

God, who made the world
and everything in it ...



does not dwell in temples
made with hands.

Acts 17:24, NKJV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith
Sixth Sunday after Easter May 10, 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

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

Come join the Easter journey of Jesus today.

We come to join the Easter journey walking at our own speeds, in our own styles and in our different ways.

Come walk with the One who gives us the command to love one another.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

*GATHERING HYMN “**Come, Thou Almighty King**” vs 1.4

ELW 408

*CONFESSION

Men: We have not loved you with all of our hearts.

Women: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Men: We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.

Women: We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Men: We are captured by our desire for material wealth.

Women: We forget those who do not have food or shelter.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Men: We abuse the gifts of your creation.

Women: We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Men: We fail to respond to your call to do justice.

Women: We seek only comfort for ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

SONG OF MERCY **“O God of Mercy, God of Light”** vs 1,2

ELW 714

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

We are broken but God’s promises are not. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

*SONG OF PRAISE **“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”** vs 1.3

ELW 392

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, **you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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

MOTHER’S DAY LITANY

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SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 17:22-31 (PB pg. 143 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 66:8-20 (please read responsively)

1 Peter 3:13-22 (PB pg. 252 - New Testament)

*Gospel Acclamation **“Open Our Eyes”**

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The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 14:15-21 (PB pg. 113 - 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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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

“We Are an Offering”

ELW 692

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: **“Children of the Heavenly Father”**

ELW 781

“Come, Let Us Eat”

ELW 491

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG **“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

ELW 543

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

Serving Today

Greeter: Talon Klevgaard
Ushers: Virgil & Tami Kratz
Lector: Linda Lane
Acolyte: Talon Klevgaard
Coffee: Doug & Leona McPherson,
Virgil & Tami Kratz, Kara Wiebe
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance

Attendance: 5/3 130
Offering: 5/3 \$7,480.00
Mission Plan monthly
\$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: May 11-17, 2026

Monday, May 11

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, May 12

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 13

12:00pm - FLC Staff Meeting

1:00pm - Quilters

Friday, May 15

11:30am-1:30pm - Song of Norway Syttende Mai
Norwegian Luncheon at Faith

Saturday, May 16

8am - Men's Group Meeting—Pancake Brunch Prep

Sunday, May 17

High School Senior Recognition

Noisy Offering—Summer Grocery Store

9:30am-12:30pm - Men's Group Pancake Brunch

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - June Service & Care Group Meets

Announcements

The Church Directories have arrived! You can pick your directories up today before & after church or stop by the office during the week. Everyone who had their picture taken for the directory or submitted a photo will get one first. If you would like a directory and didn't have a photo taken or submitted, the directories are \$15 each. Thank you for your patience waiting for them to arrive!

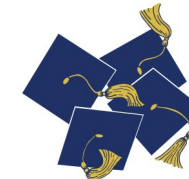
Stop in the fellowship hall for a cup of coffee or juice and a treat served at 10:30am following worship. It is good to enjoy each other's company and conversation.



Our sympathies to Mark & Jody Svenningsen & family. Mark's father, **Gordon Svenningsen**, died Thursday, April 30, 2026. His funeral was held Wednesday, May 6 at Our Savior's.



The Men's Group will be having their Spring Pancake Brunch Sunday, May 17th! 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!



**Celebrating
Our Graduates**

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 ASAP.

Noisy Offering—Next Sunday, May 17 we will be receiving a noisy offering for the Bridges Backpack Summer Grocery Store. The children will be coming around with their buckets during the Children's Word to collect your loose change and dollar bills. Your loose change and dollar bills make a difference! We are thankful for your generous giving.

Register now for Vacation Bible School—May 26, 27, 28, 12:30-5pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (put on by Faith, Our Savior's, Trinity Lutheran Churches. Register by May 18. Register by scanning the QR Code or go to <https://form.jotform.com/240864442295057>

Register Below:



If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS please talk to Wendi, 840-3911.



It's time to register your kids for **Red Willow Bible Summer Camp!** This year Faith Lutheran has a limited number of \$200 scholarships for those attending the 2026 camps. Scan the QR Code to go directly to their website to register. Contact Julie in the office for the scholarship code.



SONS OF NORWAY Sons of Norway Hjemdahl Lodge invite you to attend the **Syttende Mai Norwegian Brunch-Luncheon on Friday, May 16, 11:30am-1:30pm** at Faith Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$17 and preschool free. Tickets available at the door. Menu features: lefse, rommegrot, kromkage, sweep soup, fresh smoked salmon, fresh fruit, meat & cheese, kransekake, sandbakkels, rosettes, & various Norski Treats (coffee included).

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.



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:—Kari Jones; Melody Schram (Becky Kratz' aunt); 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; 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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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.