



John 14:27, NRSV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Sixth Sunday after Easter May 25, 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

Welcome and Announcements

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come join the Easter journey of Jesus today.

We come to join the Easter journey walking at our own speeds, in our own styles and in our different ways.

Come walk with the One who gives us the command to love one another.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

*GATHERING HYMN “**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**”

ELW 836

*CONFESSION

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

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

ALL: **We have not responded to your promise.**

L: We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.

R: **We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.**

ALL: **We have not responded to your promise.**

L: We are captured by our desire for material wealth.

R: **We forget those who do not have food or shelter.**

ALL: **We have not responded to your promise.**

L: We abuse the gifts of your creation.

R: **We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.**

ALL: **We have not responded to your promise.**

L: We fail to respond to your call to do justice.

R: **We seek only comfort for ourselves.**

ALL: **We have not responded to your promise.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

We are broken but God's promises are not. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Listen, God Is Calling"

ELW 513

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, **you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 16:9-15 (PB pg. 141 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 67 (please read responsively)

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 (PB pg. 282 - New Testament)

*Gospel Acclamation **"Sanctuary"** (a cappella) see screen

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 14:23-29 (PB pg. 113 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

ELW 588

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

ELW 686

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: **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

“This Is My Father’s World”

ELW 824

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

Serving Today

Greeters: Randy & Kay Bostrom
Ushers: Mike & Julie May
Lector: Kay Bostrom
Coffee: Mike & Julie May Family,
Nick & Ashley Horner Family

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 5/18 160 34+ online

Offering: 5/4 \$4,000.00
5/11 \$4,568.00
5/18 \$7,955.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: May 26-June 1, 2025

Monday, May 26

Pastor's Sabbath

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, May 28

1:00pm - Quilters

Sunday, June 1

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

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



Our sympathies to Bonnie Schumacher. Her mother, **Lorraine Schumacher**, died on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Her funeral was held Thursday, May 15 at St. James Basilica in Jamestown.



The office will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day

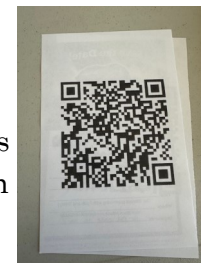
Noisy Offering—We received \$334.32 last Sunday for the CROP Hunger Walk! We are thankful for your generous giving. You continue to have an impact on the lives of those in need!



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.

Vacation Bible School is June 3-5, 12:30pm-5pm at Our Savior's! Faith, Trinity and Our Savior's are

partnering together again this year. The theme is ***True North, Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.*** Please register asap if you haven't already. There is an insert on the table by the office with information on registering. You can also scan this QR code.



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

SMP Health—St. Raphael is looking for volunteers!

If you have a talent to share, love to have coffee and visit, play cards and games, do puzzles, take walks outside, or enjoy taking trips fishing or outings with others, we would love to have you! If you play an instrument, set ladies' hair, can transport residents to activities, share scripture and pray with others, do a planting project, or are good at woodworking, you'd be a great fit with us! If you enjoy helping with tasks like filling water pitchers, writing letters for residents, ride with others to an appointment, or just sit and hold someone's hand...please call Angi today to fill out a Volunteer Application for St. Raphael. We also have applications on our website. Thank you so much! Angi Hansen, Activity Director/Volunteer Coordinator at St. Raphael, 845-8238.



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); 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.

