

“THIS IS
MY
BELOVED
SON ...
LISTEN
TO HIM.”

MATTHEW 17:5, 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

Transfiguration of Our Lord February 19, 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 Jesus today on his transfiguration.

We have come this morning in hopes of being transformed by God.

Come walk with Jesus who IS The Way, The Truth and The Life.

We have come to join the journey of Jesus today.

Come all you people and join the journey of Jesus today.

*GATHERING SONG

"Come, All You People"

ELW 819

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Gracious Lord God, your life and death hold up a mirror to our own weakness and sin. This morning we have gathered here together as people who have messed up and turned away from you.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Gracious Lord God, we want to be your followers, but just like your first disciples we fall asleep or fall away. We deny you or betray you or abandon you. We are afraid of what taking up your cross to follow you may mean for our lives. Forgive us, O Lord.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have been transformed and adopted into the family of God. You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

*KYRIE Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. ELW pg. 184
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

*SONG OF PRAISE “Our God Reigns” see screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Exodus 24:12-18 (PB pg. 21 - Old Testament)

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

Psalms 2 (please read responsively)

2 Peter 1:16-21 (PB pg. 255 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation “Take Up Your Cross” see screen

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 17:1-9 (PB pg. 19 - New Testament)

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

SERMON Take Up Your Cross Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY “In Thee Is Gladness” ELW 867

*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” vs 2**

ELW 312

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: **“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” vs 3,4**

ELW 312

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ELW 815

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG

“I Saw the Light”

see screen

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: Owen Tichy
Ushers: Jack & Val Moritz
Lector: Elaine Walls
Acolyte: Alyssa Wilmes
Kitchen: Rick & Audrey Bredeson, Cheryl Storhoff,
Tom & Ashley Kellogg
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 2/12 105 56+ online

Offering: 2/5 \$4,923.00
2/12 \$4,151.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: February 20-26, 2023

Monday, February 20

President's Day

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, February 21

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

10:30am - Family Fun Hour

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Faith Kids Club

5:30pm - Meal Served—Free-will offering

6:30pm - Worship Service w/Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 26

9:30am - Worship Service

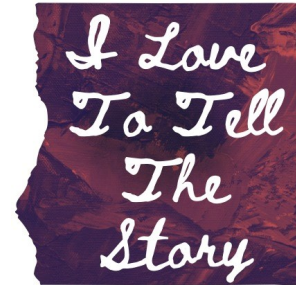
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

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.



+ LENT MIDWEEKS 2023 +

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 freewill 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 today because it is a long weekend from school.



WELCA will be collecting **Thankofferings** throughout the month of February. Thankoffering Envelopes were mailed out with the February newsletter. We have Thankoffering envelopes on the gathering table as well. If you would like to give your Thankoffering online you may also go to our website: www.faihlutheranvc.org and donate to WELCA there. We give in thanks of blessings receive—and we do receive so many blessings. Your generous Thankofferings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization.

Thank you for your support for Souper Bowl of Caring.

Due to your generous giving to the noisy offering last Sunday we received **\$206.44** for the Barnes County Food Pantry! The children did a great job collecting the money with their pails!

Thank You



for your Kindness

Thanks to your generosity we were able to bring 33 pairs of pajamas and 28 fleece tied blankets to Project Ignite Light! Thank you for your donations of pajamas and fleece. Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparation and tying of the blankets last Sunday!

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!

Next Sunday, February 26 is the Epworth United Methodist Men's French Toast Brunch. They will be serving **9am-12:30pm.** They will be serving French Toast, Sausage, Fruits, Assorted Syrups & Beverage. The cost is Adults \$8; Grades 1-6 \$4; Preschool Free.



WELCA has decided to sell our set of china. The set consists of 17 cups and 19 saucers, 19 dinner plates and 19 berry bowls. We are also selling the glasses that were used with the china set. There are 15 glasses. The china and glasses will be sold separately. If you would like to see them, a set of the china and a glass on the back counter in the kitchen. These will be sold by silent auction. Please put your name, phone number, you bid and which item you are bidding on (china, glasses or both) in a sealed envelope and give to Julie. Bids will be opened on **March 8th.**



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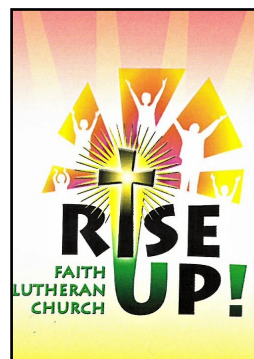
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YouTube Channel: [vcfaithlutheran](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFaithLutheran)

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!

Remembrance of the Church Fire Committee—



It will be 10 years on October 21th 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!