



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 in Lent March 10, 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

Intro to "Time Change Song"

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come join the journey of Jesus to the cross.

We come to encounter Jesus at the cross.

Come witness the One who makes the blind see and the deaf hear.

We have come to see the One who heals the brokenhearted.

Come join the journey of Jesus to the cross.

*GATHERING SONG **"Time Change Song"** see screen

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Though we fall short of the glory of God in the things we do and in the things we fail to do, God still says to us; You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

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

*SONG OF PRAISE

“God Is Good All the Time”

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, **by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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)

Numbers 21:4-9 (PB pg. 154 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 (please read responsively)

Ephesians 2:1-10 (PB pg. 205 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”**

ELW 512

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 3:14-21 (PB pg. 96 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

ELW 815

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the God of promise—the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel—the God of the past—the God of now—the God who owns the future. I believe in Jesus, God in our flesh—God who seeks us out—God who comes to serve—God who embraces outcasts—God who reigns from a cross—God who conquers death. I believe in the Holy Spirit—God with us forever—God giving us faith—God empowering our witness—God filling us with peace. I Believe! Amen.

*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:

“Drawn to the Light”

ELW 593

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW 335

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

ELW 779

“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

“Lift High the Cross” vs 1,2,3

ELW 660

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter Halle Welken
Ushers: Troy Miller, Scott & Amy Johnson
Lector: Nancy Ost
Acolyte: Halle Welken
Kitchen: Troy Miller, Scott & Amy Johnson
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 3/3 98 87+ online
3/6 (Lent) 62 66+ online
Offering: 3/3 \$5,203.00
Mission Plan monthly
\$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: March 11-17, 2024

Monday, March 11

Pastor's Sabbath
5:00pm-7:00pm - Community
Closet Open at Our Savior's

Tuesday, March 12

10:30am - Women's Bible Study
1:30pm - Text Study
5:15pm - Council Meets

Wednesday, March 13

1:00pm - Quilters
1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting
3:15pm - Kids Club
3:30pm - WELCA Meets
5:30pm - Meal Served
6:30pm - Lenten Service

Saturday, March 16

8:00am - Men's Group Meets

Sunday, March 17

No Sunday School
9:30am - Worship Service
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
10:30am - April Service & Care
Meeting

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 Carol Opegard and family and friends of **Howard Opegard**. Howard died Wednesday, March 6th. His funeral will be here at Faith on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:30am.



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"**. The local ELCA pastors will rotate to a different church each week. 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.



First Communion—We invite children in **2nd grade & up** who have not received communion and whose parents would like them to receive Holy Communion to attend the session today, **March 10 at 10:45am** (during Sunday School time) to prepare and welcome them to Christ's table and understand the gifts and meaning of Holy Communion. Parents decide if you would like your child to attend. An adult needs to attend the child to the session.

No Sunday School next Sunday, March 17th since this is a long weekend for the public schools.



We will be adorning our altar with **Easter Lilies** on Easter Sunday, March 31—If you would like to contribute a cash donation (suggested \$20 donation, med/lg size) towards their purchase in

memory or in honor of a loved one, a sign up sheet is in the gathering area. **Deadline to sign up is Friday, March 22.** We will put the names of your loved ones in the Easter bulletin. Other plants and flowers are very welcome in our Easter garden.

Thank you for giving a Thankoffering to WELCA. The envelopes were stapled to the front of your newsletters. Extra Thankoffering envelopes are on the table in the gathering area.



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" and 52"x27")
- 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

A container is in the gathering area for these items.

Today the Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be selling **Butter Braid** pastries to help raise the funds needed to attend the Gathering. These are delicious!



The Community Closet is in need of new socks, underwear, and personal care items.

Male adults is the most needed but items for all ages both men and women are welcome. We will collect items in March and April. We have a donation box in the gathering area. **The Community Closet will be open on Monday, March 11, 5-7pm at Our Savior's.** Volunteers are encouraged to come to help on Sunday, March 10, 6-8pm and Monday, March 11 5-8pm.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—JoAn Neller-moe; Katie Staffeldt (Elaine Walls' great-niece); Marlys Kunze; Patsy Vogel (Elaine Walls' sister); Jeanne Speich (Cheryl Foell's step-mother); 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); Sue Olson; Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson's brother-in-law); Sandy Mulvaney; Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week Schedule:

March 24—Palm Sunday - Sunday School kids process in with palms & will sing at 9:30am service.

11:20am—Easter Egg Hunt for PreK-6th Graders.

March 28—Maundy Thursday—1st Communion received at 6:30pm Lenten service.

March 29—Good Friday—Service at 6:30pm.

Community Good Friday Service is at 12:10 at Our Savior's.

March 31—Easter Sunday—Service at 9:30am.

We will be having an **Easter Egg Hunt** at the end of Sunday School on **Palm Sunday**. 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. Thank you!