

And they were
astonished
at his teaching,
for he
taught them
as one who
had authority,
and not as
the scribes.

Mark 1:22, ESV

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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 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

“God of Wonders”

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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

“Bring Your 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

“Majesty/He Is Exalted”

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, **you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (PB pg. 194 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 111 (please read responsively)

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (PB pg. 178 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Open Our Eyes”

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 1:21-28 (PB pg. 35 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

ELW 310

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks”

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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:

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW 612

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

ELW 721

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW 715

“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

“Jesus Shall Reign”

ELW 434

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

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.



Our sympathies to the family & friends of Randy Schober. Randy died January 13, 2024 at the Mayville Luther Memorial Home. A private funeral was held with only close family members present.

Noisy Offering—We received \$208.36 from our noisy offering last Sunday! The noisy offering went to Project Ignite Light. We are thankful for your generous giving.



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. Please have the fleece here no later than Thursday, February 2nd. We will have a fleece blanket tying event **Sunday, February 4th** after worship.

Thank you to all who purchased a "Stock Certificate" from our youth last Sunday who are attending the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 16-20! We had a wonderful response! If you are interested in purchasing a "Stock Certificate" you still can. Talk to Wendi or any of the youth that are going to purchase it. 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!

Serving Today

Greeter:	<i>Halle Welken</i>
Ushers:	<i>Larry & Deloris Welken</i>
Lector:	<i>Alyssa Wilmes</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Joey Saylor</i>
Kitchen:	<i>Larry & Deloris Welken</i>
Keyboard & Vocals:	<i>Dean & Brenda Klein Family,</i>
Vocals:	<i>Cyndi Hill</i>
	<i>Julie May</i>

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 1/21 117 97+ online

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

Mission Plan monthly
\$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: January 29-February 4, 2024

Monday, January 29

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, January 30

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

10:30am - Family Fun Hour

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, January 31

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at
Our Savior's

Thursday, February 1

Quilting Class

Friday, February 2

Groundhog Day

Quilting Class



Saturday, February 3

9:00am - Ladies' Craft Day

Sunday, February 4

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - Blanket Tying Event

10:45am - Sunday School



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

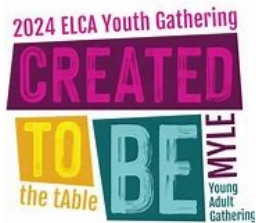
Wednesdays. You should plan for between 50-60 people. A sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering area. We have 3 dates that are open at the moment. Thank you for your willingness to serve.



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.



"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 the tickets 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.



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:—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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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 \$1,970.

A Visit to the Border: a Humanitarian Crisis Presented by Nancy Farnham—**Thursday, February 1st at 7pm** at the Barnes County Museum. Nancy will be speaking about her trip to the Mexico-United States border in October of 2023. This is a free event and open to everyone.