

*Come, follow me . . .
and I will make you
fishers of men.*



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

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 21, 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

Learn Song

"Mercy"

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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

"I Love to Tell the Story"

ELW 661

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord God, forgive us for holding on to what we have been given, out of the fear that it may be taken away.

***Gracious Lord God*, forgive us for all the opportunities we passed over to be Your light in the world.**

Gracious Lord God, call us now to step up in faith and trust Your infinite possibilities to love our neighbors.

***Gracious Lord God*, grant us the desire to place our lives into Your hands and the courage to do Your will in the world.**

SONG OF MERCY

"Mercy"

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

It is said, *that those who have nothing can share nothing*. God has given us everything we need. God is calling us to take part in Jesus' mission to love and care for the world. Come join the Epiphany Journey with Jesus as an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

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

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Build Up"

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

Noisy Offering—Project Ignite Light

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (PB pg. 960 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 62:5-12 (please read responsively)

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (PB pg. 178 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

"Thy Word"

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 1:14-20 (PB pg. 35 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"** ELW 817

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Take My Life That I May Be” vs 3

ELW 583

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

ELW 815

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW 742

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798

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

*SENDING SONG

“Go, Make Disciples”

ELW 540

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters: *Kassidy Schulz, Audrey Jacobson*
Ushers: *Chris & Kalyn Botz Family*
Lector: *Cheryl Foell*
Acolyte: *Owen Tichy*
Kitchen: *Jackie Heroux, Dean & Brenda Klein Family,*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*
Vocals: *Julie May*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 1/14 No Worship Service—Weather

Offering: 1/7 \$6,520.00
1/14 \$2,715.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: January 22-28, 2024

Monday, January 22

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, January 23

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

10:30am - Family Fun Hour

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, January 24

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at Our Savior's

Thursday, January 25

1:00pm - Sheyenne Valley Memory Café

Sunday, January 28

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

Announcements

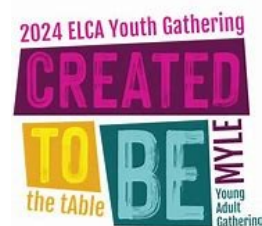
Stop in the fellowship hall for a cup of coffee or juice and a treat served at 10:30am following worship. It is good to enjoy each other's company and conversation.



 **The Annual Meeting is today, January 21st after worship.**

ANNUAL MEETING The reports are located on the table in the gathering area. We need a quorum of 39 active members to conduct business at the annual meeting. A reminder that once you are confirmed you are able to participate and vote at the annual meeting.

Noisy Offering—we will be receiving a noisy offering today, January 21 during the Children's Word for Project Ignite Light. 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.



Take Stock in Our Youth—We are thankful to have Abby Wilmes, Alyssa Wilmes, Lauren May, Brenna Storly, Autumn Anderson, Addy Gerhardt, Ellie Altringer and Audrey Jacobson as well as chaperones, Kirsten Gerhardt, Wendi Wilmes, Pastor Jamie attending the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20.

We are inviting you to help our youth raise money for the trip. **The youth have a table set up this morning so you can purchase a Stock Certificate.** We will keep track of who has purchased stock and you will receive a postcard from the youth from New Orleans. This is an awesome experience for both our youth and chaperones!



The poinsettias may be taken home anytime now. We do have the plastic bags to protect them from the elements so they can get home with you safely.



The Mission Team will be collecting 2-piece pajamas for Project Ignite Light throughout January and 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. They are also collecting **fleece** for the fleece tied blankets. 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 **Sunday, February 4th** after worship.

Members of Faith Lutheran Church,

The current FLC council has approved the below constitution changes to be presented for a congregational vote at our January 2024 annual meeting. Please review and reach out to any current council members with questions or comments. **See you at the annual meeting Sunday, January 21st.**

Change #1

Article IX—*Section 1

Original: The church council shall consist of the pastor or pastors and nine (9) elected members.

Revised: The church council shall consist of the pastor or pastors and seven (7) elected members.

Change #2

Article VIII—Section 4

Original: Their tenure shall be so arranged that one third of the terms expire annually.

Revised: Their tenure shall be so arranged that no more than three terms expire annually.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—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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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. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café—Thursday, January 25th at Faith Lutheran. If you or a loved one is experiencing memory loss, this is an opportunity to connect and visit with healthcare professions and individuals. Coffee and dessert will be available from **1-3pm**. A brief program will start at **1:30pm**. They meet monthly on the fourth Thursday. This is a free resource. For more information, call City-County Health District at 845-8518 or follow at [SheyenneValleyMemoryCafe](https://www.facebook.com/SheyenneValleyMemoryCafe) on Facebook.