

And in the morning,
rising up a great while before day,
he went out, and departed into
a solitary place, and there prayed.

Mark 1:35, KJV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

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Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 4, 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 Epiphany journey with Jesus today.

We have come to join the Epiphany journey with Jesus today.

Come walk in your own styles and at your own speeds.

We come in our different ways to walk with the One who has invited us to *Come and See*.

Let us show and tell the world what it means to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

We have come to join the Epiphany journey with Jesus today.

*GATHERING SONG

“All Are Welcome”

ELW 641

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church

of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

ELW pg. 184

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Everlasting God, **you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Isaiah 40:21-31 (PB pg. 741 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c (please read responsively)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (PB pg. 179 - New Testament)

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

“Thy Word”

see screen

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 1:29-39 (PB pg. 36 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Gather Us In”

ELW 532

***APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Praise and Thanksgiving”** vs 1,4 ELW 689

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: **“What Feast of Love”** ELW 487

“Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult” ELW 696

“Lead Me, Guide Me” ELW 768

“You Are My All in All” (chorus) see screen

*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 **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”** ELW 815

*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *We depart to serve the Lord*

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.

Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Della Elizabeth, Claire Josephine, and Landon Jerrold Heide**. They will be baptized after the worship service. Their parents are Jerrold & Erin Heide. Their sponsors are James & Anita Heide and James & Donna Mellmer. God bless this family.



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. We will have our fleece blanket tying event **Today, Sunday, February 4th** after worship. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to help tie the blankets.

Noisy Offering—February 11 is Souper Bowl of Caring—because of that we will be receiving a noisy offering during the Children's Word for Barnes County Food Bank. The children will be collecting your loose change and dollar bills in their bucket. Your loose change and dollar bills make a difference! We are thankful for your generous giving.



Lenten Meals—Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. We are once again 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 3 dates that are open at the moment. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Serving Today

Greeter:	<i>Galvin Welken</i>
Ushers:	<i>Tyler & Angela Van Bruggen Family</i>
Lector:	<i>Mary Johnson</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Kylie Van Bruggen</i>
Kitchen:	<i>Rick & Audrey Bredeson, Steve & Karolee Ondracek</i>
Keyboard:	<i>Amy Johnson</i>
Vocals:	<i>Julie May</i>

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 1/28 114 98+ online

Offering:	1/7	\$6,520.00
	1/14	\$2,715.00
	1/21	\$3,885.00
	1/28	\$2,903.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: February 5-11, 2024

Monday, February 5

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, February 6

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:30pm - Mission Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at
Trinity

Thursday, February 8

Giving Hearts Day

7:00pm-8:00pm - Anthony

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Sunday, February 11

Noisy Offering—BC Food Pantry

Souper Bowl of Caring

Youth Serving Soup-to-Go for

Souper Bowl of Caring (Freewill)

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School



Souper Bowl of Caring—February 11

The youth will be serving soup-to-go after worship. **This is a free will offering.** The donations received will go to BC Food Pantry.

The youth and parents will be serving **10:30am-12:30pm**. This is open to the community so invite your friends to stop by!

We are also asking that you donate cans of soup for the Food Pantry if you would like. We will have a container to put the cans of soup in. Thank you for helping those who are in need of food to eat.



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. Ash Wednesday and 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.



Giving Hearts Day is Thursday, February 8.

This is a 24-hour event in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota that provides a platform for charities to fund their missions. To make

your donation to the charities of your choice go to: **www.givingheartsday.org**. You may schedule your donation for Giving Hearts Day. We encourage you to give to our partners in ministries, the Eastern North Dakota Synod and Red Willow Bible Camp Ministries.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

Hospitalized: Mavis Johnson (CHI Mercy Health)

General Prayer List:—Mike Kainz (Kirsten Gerhardt's father); Mary Ann Anderson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Heath Webber; Sue Olson; Christl Durand (Tami Kratz' sister); Doreen Vangerud; Dave Heley (Shawn Ranisate's stepfather); 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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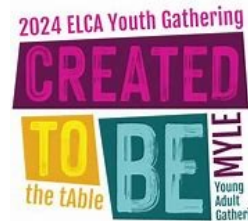
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"A Night in New Orleans"—

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 night of the dinner.