



...loving
the Lord your God,
obeying
his voice and
holding
fast to him...

DEUTERONOMY 30:20 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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 12, 2023
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 with The One who chose life over death.

We have come to walk in the ways of God.

Let us seek the Lord with all our heart.

We have come to join the Epiphany journey with Jesus today.

*GATHERING SONG

"Come, All You People"

ELW 819

CONFESSION OF SIN

(left) We have not loved you with all of our hearts.

(right) We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

(Both) We have not responded to your promise.

(left) We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.

(right) We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

(Both) We have not responded to your promise.

(left) We are captured by our desire for material wealth.

(right) We forget those who do not have food or shelter.

(Both) We have not responded to your promise.

(left) We abuse the gifts of your creation.

(right) We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.

(Both) We have not responded to your promise.

(left) We fail to respond to your call to do justice.

(right) We seek only comfort for ourselves.

(Both) We have not responded to your promise.

SONG OF MERCY

“Show Me Your Ways”

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

We are broken but God is not. And through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you are a chosen child of God. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority I declare to you; you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

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

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

ELW 247

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Noisy Offering—BC Food Pantry

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (PB pg. 206 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 119:1-8 (please read responsively)

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (PB pg. 174 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Christ, Our Peace”

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 5:21-32, 38-42 (PB pg. 5 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“You Are the Seed”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always.

We believe Jesus Christ, fully God, fully human experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God’s forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross. He came back to new life and

has promised us new life in unity with God. We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits, guiding us—even through the darkest and most difficult moments of our lives. We believe God is among us in community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Thank You for the Gift”

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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:

“Lord, I Offer My Life to You”

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“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW 612

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG

“Trading My Sorrows”

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

Serving Today

Greeter: *Morgan Larson*
Ushers: *Adam & Amanda Pilgrim*
Lector: *Dan Faust*
Acolyte: *Brenna Storly*
Kitchen: *Brad & Megan McKay, Rick & Audrey Bredeson, Warren & Brenda Ventsch*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*
Vocals: *Julie May*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 2/5 106 72+ online

Offering: 2/5 \$4,923.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: February 13-19, 2023

Monday, February 13

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day!

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 15

No Faith Kids Club

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Faith Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at Trinity

Friday, February 17

No School

Saturday, February 18

8:00am - Men's Group Meets

Sunday, February 19

No Sunday School

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - March Service & Care

Group Meets

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.



Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Oliver Jeffrey Stearns**, born July 31, 2020, and **Lewis John Stearns**, born August 20, 2022. They will be baptized after the worship service. Their parents are Brett & Em Stearns and big sister is Eleanor. Oliver's sponsors are Tyler Stearns and Amanda Anadel. Lewis' sponsors are Tyler Stearns and Abby Meyer. Please keep this family in your prayers.

The flowers gracing our altar this morning are in memory of **Steve Welken** given by Larry & Deloris Welken and family.

The Mission Team will be collecting 2-piece pajamas for Project Ignite Light through 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.

We hope you will join us today, February 12th after worship for our fleece blanket tying event.



Noisy Offering—Today is Souper Bowl of Caring. Because of that the kids will be collecting the noisy offering during the Children's Message time for the Barnes County Food Pantry today. Your loose change & dollar bills do make a difference!



Lenten Services—Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. The Worship Service w/Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes at **6:30pm.** Throughout Lent we will serve a free-will offering meal **5:30-6:15pm.** Lenten services will be at **6:30pm.** This year's theme is ***"I Love to Tell the Story"***. We will have the local ELCA pastors leading the services in a round robin style. Each week the pastors will rotate to a different church. Ash Wednesday and 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),

No Sunday School next Sunday, February 19th because it is a long weekend from school.

We are happy that your children enjoy playing in the nursery. If you would check the nursery when your children are through playing to see if the toys are put away, it would be appreciated. Thank you!

We have had the pans on the table in the gathering area out for almost a month with no one claiming them. None of them have names on them. We have a free-will donation jar on the table if you would like to take any of them home.

Remembrance of the Church Fire Committee—

It will be 10 years on October 21st since we had the arson fire that destroyed our old church building. We would like to have a committee formed to brainstorm and come up with a way to mark the date of the fire. If you are interested in being a part of that committee please let a council member or Julie in the office know. Thank you!



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Mark Hill; Mavis Johnson; Diane Kohn; Laurette Zachrison.

General Prayer List:—Verna Anderson; Patsy Vogel (Elaine Walls' sister); Paul Vangerud; Sandy Mulvaney; Tara Thumb; Doug Altringer; Sue Olson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Anita Scholz; Lori Hill (Tami Kratz's sister); Rory Mulvaney; Arleen Retzlaff; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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Thrivent Choice Dollars ® —Thrivent Financial members the deadline to direct your 2022 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 2022 Faith Lutheran received \$3,744!



Red Willow Ministries—Winter Family Fun Day!

Saturday, March 4th, 10am-2pm, enjoy a fun day of sledding, hiking, snowman contest (w/prizes!), indoor games & crafts. Lunch will be hot cocoa, soup & grilled cheese. \$10 for an adult and \$8 for a child to enjoy

lunch and the festivities! Bring your sleds and warm clothes! Call 701-676-2681 or email alia@redwillowministries.com to schedule **by February 17th!**