



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 February 18, 2024

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

"I'm Going on a Journey"

ELW 446

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

"Mercy"

see screen

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 **“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”** ELW 326

*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 WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Genesis 9:8-17 (PB pg. 8 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 25:1-10 (please read responsively)

1 Peter 3:18-22 (PB pg. 252 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Show Me Your Ways”** see screen

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 1:9-15 (PB pg. 35 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“Change My Heart, O God”** ELW 801

*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

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*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. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** vs 1,3

ELW 504

<u>Serving Today</u>	
Greeters:	<i>Brad & Megan McKay Family</i>
Ushers:	<i>Erin Metcalf, Nancy Ost</i>
Lector:	<i>Duane Larson</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Kassidy Schulz</i>
Kitchen:	<i>Rick & Audrey Bredeson, Erin Metcalf</i>
Keyboard & Vocals:	<i>Cyndi Hill</i>
<u>Attendance & Offering</u>	
Attendance: 2/11 116 102+ online	
2/14 (Ash Wednesday) 119 85+ online	
Offering:	2/4 \$4,965.00
	2/11 \$6,041.00
Mission Plan monthly	
\$22,752.25	

night of the dinner.

<u>The Week Ahead: February 19-25, 2024</u>	
<u>Monday, February 19</u>	<u>Sunday, February 25</u>
Pastor's Sabbath	9:00am-12:30pm - Epworth UMM
<u>Tuesday, February 20</u>	French Toast Brunch
10:30am - Women's Bible Study	9:30am - Worship Service
1:30pm - Text Study	10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
<u>Wednesday, February 21</u>	10:45am - Sunday School
No Kids Club	
1:00pm - Quilters	
5:30pm - Meal Served	
6:30pm - Lenten Service	
<u>Thursday, February 22</u>	
1:00pm - Sheyenne Valley	
Memory Cafe	

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.

Our sympathies to Scott & Amy Johnson & family. Amy's father **Jerome Miller** died Sunday, February 11. His funeral was Thursday, February 15 at Peace Lutheran in Hazen.



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 ***“Turning the World Around: Bible Anti-Heroes and Villains”***. We will have the local ELCA pastors 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 Kyle (Our Savior's), Pr Diane (Trinity) and Pr Sharayah (Parishes in Fingal, Nome & Kathryn). We look forward to worshipping together. We will be live-streaming the Lenten services on our Facebook page.

Lenten Meals—We are asking groups or families to sign up to make and serve a simple meal for one of the Wednesdays. You should plan for between 50-60 people. A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering area. **We have February 28 and March 28 that are still open at the moment.** Thank you for your willingness to serve.

No Sunday School today, February 18 due to the President's holiday for the schools. **No Kids Club this Wednesday, February 21** because Wendi is on vacation.

The Mission Team will be collecting 2 piece pajamas throughout February for Project Ignite Light. All sizes are needed. If you would like to buy a pair of sleep pants and a top you can especially for the older youth since they are harder to find.

Thank you!—We received \$223.65 from our noisy offering last Sunday! The noisy offering was for the Barnes County Food Pantry and the Hi-Line Pantry. Thank you to everyone who purchased the Soup-to-Go for Souper Bowl of Caring! We received \$1,033 in freewill donations! The donations were split between the BC Food Pantry and Hi-Line Pantry also. Thank you for helping fight hunger in our local community! We are thankful for your generous giving!



We would like to reactivate the **handbell choir** at Faith Lutheran. In order to move forward, we need to know if there are enough people willing to make this a possibility. Rehearsal time will be determined to accommodate the schedule of those participating. All ages are welcome and encouraged! If you read music and are interested in joining the handbell choir, please call or text Val Moritz at 840-1652.

Thrivent Choice Dollars® —Thrivent Financial members the deadline to direct your 2023 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 2023 Faith Lutheran received \$2,457.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Mark Hill; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Laurette Zachrisson.

General Prayer List:—Kim Homan (Cheryl Peterson and LeeAnn & Ron Peterson's brother); Karla Ranisate; Mike Kainz (Kirsten Gerhardt's father); Verna Anderson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Heath Webber; Sue Olson; Christl Durand (Tami Kratz' sister); Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson's brother-in-law); Sandy Mulvaney; Doug Altringer; Lori Hill (Tami Kratz's sister); Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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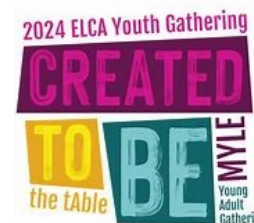
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"A Night in New Orleans"—

National Youth Gathering Fundraiser

We will gather at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on **Sunday, March 3rd at 5:30pm** for a night out with friends and family, and enjoy a multi-course New Orleans themed meal to help raise money for Youth from Faith, Trinity, and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches to attend the ELCA Youth Service Trip this July.

Because of the anticipated food costs, this will be a ticketed event. The cost of a ticket is \$25 (ages 12 & up) and \$15 (ages 11 & under). Money from ticket purchases should eventually make their way to Faith Lutheran, earmarked for the National Youth Gathering. **The tickets are for sale in church offices and Sundays through Sunday, February 25th.** For those who purchase tickets remember to bring your ticket with you the