



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

**309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota**

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

**Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 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

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

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come now, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Come now, let us sing songs of praise to the Lord.

Let us praise our God, the King who is above all other Gods.

Come now, let us bow down before the King of kings.

Let us kneel before the King, the Maker, our Lord God.

*GATHERING HYMN **"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"** ELW 389

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW pg. 95

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,**

renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***GREETING**

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.**

***KYRIE**

ELW pg. 184

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal and all-merciful God, **with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



HOLY BAPTISM

ATLAS JASPER BRANT

ELW pg. 227



HYMN

“Borning Cry”

ELW 732

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 9:1-6 (PB pg. 132 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 30 (please read responsively)

Revelation 5:11-14 (PB pg. 270 - New Testament)

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

“Thy Word”

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The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 21:1-19 (PB pg. 120 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“He Has Been Raised”

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks”

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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:

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW 660

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW 856

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW 789

You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*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 **“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”** vs 1,2,5

ELW 377

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

Serving Today

Greeter: Virgil Kratz
Ushers: Doug Kratz, Doug McPherson
Lector: Wendi Wilmes
Acolyte: Brody Metcalf
Kitchen: Doug & Leona McPherson,
Doug & Becky Kratz, Virgil & Tami Kratz
Keyboard: Amy Johnson
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 4/27 89

Offering: 4/6 \$5,247.45
4/13 \$5,878.26
4/20 \$6,355.00
4/27 \$3,189.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$23,577.78

The Week Ahead: May 5-11, 2025

Monday, May 5

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, May 6

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, May 7

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Last Day of Kids Club

7:00pm - CROP Hunger Walk

Saturday, May 10

11:00am - Celebration of Life
for Russ Hilborn

Sunday, May 11

Happy Mother's Day!

Installation of Pastor Jamie

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship



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.

Card Shower for Pastor Jamie!

Let's come together to celebrate Pastor Jamie Desai's installation with a heartfelt *card shower*! Share your words of encouragement, gratitude, and support as he begins this new chapter with us. We'll have a special basket ready to collect cards and notes on May 11th. If you can't be there in person, no worries—you can drop off your message with Julie in the office or mail it to: PO Box 606, Valley City, ND 58072. Thank you for helping us make Pastor Jamie feel truly welcomed and appreciated!

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 **Atlas Jasper Brant**, born March 25, 2025. Atlas' parents are Madison Trzpuc and Hades Brant. Atlas' sponsor is Kerissa Alebertt. Please keep Atlas and his family in your prayers.

Celebration of Life for Russ Hilborn will be this Saturday, May 10th at 11am here at Faith Lutheran with Pastor Jamie officiating. Russ died on November 20, 2024 in Valley City. Our sympathies continue for Marlys and Family.



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 by **Friday, May 9**. 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.



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, May 4 if you would like to give a donation to Crop Hunger Walk. Visit crophungerwalk.org for information. #CROPHungerWALK. All ages are welcome!

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.

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.



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 Neller-moe; 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.

