



**Destroy  
this  
temple,  
and**

**I will raise it  
again in three  
days”**

**John 2:19, NIV**

**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 in Lent      March 3, 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 today!

**We come in our different ways, walking in our own styles, at our own speeds. But we come to join the journey.**

Come, walk into the truth of who you are and who God is. Walk the way with Jesus into real life, as he listens and learns, tells and teaches, as he laughs and cries, as he lives and dies. Come, walk with the God who is the Way, the Truth, the Life.

**We have come to join the journey of Jesus today!**

\*GATHERING SONG      **"Gather Us In"** vs 1,3,4

ELW 532

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**



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 Music

**"Come, Let Us Eat"**

ELW 491

**"Trust and Obey"**

see screen

**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

ELW 803

**"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

**"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

ELW 547

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeters/Ushers:** *Dean & Amy Pederson & Family*  
**Lector:** *Troy Miller*  
**Acolyte:** *Gavin Welken*  
**Kitchen:** *Dean & Amy Pederson & Family*  
**Keyboard:** *Amy Johnson*  
**Vocals:** *Julie May*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 2/25 98 89+ online  
2/28(Lent) 62 72+ online  
Offering: 2/4 \$4,965.00  
2/11 \$6,041.00  
2/18 \$7,464.00  
2/25 \$3,242.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

### The Week Ahead: March 4-10, 2024

#### Monday, March 4

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, March 5

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:30pm - Mission Team Meets

#### Wednesday, March 6

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Kids Club

5:30pm - Meal Served

6:30pm - Lenten Service

#### Thursday, March 7

Quilting Class

#### Friday, March 8

Quilting Class

#### Sunday, March 10

Butter Braid Fundraiser

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - 1st Communion Class

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.



**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 are leading the services in a round robin style. Each week the pastors will rotate to a different church. 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 on **Sunday, 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. A letter was mailed out. Please email the office if your child will be attending or not: [office@faithlutheranvc.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranvc.org). If you didn't receive a letter and would like to have your child attend please let the office know.



Don't forget to change your clocks 1 hour ahead Saturday, March 9. Daylight savings time begins!



We would like to reactivate the **handbell choir** at Faith Lutheran. In order to move forward, we need to know if there are enough people willing to make this a possibility. Rehearsal time will be determined to accommodate the schedule of those participating. All ages are welcome and encouraged! If you read music and are interested

in joining the handbell choir, please call or text Val Moritz at 840-1652.

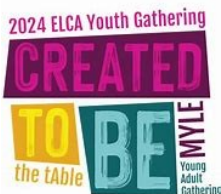
**Thrivent Choice Dollars** ® —Thrivent Financial members the deadline to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars expires on **March 31st**. Go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 to make your choices for your Choice Dollars. Thank you everyone who designates their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran! In 2023 Faith Lutheran received \$2,457.



**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 will 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.



Next **Sunday, March 10th** 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!



**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:**—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); Heath Webber; 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).

**Contact Info**

Office phone: 701-845-4390

Office Email: [office@faithlutheranvc.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranvc.org)

Wendi Wilmes - Coordinator of Youth and Sunday School Ministry

Email - [wendi.wilmes@gmail.com](mailto:wendi.wilmes@gmail.com)

Website: [www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org)

Facebook Page: Faith Lutheran Church Valley City

YouTube Channel: [vcfaithlutheran](https://www.youtube.com/vcfaithlutheran)

Thank you for your continued financial support of Faith Lutheran. Your contributions support the missions and ministries of Faith Lutheran as well as monthly expenses of the church. If you have set up your giving electronically on our website:

[www.faithlutheranvc.org](http://www.faithlutheranvc.org), we do have cards that say you may place in the offering plates that say you give electronically.

The cards are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

