



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 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)

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*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