



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

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 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 to the cross.

We come to join Jesus as he journeys to the cross.

Come join the One who is the resurrection and the life.

We have come to join the One who raises the dead to new life.

Come join the journey of Jesus to the cross.

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

ELW 641

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord God, **we acknowledge before you our need for your mercy upon us.**

Merciful God, **we admit to you our faults and failings. Too often we do not trust in your words and promises that bring us hope and life.**

Gracious Lord, **we take for ourselves instead of sharing with others, we spoil instead of stewarding your creation, we choose fear over compassion, death over life.**

Loving God, **forgive us, renew us and lead us, lead us from death to life as we follow you.**

SONG OF MERCY

"Mercy"

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Though we fall short of the glory of God through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has given us new life and declares 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

“Glorify Thy Name”

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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)

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (PB pg. 817 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 51:1-12 (please read responsively)

Hebrews 5:5-10 (PB pg. 237 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

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The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 12:20-33 (PB pg. 110 - 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

“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 Hymns:

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

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“Restore in Us, O God”

ELW 328

“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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW 547

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Ushers: Shawn & Jess Ranisate
Lector: Dave Pedersen
Acolyte: Kassidy Schulz
Kitchen: Nancy Bjerke, Lara Mairs,
Jenna Mairs, Mike Nix
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 3/10 112 87+ online
3/6 (Lent) 57 53+ online

Offering: 3/3 \$5,203.00
3/10 \$4,175.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: March 18-24, 2024

Monday, March 18

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, March 19

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, March 20

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Kids Club

3:30pm - 1st Communion Kids

Painting Chalice

5:30pm - Meal Served

6:30pm - Lenten Service

Friday, March 22

Jr/Sr High Youth—Fargo Force

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Noisy Offering

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

w/Easter Egg Hunt at end



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.



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 be live-streaming the Lenten services on our Facebook page.



First Communion—The children will be painting their chalices for their 1st Communion at Pederson Pottery at 3:30pm. They will receive their 1st Communion at the Maundy Thursday service.



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.

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. Today is the last day to order them. These are delicious!



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.

Next Sunday, March 24th we will be receiving a **noisy offering for the Barnes County Ministerial Fund**. This is a community fund set up by the local churches and is used to help those who are in need of assistance. The kids will be bringing around their pails during the Children's Word. Thank you for your generous giving!



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.

Abused Persons Outreach Center Taco Bar Fundraiser Supper will be **Monday, March 18 from 5-7pm** at the Valley City Eagles. This is a free will offering fundraiser. Sponsored by VC Eagles #2191 Gaming.



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 Nelleremoe; 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 Schedule:

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE 11:20am—Easter Egg Hunt PreK-6.

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.