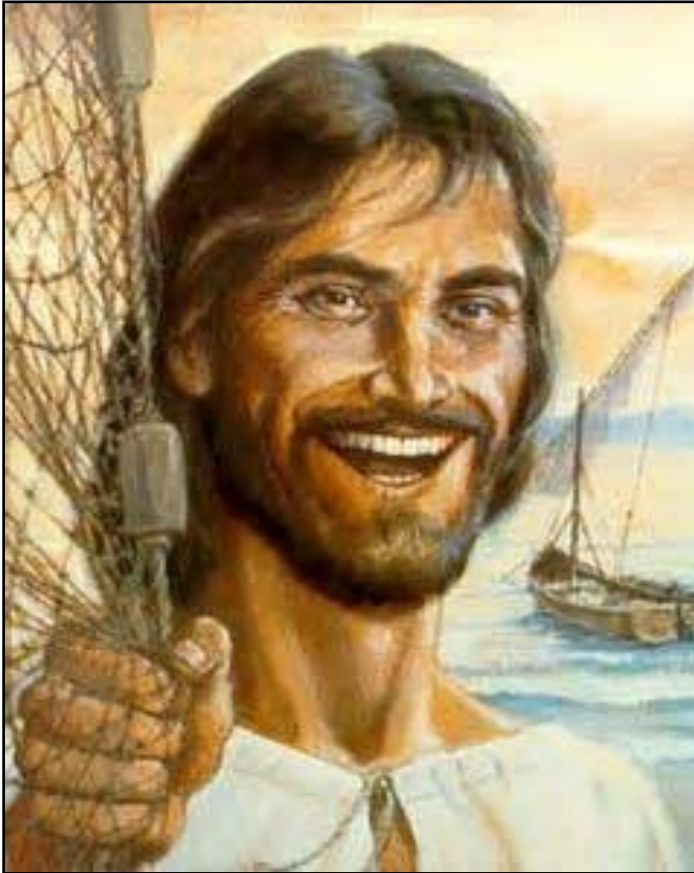


Holy Humor Sunday



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025

9:30am 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.

Prelude

GREETING

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

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk **“CROP Hunger Walk/Celebration Cake Box”** Sandy Brandvold

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracious Lord God, you know better than we do what repentant people we believe we are.

Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation.

Choosing to feast on the pain of the world we skip the meal offered before us.

Clinging to the despair which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus.

Forgive us Lord and make us open to the startling ways in which you work.

Fill us with Easter laughter; fill us with your holy joy; fill us with the love poured into us.

We pray through the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*SONG

“Joy to the World”

see insert/screen

CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF MERCY

“Beautiful Day, Glorious Day”

see insert/screen

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us through

Christ. When Jesus was around the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. Through the Holy Spirit we are gifted with joy and sent forth to bring goodness to the oppressed and healing to the broken. Through Christ' Spirit of joy you are an accepted, forgiven and loved Child of God.

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

*SONG OF PRAISE **"Deck the Halls"** vs 1,2,4 see insert/screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Good and gracious God, we laugh as a sign of the joy you have brought into the world through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Help us to see light through Your eyes—eyes of grace and forgiveness—and help us to laugh when the world presses in around us and we are afraid. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 5:27-32 (PB pg. 127 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 118:14-29 (please read responsively—see screen)

Revelation 1:4-8 (PB pg. 266 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **"Hark The Herald Angel Said"** see insert
(tune—Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

John 20:19-31 (PB pg. 119 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*SONG OF THE DAY **"God Bless You Merry Sinners"** see insert/screen
(tune—God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who made us in His image. We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - He is our joy!

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE: He is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Doxology”

see insert/screen

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:

***People: (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:

“Give to Us Laughter”

see screen

“Sing a Happy Hallelujah”

see screen

“You Are My All in All” chorus

see screen

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

ELW 290

*DISMISSAL: Go in laughter; go in grace.

I will keep the Lord in my heart and a smile on my face.

POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Serving Today

Ushers: Elaine Walls, Elise Miller
Lector: Wendi Wilmes
Acolyte: Audrey Jacobson
Kitchen: Emily Thompson, Elise Miller,
Elaine Walls, Rick & Robin Idland
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 4/17 (Maundy Thursday) 135
4/18 (Good Friday) 44
4/20 (Easter) 333 114+ online
Offering: 4/6 \$5,247.45
4/13 \$5,878.26
4/20 \$6,355.00
Mission Plan monthly
\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: April 28-May 4, 2025

Monday, April 28

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, April 29

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, April 30

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at
Trinity Lutheran

Saturday, May 3

9:00am-4:00pm - RWBC

Clean Up Day

Sunday, May 4

Last Day of Sunday School

SS Teacher Recognition

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - May Service & Care
Meeting

10:45am - Sunday School



We are overjoyed to invite everyone to the installation of Pastor Jamie Desai as our called pastor. Sunday, May 11th Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth will be here for the installation during our 9:30am worship service.

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.

Next Sunday, May 4 is the last day of Sunday School for 2024-2025. We will recognize our Sunday School Teachers that day also during worship. This is a dedicated group of adults who have given their time to support our children and youth.



Wednesday, May 7 is the last day of Kids Club for the 2024-2025 school year! Kids Club will be heading out to Wendi's parents lake cabin at Lake Ashtabula for a fun afternoon!



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 by **Friday, May 9**. You can drop by or email your info and photo to office@faithlutheranvc.org.

Celebration Cake Box Mission—The Mission Committee has this new mission Opportunity. Each Celebration Cake Box includes the supplies to make a cake. Since not everyone may have oil or eggs on hand, a can of lemon-lime soda (7-up) will be the substitute. (It really works!). If you would like to contribute one or some items to his mission, here are supplies needed:

- *Cake Mix *12oz can lemon-lime type soda (7-up or similar)
- *Can of ready to use frosting
- *Candles *Sprinkles.

At the end of April the celebration cake boxes will be put together and provided to the BC Food Pantry.



CROP HUNGER WALK 2024 will take place on **Wednesday, May 7 beginning at 7pm** at Jefferson School. Come join the walk and support hunger ministries near and far. **The Mission Team will have a table set up today, April 27 and May 4 if you would like to give a donation to Crop Hunger Walk.** Visit crophungerwalk.org for information. #CROPHungerWALK. All ages are welcome!

Valley City Kiwanis Pancakes & Sausage—Monday, April 28, serving 5-7pm at Valley City Eagles Club. Cost is \$8; Preschool age is Free. Meat Raffle will be held at event.

The Valley Troubadours Spring 2025 Concert Series—Sunday, May 4 at 7pm Home Concert at Valley City Connect Church. **Thursday, May 8 at 6:30pm** at Nome Schoolhouse Thirsty Thursday Event. Free Admission—Freewill Offering taken.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—JoAn Nelleremoe; Don Burke;

Amanda Spencer (Karen Nitschke's granddaughter); Sandy Mulvaney; 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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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.

