 21st.** Not everyone feels hopeful or likes celebrating during the Advent & Christmas season. This service may provide a time & place of solace surrounded by a loving & caring community.

Volunteers are needed for upcoming Advent & Christmas services. If you are able to assist, please talk to Jane Whaley. All ages are welcome & encouraged to participate.



Faith Journey Lutheran Church

Thursday November 26th, 2025

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6:30pm

WIFI Guest: Faith-Guest

Password: FaithJourney

Ministers: All members of Faith Journey Lutheran Church

Pastor: Sue Koesterman - skoesterman@growinfaith.org

Parish Business Manager: Katie Berg - kberg@growinfaith.org

Faith Formation Director: Maren Kramer - mkramer@growinfaith.org

Executive Asst. for Finance & HR: Heather Reimer - hreimer@growinfaith.org

Creative Worship Coordinator: Jane Whaley - jwhaley@growinfaith.org

Contemporary Worship Coordinator: Jamie Thompson

Church Council President: Ali Farstad - Olson

Worship Sunday 9:00am Traditional (September – May)

11:00am Contemporary (September – May)

10:00am - Rotating Traditional & Contemporary May - August

Launch Family Sunday School for 4 years - Grade 5

Sunday, 10:00am - Fellowship Hall (During the school year)

Compass Confirmation for Grades 6 - 8

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - Worship Center (During the school year)

Find us on our Website: www.growinfaith.org

Instagram: [faithjourneyWF](https://www.instagram.com/faithjourneyWF)

Facebook: [faithjourneyWF](https://www.facebook.com/faithjourneyWF)

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