



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

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

He is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed!**

Welcome and Announcements

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us celebrate the Risen Christ who is the Good Shepherd.

We celebrate the Good Shepherd who gives his life for his sheep.

Let us celebrate the Risen Christ who restores his people not from a throne but from a cross.

We celebrate the Shepherd King who transforms the world with truth and grace.

Let us celebrate the Risen Christ who renews his people not with condemnation but with peace.

We celebrate the Risen Christ who changes death into life and calls us to love one another.

He is Risen. **He is Risen Indeed!**

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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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.

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!

*GREETING

ELW pg. 138

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 9:36-43 (PB pg. 133 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 23 (please read responsively)

*Gospel Acclamation **"Christ, Be Our Light"** vs 1,5

ELW 715

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 2:1-12 (PB pg. 36 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth

*HYMN OF THE DAY **"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

ELW 708

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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I believe in the God of promise—the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel—the God of the past—the God of now—the God who owns the future. I believe in Jesus, God in our flesh—God who seeks us out—God who comes to serve—God who embraces outcasts—God who reigns from a cross—God who conquers death. I believe in the Holy Spirit—God with us forever—God giving us faith—God empowering our witness—God filling us with peace. I Believe! Amen.

*INSTALLATION SERVICE

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Let All Things Now Living”** vs 1 ELW 881

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: **“Let Us Break Bread Together”** ELW 471

“As the Grains of Wheat” ELW 465

“We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW 479

You Are My All in All” (chorus) see screen

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. 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 **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”** vs 1,2,4 ELW 365

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

<u>Serving Today</u>	
Greeters/Ushers:	<i>Nick & Ashley Horner & Family, Deb Horner</i>
Lector:	<i>Martee Lunde</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Addy Gerhardt</i>
Keyboard & Vocals:	<i>Cyndi Hill</i>
<u>Attendance & Offering</u>	
Attendance:	5/4 145 22+ online
Offering:	5/4 \$4,000.00
	Mission Plan monthly
	\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: May 12-18, 2025

<u>Monday, May 12</u>	<u>Saturday, May 16</u>
Pastor's Sabbath	8:00am - Men's Group Meeting
<u>Tuesday, May 13</u>	<u>Sunday, May 17</u>
10:30am - Women's Bible Study	Senior Recognition
1:30pm - Text Study	Noisy Offering—CROP Walk
5:30pm - Mission Meets	9:30am-12:30pm - Men's Group
<u>Wednesday, May 14</u>	Pancake Brunch
1:00pm - Quilters	9:30am - Worship Service
3:30pm - WELCA Meets	10:30am - June Service & Care
<u>Thursday, May 15</u>	Group Meeting
1:00pm - CHI Mercy Auxiliary	5:00pm - Sr High Youth Group—
Calendar of Cakes Fundraiser	Gronlie's Cabin



We invite everyone to join us for the reception for Pastor Jamie following the worship service.

Announcements



The Men's Group will be having their Spring Pancake Brunch Sunday, May 19th! They will be serving 9:30am-12:30pm. This will be **free will offering**. They will be serving pancakes, sausage & fried potatoes. Thank you for supporting our Men's Group!



May 18 is Senior Recognition Sunday.

The seniors will be recognized during the worship service. They will receive a quilt from our quilters and congregation. Seniors—please be sure to have your photos and information to Julie in the office **ASAP** if you haven't already. You can drop by or email your info and photo to office@faithlutheranvc.org.



May Diaper Drive—It's time for our annual Diaper Drive! We will be collecting diapers and wipes to be shared with Community agencies. All sizes of diapers & pullups are needed. The Pack n Play will be set up by the mission closet in the gathering area for you to drop off your donations throughout May.

Noisy Offering—Next Sunday, May 18 we will be receiving a noisy offering for the CROP Hunger Walk. The children will be coming around with their buckets during the Children's Word to collect your loose change and dollar bills. Your loose change and dollar bills make a difference! We are thankful for your generous giving.

WELCA will meet this Wednesday, May 14 at 3:30pm. We will put together the Personal Health Kits and School Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

CHI Mercy Auxiliary Annual Calendar of Cakes

Fundraiser—Thursday, May 15 at FLC. This is a freewill offering event. The doors will open at 1pm with the event starting at 2pm. Jerry Ness—Carver and Storyteller is the entertainment beginning at 3pm. There is a Chance Auction with the winners drawn at 3:30pm.

Senior High Youth Group—Sunday, May 18, 5-8pm, enjoy a fun time at Wendi's parents' lake cabin of outdoor games and a bonfire to celebrate the end of the school year!

Junior High You Group—To celebrate the end of school, head to a **RedHawks game on Wednesday, May 21!** The games is at 7:02pm, so plan on leaving at 5pm from Faith! Cost will be \$10 plus bring money for food!

Dear Faith Family,

We hope this message finds you well. You may not have heard of us yet, but we are the **Faith Lutheran Church Worship Committee**, and we're excited to share an opportunity with you. We are currently seeking individuals who feel called to contribute to the musical aspects of our worship services. Whether your interests lie in singing, playing an instrument, operating the sound board, or supporting in any other musical capacity, we would love to hear from you.

We would also like to sincerely thank everyone who currently serves during worship service. We are amazing and appreciated!

If you feel called to share your gifts or time in service to God and our congregation, please reach out to any member of our committee. Every role—big or small—helps create a meaningful and spirit-filled worship experience.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Each of you brings something special to our church community. Let your God-given gifts shine!

With gratitude,
The FLC Worship Committee
Elise Miller, Bri Foell, Matt Brandvold, Erin Metcalf



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Mark Hill; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Arlene Larson; Laurette Zachrison.

Hospitalized: Illa Glandt (Mercy Hospital)

General Prayer List:—JoAn Nellerroe; Don Burke; Amanda Spencer (Karen Nitschke's granddaughter); Scott Stanford; Mike Schmidt; Bob Green; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Jan Leuer (Bernie Mortenson's sister); Alan Scherling (Elaine Wall's nephew); Nancy Knutson; Jesse Archambeau (Karen Nitschke's nephew); Sandi Pollock; Kay Stanford; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud (Nikki Moen's mother); Bea Faust; Verna Anderson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Sue Olson; Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson's brother-in-law); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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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 may place in the offering plates that say you give electronically. The cards are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



Sons of Norway Hjemdahl Lodge invite you to attend the **Syttende Mai Norwegian Brunch-Luncheon on Friday, May 16, 11:30am-1:30pm** at Grace Free Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$17 and preschool free. Tickets available from BC Museum, Alley Beans, Officeworks or at the door.