



“Blessed is the one
who comes in the name
of the Lord.”

LUKE 13:35, 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

Third Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025

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

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, join the journey of Jesus today!

We come in our different ways, walking in our own styles, at our own speeds. But we come to join the journey.

Come, walk into the truth of who you are and who God is. Walk the way with Jesus into real life, as he listens and learns, tells and teaches, as he laughs and cries, as he lives and dies. Come, walk with the God who is the Way, the Truth, the Life.

We have come to join the journey of Jesus today!

*GATHERING SONG **"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"** vs 1,2,4 ELW 596

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW pg. 95

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry**

and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW 838

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, **in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all people into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (PB pg. 73 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 27 (please read responsively)

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (PB pg. 206 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Wait for the Lord”

ELW 262

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 13:31-35 (PB pg. 78 - New Testament)

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

MESSAGE

Scott Johnson

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

ELW 325

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW 185

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*BLESSING

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

*SENDING SONG **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”** vs 1,3,5

ELW 344

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

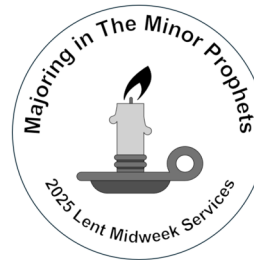
Announcements

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 Scott Johnson for leading worship today, March 16th. Pastor Jamie is gone this weekend and will be back in the office on Tuesday, March 18th.

No Sunday School today, March 16th since this is a long weekend for the public schools. The Sunday School children will be singing during church on **Sunday, March 23rd**.



Lenten Services—Throughout Lent we will serve a freewill offering meal **5:30-6:15pm**. Lenten services will be at **6:30pm**. This year's theme is **“Majoring in the Minor Prophets”**. Each week the local ELCA pastors will rotate to a different church. Holy Week each of the pastors will be at their home church. The pastors participating are Pr. Jamie, Pr Nicholas (Our Savior's), Pr Diane (Trinity) and Pr Rich (Our Savior's), We look forward to worshipping together. Pr. Diane will be here Wednesday, March 19.



French Toast Brunch Fundraiser—Sunday March 23. Faith Lutheran Men's Group will be serving their annual French Toast and Sausage Brunch. They will be serving 9:30am-12:30pm. This is Freewill Offering with the proceeds, after expenses, given to the General Fund at Faith Lutheran to be used for church expenses. We invite the members of our congregation and the community to enjoy the meal and help support Faith Lutheran.

Serving Today

Greeters: *Seth Auka*
Ushers: *Greg & Sarah Friestad*
Lector: *Brenda Bong*
Acolyte: *Ellie Altringer*
Coffee: *Mikkal & Wanda Auka,*
Greg & Sarah Friestad, Seth Auka
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 3/9 81 28 + online
 3/12 (Lent) 66
 Offering: 3/2 \$5,130.00
 3/9 \$5,269.00
 Mission Plan monthly
 \$23,577.58

The Week Ahead: March 17-23, 2025

<p><u>Monday, March 17</u> Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 18</u> 10:30am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Text Study</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 19</u> 1:00pm - Quilters 3:15pm - Kids Club 5:30pm - Lenten Meal 6:30pm - Lenten Service</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 22</u> 8:00pm - Men's Group Meets</p>	<p><u>Sunday, March 23</u> Noisy Offering - Bridges Backpack Program Sunday School Children Sing 9:30am-12:30pm - French Toast Brunch 9:30am - Worship Service 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30am - April Service & Care Meeting 10:45am - Sunday School</p>
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Next Sunday, March 23 we will be receiving a **noisy offering for the Bridges Backpack Program**. This program helps with food-insecurity of our children. It provides food for a child to bring home and eat over the weekend. The kids will be bringing around their pails during the Children's Message. If you would like to give a donation anytime throughout the year, make your check payable to Bridges Backpack Program. Mail it to Bridges Backpack Program, 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072. Thank you for your generous giving!



WELCA will be collecting items for **Personal Health Kits** for Lutheran World Relief through Lent.

Items for the health kits are:

1 - **light weight bath towel** (between 20"x40" and 52"x27")

1 - **adult size toothbrush** in it's original packaging*

1 - **metal fingernail clipper**, remove packaging

1 - **sturdy comb**, remove packaging

2 or 3 **bath-size bars of soap**, 8 or 9 oz in original wrapping

*Multi-pack Toothbrushes may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap. A container is in the gathering area for these items.



First Communion—We invite children in **2nd grade & up** who have not received communion and whose parents would like them to receive Holy Communion to attend the session, **April 6th at 10:45am** (during Sunday School time) to prepare and welcome them to Christ's table and understand the gifts and meaning of Holy Communion. Parents decide if you would like your child to attend. An adult needs to attend the child to the session. A letter was mailed out to families with information, if you have a child you would like to have 1st Communion and didn't receive a letter please let the office know.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—Amanda Spencer (Karen Nitschke's granddaughter); Sandy Mulvaney; Scott Stanford; Mike Schmidt; Bob Green; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Jan Leuer (Bernie Mortenson's sister); Alan Scherling (Elaine Wall's nephew); Nancy Knutson; Jesse Archambeau (Karen Nitschke's nephew); Sandi Pollock; Kay Stanford; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen's mother); Bea Faust; Verna Anderson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Sue Olson; Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson's brother-in-law); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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