

**¶ THIS IS MY BELOVED
SON, WITH WHOM I
AM WELL PLEASED;**

*listen
to Him!"*

MATTHEW 17:5, NASB

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
Transfiguration of Our Lord February 15, 2026
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

*CONFESSON 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

“God Is So Good”

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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

“You Are Holy”

ELW 525

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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 WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Exodus 24:12-18 (PB pg. 78 - Old Testament)

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

Psalm 2 (please read responsively)

2 Peter 1:16-21 (PB pg. 255 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Be Not Afraid”

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 17:1-9 (PB pg. 19 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW 838

INSTALLATION OF 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“As With Gladness Men of Old” vs 4** ELW 302

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

“We Are Marching in the Light”

ELW 866

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters:

Ushers:

Lector:

Acolyte:

Kitchen:

Keyboard & Vocals:

Tiffany Greenley

Rick & Audrey Bredeson

Duane Larson

Aaliyah Torbenson

Rick & Audrey Bredeson, Pat Seiner

Cyndi Hill

Attendance

Attendance: 2/8 132 73+ online

Offering: 2/1 \$5,524.00
2/8 \$11,719.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

Noisy Offering for Barnes County Food Pantry \$348.62
Thank you!

Announcements

Stop in 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.



Our sympathies to Ilene Hetler & family & friends of **Bob Hetler**. Bob died Monday, February 9, 2026. His Celebration of Life was here at Faith on Friday, February 13 with Pastor Jamie officiating.

Our sympathies to Diana, Duane & Brian Larson. Diana's father, **James O'Brien** died on Thursday, February 5, 2026. His Funeral Mass was held on Friday, February 13 at St Catherine's Catholic Church.

The beautiful flower bouquet gracing our chancel is in memory of **Steve Welken** given by Larry & Deloris Welken and family.

No Sunday School today, February 15 (4 day weekend).



Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 18! 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 Mission Team will be collecting 2-piece pajamas for Project Ignite Light through February. All sizes are needed. You may buy sleep pants and a top especially for the older youth since pajamas may be harder to find in the larger sizes. Please note: Project Ignite doesn't take one piece pajamas/sleepers. If you would like to donate fleece, it takes 2 coordinating pieces of fleece (1 1/2 yards each) to make a blanket. We will have a fleece blanket tying event **next Sunday, February 22** after worship. If you plan to bring fleece please have it to the church no later than Wednesday, February 18 so the fleece can be prepped for that Sunday. Thank you!



The Week Ahead: February 16-22, 2026

<u>Monday, February 16</u>	<u>Saturday, February 21</u>
Pastor's Sabbath	8:00am - Men's Group Meets
Presidents Day	<u>Sunday, February 22</u>
<u>Tuesday, February 17</u>	Fleece Blanket Tying Event
10:30am - Women's Bible Study	9:30am - Worship Service
<u>Wednesday, February 18</u>	10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
Ash Wednesday	10:45am - Sunday School
1:00pm - Quilters	2:00pm - JH Youth—Thrill Hill
3:15pm - Kids Club	for Tubing
5:30pm - Meal Served	
6:30pm - Ash Wednesday Service w/Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion	

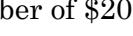
Lenten Services—Lenten services will be at **6:30pm**. This year's theme is **“Unbound: Longing for Wholeness”**. The local pastors are leading the services in a round robin style. Each week the pastors will rotate to a different church. Holy Week each of the pastors will be at their home church. Pastors participating are Pr. Jamie, Pr Jared (Our Savior's), Pr Diane (Trinity), Pr Nicholas (Nome-Fingal-Kathryn), Pr Bryce (Epworth UMC), We look forward to worshiping together. We will be live-streaming the Lenten services on our Facebook page.



**WELCA will be collecting
Thankofferings throughout the
month of February. Thankoffering**

Envelopes were mailed out with the February newsletter. If you would like to give your Thankoffering online you may also go to our website: www.faithlutheranvc.org and donate to WELCA there. We give in thanks of blessings receive—and we do receive so many blessings. Your generous Thankofferings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization.

It's time to register your kids for **Red Willow Bible Summer Camp!** This year Faith Lutheran has a limited number of \$200 scholarships for those attending the 2026 camps. Scan the QR Code to go directly to their website to register. Contact Julie in the office for the scholarship code.



Epworth UMM French Toast Brunch—Sunday, February 22. They will be serving French Toast, Sausage, Fruits, Assorted Syrups and Beverage from 9am-12:30pm. Adults: \$8, Grades 1-6: \$4, Preschool: Free. Proceeds will be used to support Epworth's Youth Ministries.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Marlys Freadhoff; Ruby Hansen; Mark Hill; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Arlene Larson; Laurette Zachrisson.

General Prayer List:—Karla Ranisate; Maureen

Walch (Karen Nitschke's sister); Doug Kratz; Verlynn Christianson; Lee Ann Peterson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); JoAn Nellermoe; Don & Kathy Burke; Amanda Spencer (Karen Nitschke's granddaughter); Scott & Kay Stanford; Bob Green; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Nancy Knutson; Jake Archambeau (Karen Nitschke's nephew); Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud; Bea Faust; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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