

“Whoever **drinks** the **water** I give him
will **never thirst.**”



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 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 journey of Jesus to the cross.

We have come to be witnesses to Jesus' journey to the cross.

Come to the place in-between the past and the future.

We have come to join Jesus at the place in-between the now and the what that is yet to come.

Come join the journey of Jesus to the cross.

*GATHERING SONG **"Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down"** see screen

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious Lord God, we bow before you as people who have messed up, failed and have forgotten or ignored the ways of Jesus. We have hurt you and our neighbors by things we have said and not said, by things we have done and not done.

Create in us clean hearts Oh God and renew a right spirit within us.

SONG OF MERCY **"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"** vs 1 ELW 335

In spite of the fact we have ignored Jesus' call to be witnesses of his acceptance, forgiveness and love to the world, Jesus still proclaims to each of us, you are; an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!

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

*SONG OF PRAISE **"I Hear the Voice of Jesus Say"** vs 1,2 ELW 611



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, **the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Exodus 17:1-7 (PB pg. 70 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 95 (please read responsively)

Romans 5:1-11 (PB pg. 162 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”** vs 3 ELW 611

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 4:5-42 (PB pg. 97 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“For All the Faithful Women”** ELW 419

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Come to the Table”

ELW 481

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:

"All Who Are Thirsty"

see screen

"As the Deer"

see screen

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW 335

"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 **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** vs 1,3 ELW 807

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: *Mavrick Ludwig*
Ushers: *Troy & Jodi Miller, Scott & Amy Johnson*
Lector: *Cheryl Foell*
Acolyte: *Audrey Jacobson*
Kitchen: *Troy & Jodi Miller, Scott & Amy Johnson*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*
Vocals: *Julie May*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 3/5 102 68+ online views

Offering: 3/5 \$4,817.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: March 13-19, 2023

Monday, March 13

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, March 14

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 15

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Faith Kids Club

5:00pm - 1st Communion Class

painting Chalices

5:30pm - Meal Served—

Free-will offering

6:30pm - Lenten Service

Saturday, March 18

8:00am - Men's Group Meets

Sunday, March 19

Noisy Offering for APOC

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - April Service & Care

Group Meets

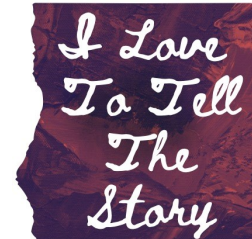
10:45am - Sunday School

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.



Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Asher Ray Foell**, born March 28, 2022. Asher's parents are Justin & Brianne Foell and big brothers are Greyson & Finley. Asher's sponsors are Heather & William Long. Please keep Asher and his family in your prayers.



+ LENT MIDWEEKS 2023 +

Lenten Services—Throughout Lent we will serve a freewill offering meal **5:30-6:15pm**. The Faith Kids Club will be preparing & serving the meal on March 15th. Lenten services will be at **6:30pm**. This year's theme is **"I Love to Tell the Story"**. Each week the ELCA 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). This Wednesday, March 15th, Pastor Sharayah will be leading the Lenten service here at Faith. We look forward to worshipping together. We will be live-streaming the Lenten services on our Facebook page.

First Communion Chalices—The 1st Communion kids will be painting their chalices this **Wednesday, March 15 at 5pm** at Pederson Pottery, Thank you Dennis & Gail Pederson for doing the chalices for us. The children will be using their chalices to receive their 1st Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6th. on February 28th.



Noisy Offering—Next Sunday, March 19 we will receive a noisy offering for APOC (Abused Persons Outreach Center). The kids will be collecting the noisy offering during the Children's Message time. Your loose change & dollar bills continue to make a difference!

Thank you to everyone who gave a Thankoffering to WELCA. If you haven't and would like to give a Thankoffering you can through **March 15th**.



WELCA will be collecting items for **Personal Health Kits** for Lutheran World Relief through Lent. There is a great need for them.

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.



We will be adorning our altar with **Easter Lilies** on Easter Sunday, April 9—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 31**. We will put the names of your loved ones in the Easter bulletin. Other plants and flowers are very welcome in our Easter garden.

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!



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—Dan & Bea Faust; 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).

Contact Info

Office phone: 701-845-4390

Office Email: office@faithlutheranvc

Wendi Wilmes - Coordinator of Youth and Sunday School Ministry

Email - wendi.wilmes@gmail.com

Website: www.faithlutheranvc.org

Facebook Page: Faith Lutheran Church Valley City

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

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, we do have cards that say you can place in the offering plates that say you give electronically. The cards are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

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!

41st Annual Valley City Lions Ham & Beef Supper—
Tuesday, March 21 at the VC Eagles Club. Serving **4:30-7pm**. Tickets are Adults - \$15, Students (age 6-12) \$7, Preschool (5 & under) Free. Takeout is available. Proceeds for local charities.