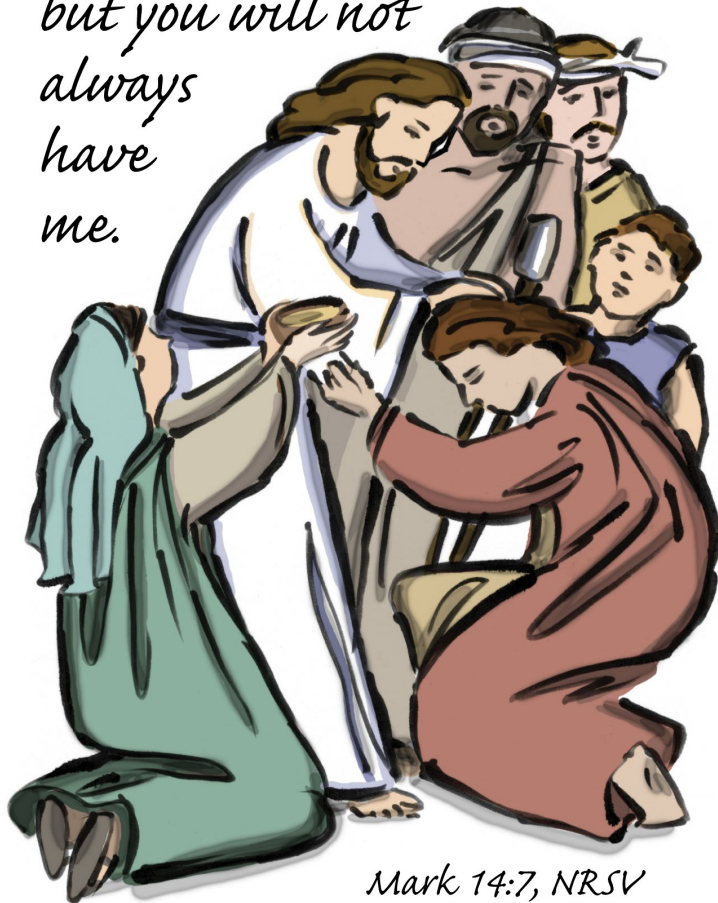


*You always have
the poor with you ...
but you will not
always
have
me.*



Mark 14:7, 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

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 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 to the cross.

We come to join Jesus as he journeys to the cross.

Come join the One who is the resurrection and the life.

We have come to join the One who raises the dead to new life.

Come join the journey of Jesus to the cross.

*GATHERING SONG

"Gather Us In" vs 1,3

ELW 532

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord God, **we acknowledge before you our need for your mercy upon us.**

Merciful God, **we admit to you our faults and failings. Too often we do not trust in your words and promises that bring us hope and life.**

Gracious Lord, **we take for ourselves instead of sharing with others, we spoil instead of stewarding your creation, we choose fear over compassion, death over life.**

Loving God, **forgive us, renew us and lead us, lead us from death to life as we follow you.**

SONG OF MERCY

"Restore in Us, O God" vs 1,3

ELW 328

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Though we fall short of the glory of God through the life, death and resurrection

of Jesus Christ, God has given us new life and declares to us; You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

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

*SONG OF PRAISE **“Take My Life, That I May Be”** vs 1,2,4 ELW 583

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, **you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (**PB**- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 43:16-21 (PB pg. 746 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 126 (please read responsively)

Philippians 3:4b-14 (PB pg. 211 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Seek Ye First”** see screen

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 12:1-8 (PB pg. 109 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Here I Am, Lord”** ELW 574

*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY “**Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**” vs 1,3 ELW 712

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: “**Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**” ELW 335
“**Just a Closer Walk with Thee**” ELW 697
“**You Are My All in All**” (chorus) see screen

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

*SENDING SONG “**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**” ELW 543

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

POSTLUDE *We depart to serve the Lord*

Serving Today

Ushers: Carol Smith, Elise Miller
Lector: Kylie Van Bruggen
Acolyte: Halle Welken
Kitchen: Carol Smith, Brian & Georgia Welken, Emily Thompson
Keyboard: Amy Johnson

