



“I am the
resurrection and the
Life.”
John 11:25



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 22, 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 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 **"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** vs 1,2,4

ELW 886

*CONFESSION

Gracious Lord God, we come before you this morning as people who are broken physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

We pray for your healing touch. Restore us to wholeness and may we let go of the sins that have wounded us.

Heal us O Lord and make us the people you created us to be.

SONG OF MERCY

"Bring Your Mercy"

see screen

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

*LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** vs 4 ELW 803

*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 **“Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land”** ELW 333

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter:

Braeden Schulz

Ushers:

Seth Auka, Mikkal Auka

Lector:

Grady Samuelson

Acolyte:

Brody Metcalf

Keyboard & Vocals:

Cyndi Hill

Attendance

Attendance: 3/15 115 80+ online
3/18 (Lent) 77 15+ online

Offering: 3/1 \$3,307.00
3/8 \$6,086.00
3/15 \$4,007.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

Announcements



French Toast Brunch Fundraiser—Sunday March 22. 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.

Thank you Val Moritz for leading worship this morning!

Pastor Jamie is away this weekend. He will be back in office on Tuesday, March 24th.

Lenten Services—Lenten services will be at **6:30pm**. This year's theme is **"Unbound: Longing for Wholeness"**. 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 will be live-streaming the Lenten services on our Facebook page.

Property Committee will be meeting **tomorrow, March 23rd, at 7am** here at Faith. Anyone who is interested in being part of this committee is welcome to attend.



The First Communion kids will be painting their chalices this Wednesday, March 25, at 3:30pm at Pederson Pottery. The chalices will be used when they receive their 1st Communion on

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at the 6:30pm service. There is also a 1st Communion class on **March 25th at 4:30pm** for those kids who weren't able to attend the March 15 class. A parent needs to be with their child at the class.

The Week Ahead: March 23-29, 2026

Monday, March 23

Pastor's Sabbath
7:00am - Property Committee Meets

Tuesday, March 24

10:30am - Women's Bible Study
5:15pm - Handbell Practice

Wednesday, March 25

1:00pm - Quilters
3:15pm - Kids Club
3:15pm - 1st Communion Kids
Paint Chalices
5:30pm - Meal Served
6:30pm - Lenten Service

Thursday, March 26

1:00pm - Sheyenne Valley
Memory Café

Friday, March 27

JH Youth—Fargo Force Game

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday—Children process
in w/Palms & Sing
9:30am - Worship Service
10:45am - Easter Egg Hunt during
Sunday School
1:00pm - The Palm Sunday Path -
Gather at Hjemhomst Center



We will be having an **Easter Egg Hunt** at during Sunday School on **Palm Sunday, March 29**. 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. Please drop your candy by noon on Wednesday, March 25th. Thank you!



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—Anita Scholz; Marlys Kunze;

Karla Ranisate; Maureen Walch (Karen Nitschke's sister); Doug Kratz; Verlynn Christianson; Lee Ann Peterson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); 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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We do have ear buds available for people who are hard of hearing and would like to use them to hear the service better. Talk to the sound person and they will set you up.

Thrivent Choice Dollars® —Thrivent Financial members the deadline to direct your 2025 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 2025 Faith Lutheran received \$1,697.



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" & 52"x27"), dark

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.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Faith Lutheran. Your contributions support the missions and ministries of Faith Lutheran as well as monthly expenses of the church. If you have set up your giving electronically on our website:

www.faithlutheranvc.org, we do have cards that you may place in the offering plates that say you give electronically.



Sheyenne Valley Memory Café—Thursday, March 26, 1-3pm here at Faith Lutheran. Sheyenne Valley Friends of Animals will be sharing information. This is a helpful group for those dealing with memory loss for themselves or a family member.