



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 12, 2026

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.

Laughter can banish so much of our strife!

Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.

Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;

let us in laughing find Christian employ,

joining with stars and with bright northern lights,

laughing and praising and sharing delights.

Even in sorrow and hours of grief,

laughter with tears brings us healing relief!

God, give us laughter and God, give us peace,

joy of your promise among us increase.

*SONG

"Joy to the World" vs 1,2,4

ELW 267

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

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

ELW 379

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 **“Hark The Herald Angel Said”** see screen
(tune—Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

*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 WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (PB pg. 123 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 16 (please read responsively—see screen)

1 Peter 1:3-9 (PB pg. 250 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Be Not Afraid”** ELW 388

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

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*SONG OF THE DAY **“Christ, Be Our Light”** ELW 715

*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 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:

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

“Come to the Table”

ELW 481

“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.

Serving Today

Greeter: Ivory Erickson
Ushers: Mary Rausch, Carol Smith
Lector: Wendi Wilmes
Acolyte: Braeden Schulz
Coffee: Carol Smith, Greg & Karen Burchill, Val Bolstad
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance

Attendance: 4/2 (Maundy Thursday) 129 52+ online
4/3 (Good Friday) 36
4/5 (Easter) 242/79 159+ online
Offering: 4/5 \$9,020.00
Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: April 13-19, 2026

Monday, April 13

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, April 14

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

5:15pm - Mission Team Meets

Wednesday, April 15

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

5:15pm - Council Meets

6:30pm - Confirmation at Trinity

Saturday, April 18

WELCA Spring Round-Up

8:00am - Men's Group Meets

Sunday, April 19

Noisy Offering—Crop Walk

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - Spring Cleaning Day

10:30am - May Service & Care
Meeting

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.



Our sympathies to Mary Stearns & Family & Friends. Mary's mother, **Manuela Cruff** died Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Interment will be at a later date.

WELCA Spring Round-Up—Saturday, April 18, 9am-3pm, Bagg Bonanza Historical Farm. If Registration is FREE but lunch is \$20 paid day of event. A sign up sheet to car pool to the event is on the table in the gathering area.



It's Time for a Church Spring Cleaning Day! We will hold the Spring Cleaning Day, **next Sunday, April 19** right after our worship service so please wear your cleaning cloths to church that day. Sandy & Mark will have a table of cleaning supplies and a list of what needs to be done so you can choose what you would like to do. If you have a ladder, ether step or regular, that you could bring that would be helpful so we can clean the windows and wipe down door frames. We will be moving pews and cleaning the sanctuary floor. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer your time and energy!

Next Sunday, April 19 we will be receiving a **noisy offering for Crop Walk.** Crop Walk will be held in Valley City May 6th. This is an annual community event with the funds that are raised help fight hunger and food needs locally and globally. The kids will be bringing around their pails during the Children's Word. Thank you for your generous giving!

We do have ear buds available for people who are hard of hearing and would like to use them to hear the service better. Talk to the sound person and they will set you up.

Celebration Cake Box Mission—

The Mission Team will be collecting items for Celebration Cake Boxes. 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 this mission, here are supplies needed:

- *Cake Mix
- *12oz can lemon-lime type soda (7-up or similar)
- *Can of ready to use frosting (w/sprinkles on top of can)
- *Small pack of candles

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



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 you may place in the offering plates that say you give electronically.



Holy Trinity Spring Dinner and Bake Sale—Sunday, April 12, 11am-1:30pm, Fingal, ND. They will be serving Ham, Mashed potatoes/gravy, Baby carrots, Salads, Buns, Desserts, Beverage. Cost: Adults—\$15; Grade K-6—\$7; Pre-K—Free. Take Outs Available.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

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

General Prayer List:—Mabeth Kudrna; Rita Bearman; Anita Scholz; Marlys Kunze; Karla Ranisate; Maureen Walch (Karen Nitschke's sister); Doug Kratz; Verlynn Christianson; Lee Ann Peterson; Angela Rohde (Jake Rohde's mother); Don & Kathy Burke; Amanda Spencer (Karen Nitschke's granddaughter); Scott & Kay Stanford; Bob Green; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Nancy Knutson; Jake Archambeau (Karen Nitschke's nephew); Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud; Bea Faust; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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Family BINGO Night—Thursday, April 23, 5-7pm at Hi-Liner Activity Center, VCHS. IN recognition of April as Prevent Child Abuse Month, join us for Family Bingo Night—an evening of fun and prizes with helpful resources for families. Visit informational booths and get tips from a children's therapist on handling challenging behaviors. A free meal will be provided by the Valley City Kiwanis.