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 3/30 133 46+ online
4/2 (Lent) cancelled due to weather
Offering: 3/2 \$5,130.00
3/9 \$5,269.00
3/16 \$4,230.00
3/23 \$3,621.00
3/30 \$4,953.07
Mission Plan monthly
\$23,577.58

The Week Ahead: April 7-13, 2025

<u>Monday, April 7</u> Pastor's Sabbath	<u>Saturday, April 12</u> 11:00am-1:00pm - Grateful Gathering at RWBC
<u>Tuesday, April 8</u> 10:30am - Women's Bible Study 1:30pm - Text Study 5:30pm - Mission Team Meets	<u>Sunday, April 13</u> Palm Sunday SS Children Process w/Palms Noisy Offering—School Lunch Program
<u>Wednesday, April 9</u> No Kids Club 1:00pm - Quilters 3:30pm - WELCA Meets 3:30pm - 1st Communion Kids Paint Their Chalices 5:30pm - Lenten Meal 6:30pm - Lenten Service	9:30am - Worship Service 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship 10:45am - Sunday School 11:30am - Easter Egg Hunt

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"**. We look forward to worshipping together. Pr. Jamie will be here Wednesday, April 9.



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, **today, 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. An adult needs to attend the child to the session.

Noisy Offering—**Next Sunday, April 13** we will be receiving a noisy offering for the School Lunch Program. The children will be coming around with their buckets during the Children's Word to collect your loose change and dollar bills. Your loose change and dollar bills make a difference! We are thankful for your generous giving.



We will be having an **Easter Egg Hunt** at the end of Sunday School on **Palm Sunday, April 13**. If you would like to bring bags of **wrapped candy** for the Easter eggs you can drop them by Julie's office or leave in the workroom. Thank you!



We will be adorning our altar with **Easter Lilies** on Easter Sunday—If you would like to contribute a cash donation (suggested \$20 donation) towards their purchase in memory or

in honor of a loved one, a sign up sheet is in the gathering area. We will put the names of your loved ones in the Easter bulletin. Other plants and flowers are very welcome in our Easter garden.

WELCA Spring Roundup—Saturday, April 26, at Stump Lake Village south of Lakota, ND, 9am-3pm. No registration fee. Cost of meal and refreshments is \$20. Register on the website: <https://eandwelca.net> or call Jeanne Wobbema, 701-230-8745.

A bus is being arranged for Trinity, Our Savior's & Faith. If you would like to go on the bus, the cost will be \$30 per person. Sign up now!

Celebration Cake Box Mission—

The Mission Committee will be collecting items for Celebration Cake Boxes. Each Celebration Cake Box includes the supplies to make a cake. Since not everyone may have oil or eggs on hand, a can of lemon-lime soda (7-up) will be the substitute. (It really works!). If you would like to contribute one or some items to this mission, here are supplies needed:



*Cake Mix *12oz can lemon-lime type soda (7-up or similar)

*Can of ready to use frosting (w/sprinkles on top of can)

At the end of April the celebration cake boxes will be put together and provided to the BC Food Pantry.

Grace Free Lutheran WMF invites all ladies to **A Ladies Soireè** on **Friday, April 11**. A light Collation of Garden Fare (Assortment of Salads) will be served at **5:30pm** followed by a program at **7pm** featuring SueAnn Berntson as she teaches the Biblical model of worship music through **The Romance of Sacred Song**.



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:—Don Burke; 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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Holy Week Schedule:

April 13—Palm Sunday - Sunday School kids process in with palms & will sing at **9:30am** service.

10:45am—Easter Egg Hunt for Kids 6th Graders & under.

April 17—Maundy Thursday—1st Communion received at 6:30pm service.

April 18—Good Friday—Service at **6:30pm**.

Community Good Friday Service is at **12pm** at Our Savior's.

April 20—Easter Sunday—Service at **9:30am**.