



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**

309 Fourth Street Northeast  
Valley City, North Dakota

*Pastor: Jamie Desai*

*Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith*  
Fourth Sunday of Easter      April 26, 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.

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\*Indicates those who are able, please stand. (ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal)  
Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us celebrate the Risen Christ who is the Good Shepherd.

**We celebrate the Good Shepherd who gives his life for his sheep.**

Let us celebrate the Risen Christ who restores his people not from a throne but from a cross.

**We celebrate the Shepherd King who transforms the world with truth and grace.**

Let us celebrate the Risen Christ who renews his people not with condemnation but with peace.

**We celebrate the Risen Christ who changes death into life and calls us to love one another.**

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

\*GATHERING SONG

**"Gather Us In"** vs 1,2

ELW 532

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious Lord God, we bow before you as people who have messed up, failed and have forgotten or ignored the ways of Jesus. We have hurt you and our neighbors by things we have said and not said, by things we have done and not done.

**Create in us clean hearts Oh God and renew a right spirit within us.**

In spite of the fact we have ignored Jesus' call to be witnesses of his acceptance, forgiveness and love to the world, Jesus still proclaims to each of us, you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

**I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE **"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"** vs 1,3

ELW 385

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, **you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2:42-47** (PB pg. 124 - New Testament)

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

**Psalm 23** (please read responsively)

**1 Peter 2:19-25** (PB pg. 251 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation **"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** vs 1 ELW 807

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**John 10:1-10** (PB pg. 107 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

ELW 793

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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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

**“Doxology”**

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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:

**“Gather Us In”** vs 3,4

ELW 532

**“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”**

ELW 484

**“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

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”** vs 1,2,4

ELW 365

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

### Serving Today

**Greeter:** *Teagan Klevgaard*  
**Ushers:** *Jody Johnson, Elise Miller*  
**Lector:** *Kylie Van Bruggen*  
**Acolyte:** *Rylee Gray*  
**Coffee:** *Carol Smith, Jody Johnson, Val Bolstad*  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** *Cyndi Hill*

### Attendance

Attendance: 4/19 115 62+ online

Offering: 4/5 \$9,020.00

4/12 \$4,001.00

4/19 \$6,335.75

Mission Plan monthly

\$24,295.67

### The Week Ahead: April 27-May 3, 2026

#### Monday, April 27

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, April 28

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, April 29

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at Trinity

#### Sunday, May 3

Sunday School Teacher

Recognition

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

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### 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 3 is the last day of Sunday School for 2025-2026. We will recognize our Sunday School Teachers that day also during worship.** This is a dedicated group of adults and young people who have given their time to support our children.



**Wednesday, May 6 is the last day of Kids Club** for the 2025-2026 school year! Kids Club will be heading out to Wendi's parents lake cabin at Lake Ashtabula for a fun afternoon!

#### **May 17 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 8**. You can drop by or email your info and photo to [office@faithlutheranvc.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranvc.org).



#### **Red Willow Ministries Camp Clean Up Day—May 2 & May 9, 9am-4pm, Lunch Provided.**

Your help is needed as RWBC prepares for summer. There's a wide range of projects to tackle: everything from prepping First Aid kits and organizing the kitchen pantry, to trimming trees, raking leaves, and getting the volleyball pit back into shape. There's something for everyone, no matter your skill level. Come for a few hours or stay the whole day. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/dnVDTiS4qn5Xn6SX8> or go to Red Willow Ministries on Facebook and click on the link there.

### **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.

### **Our Savior's Lutheran WELCA Spring Treasure Sale— Friday, May 1, 1-4pm & Saturday, May 2, 8:30am-noon.**

Check out the treasures—kitchen, household, toys, holiday decorations, storage, furniture, luggage, and much more. Rolls, coffee and juice in the small dining room on Saturday. Free will offering will go to WELCA project and activities. Good Samaritan Quilters will also have quilts for sale. Several different sizes available and in many different colors. They make great gifts for graduation, baby showers and more!

**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.**

**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.



### **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:—**Alan Black (Gloriann Gaarder's great-nephew); 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; Scott & Kay Stanford; Bob Green; Mackenzie Schram (Becky Kratz' niece); Nancy Knutson; Jake Archambeau; Linda Moser; Mary Buringrud; Bea Faust; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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### **Thank Spring Cleaning THANK YOU**

# You

I just want to say thank you so very much to all that helped with our Church Spring Cleaning!!

My regular bi-week cleaning helps to maintain the building but there isn't enough time in the day to deep clean as well, so it is very important that so many of you come to help when we have these cleaning days. Many hands make light work. We were able to get all the items on the lists completed in an hour!! Thank you to those who brought the ladders, fans and extra cleaning items. It is nice to see everyone working together and having some laughs as we worked too. I appreciate you all and again, thank you!!!

Sandy Brandvold