



THIS
IS MY
beloved
SON;
hear him.

Luke 9:35, KJV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

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Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Transfiguration of Our Lord March 2, 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 Jesus today on his transfiguration.

We have come this morning in hopes of being transformed by God.

Come walk with Jesus who Is The Way, The Truth and The Life.

We have come to join the journey of Jesus today.

Come all you people and join the journey of Jesus today.

*GATHERING SONG

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW 671

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious Lord God, Your life and death hold up a mirror to our own weakness and sin. This morning we have gathered here together as people who have messed up and turned away from you. Forgive us, O Lord.

Gracious Lord God, we want to be your followers, but just like your first disciples we fall asleep or fall away. We deny you or betray you or abandon you. We are afraid of what taking up your cross to follow you may mean for our lives. Forgive us, O Lord.

SONG OF MERCY

“Mercy”

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have been transformed and adopted into the family of God. You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”** ELW 815

LITANY OF BOLDNESS Leona McPherson

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, **mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ, our 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)

Exodus 34:29-35 (PB pg. 89 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 99 (please read responsively)

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (PB pg. 190 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Beautiful Savior”** vs 1,3 ELW 838

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 9:28-36 (PB pg. 71 - 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 **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”** vs 1

ELW 631

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 Music

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW 537

*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Okay we will!**

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers: *Dean & Amy Pederson Family*
Lector: *Taylor Yanish*
Acolyte: *Grady Samuelson*
Coffee: *Dean & Amy Pederson Family*
Keyboard: *Amy Johnson*
Vocals: *Julie May*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 2/23 110 no live-stream

Offering: 2/2 \$3,010.00
2/9 \$5,053.00
2/16 \$3,195.00
2/23 \$9,077.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$23,577.58

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.



Today, March 2, we celebrate **Bold Women's Day**. As Women of the ELCA we're all about acting boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ. And at least once a year we celebrate that boldness, whether it's a quiet and persistent bold or a loud and brash bold. Thank you Leona McPherson for leading today's Bold Women's Litany.



Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 5th!

A simple meal will be served 5:30-6:15pm. This is freewill donation. Our service will be at 6:30pm.

Ash Wednesday service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

The Week Ahead: March 3-9, 2025

Monday, March 3

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, March 4

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Kids Club

5:30pm - Lenten Meal

6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service

w/Imposition of Ashes
& Holy Communion

Sunday, March 9

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School



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"**. The local ELCA pastors are leading the services in a round robin style.

Each week the 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 worshiping together. We will be live-streaming the Lenten services on our Facebook page.

Lenten Meals—We thank the groups of people who have signed up to make and serve a simple meal for the Wednesday Lenten meals. Thank you for your willingness to serve! We will serve **5:30-6:15pm** each Wednesday during Lent and Maundy Thursday.



Don't forget to change your clocks 1 hour ahead Saturday, March 8. Daylight savings time begins!

Thanks to your generosity we were able to bring 59 pairs of pajamas and 25 fleece tied blankets to Project Ignite Light! Thank you for your donations of pajamas and fleece. Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparation and tying of the blankets last Sunday! It was a fun event that all ages enjoyed doing together.



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.



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.



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:—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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Thrivent Choice Dollars @ —Thrivent Financial members the deadline to direct your 2024 Choice Dollars expires on **March 31st**. Go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 to make your choices for your Choice Dollars. Thank you everyone who designates their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran! In 2024 Faith Lutheran received \$1,336.

We do have Equal Exchange candy bars available for you to purchase for \$5 each. We have 55% Cacao Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch w/Sea Salt; 65% Cacao Dark Chocolate Infused Orange; 55% Cacao Dark Chocolate Almond & Sea Salt; 43% Cacao Classic Milk Chocolate. They are located on the table under the mirror. You can give your money to Julie in the office.