



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

First Sunday in Lent March 9, 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

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

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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 **"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"** vs 1,2 ELW 588

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 **“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”** ELW 857

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, **heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through 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)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (PB pg. 200 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16 (please read responsively)

Romans 10:8b-13 (PB pg. 167 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Be Not Afraid”** see screen

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 4:1-13 (PB pg. 62 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”** ELW 596

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the one who comes before us and goes behind us, creating life and opportunities to love and care for the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ who walks with us into real life each day. He is God, yet human like us an experienced all life’s joys and pains and challenges like we do. But his love is so great that not sin nor suffering nor even death could stop it.

Today the love of Jesus lives and continues to bring new life to the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit who comes like the wind and blows in and through us to bring God's power and light to all the world. The Spirit breaths life into us, the body of Christ we call the church, and enables us to follow the way of Christ. We believe in God, who goes before and behind, with, in and through us, bringing hope and life and newness to the world.

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW 185

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

“Thy Holy Wings”

ELW 613

“Here Is Bread”

ELW 483

“On Eagle's Wings”

ELW 787

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

see screen

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW 768

Serving Today

Greeters: *Lara Mairs, Jenna Mairs*
Ushers: *Troy & Jodi Miller*
Lector: *Mary Johnson*
Acolyte: *Teagan Klevgaard*
Coffee: *Troy & Jodi Miller, Lara Mairs, Jenna Mairs, Scott & Amy Johnson*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 3/2 92 36+ online
 3/5 (Ash Wednesday) 132
 Offering: 3/2 \$5,130.00
 Mission Plan monthly
 \$23,577.58

The Week Ahead: March 10-16, 2025

Monday, March 10

Pastor's Sabbath
 St Patrick's Day

Tuesday, March 11

10:30am - Women's Bible Study
 1:30pm - Text Study
 5:30pm - Mission Team Meets

Wednesday, March 12

1:00pm - Quilters
 3:15pm - Kids Club
 3:30pm - WELCA Meets
 5:30pm - Council Meets
 5:30pm - Lenten Meal
 6:30pm - Lenten Service

Sunday, March 16

No Sunday School
 9:30am - Worship Service
 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. It is good to enjoy each other's company and conversation.



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. 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.



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.



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.

No Sunday School next Sunday, March 16th since this is a long weekend for the public schools.



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 will be mailed out to families with information next week.

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; 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.



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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