



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 April 19, 2026
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 SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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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**

O God, **your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

Noisy Offering—Crop Walk

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (PB pg. 123 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 (please read responsively)

1 Peter 1:17-23 (PB pg. 250 - New Testament)

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

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The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 24:13-35 (PB pg. 92 - 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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***APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Stay with Me”

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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 Music:

You Are My All in All” (chorus)

Cyndi Hill

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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

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

ELW 367

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Ushers: *Nate & Mary Rausch*
Lector: *Brenda Bong*
Acolyte: *Aaliyah Torbenonson*
Coffee: *Carol Smith, Nate & Mary Rausch, Robin Idland*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*

Attendance

Attendance: 4/12 98 66+ online

Offering: 4/5 \$9,020.00

4/12 \$4,001.00

Mission Plan monthly

\$24,295.67

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.



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.



It's Time for a Church Spring Cleaning Day! We will hold the Spring Cleaning Day, **today 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. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer your time and energy!

The Week Ahead: April 20-26, 2026

Monday, April 20

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, April 21

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 22

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at Trinity

Thursday, April 23

1:00pm - Sheyenne Valley

Memory Café

Friday, April 24

5:30pm - Ladies Evening

at Grace Free

Sunday, April 26

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

Today 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!

Church Directory Update—The edited directory has been received by Universal Church Directories. As soon as the corrections have been made and approved by us they will print our directories and get them to us. We do appreciate your patience and we will get them distributed as soon as we get them. We are thinking middle of May or close to that.

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.



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.

Sheyenne Valley Memory Café—Thursday, April 23rd, 1-3pm here at Faith. The topic will be on assistive technology. Sheyenne Valley Memory Café is a great way to meet with other people who are experiencing memory loss or are caregivers with memory loss issues.



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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Valley Troubadours 50th Annual Home Concert —Sunday, May 3 at 6:30pm at Valley City Connect Church. This will be special concert with former members coming back to sing with the Valley Troubadours. Our own **Cyndi Hill** has been the accompanist for the Troubadours for over 30 years! Free Admission—Freewill Offering taken.