



“Do not  
let your  
**HEARTS**  
be troubled.  
**Believe**  
in  
**God,**  
believe also  
in me.”

John 14:1, NRSV

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**

309 Fourth Street Northeast  
Valley City, North Dakota

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*Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith*

Fifth Sunday after Easter      May 3, 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

Welcome and Announcements

### INVOCATION

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

He is Risen.

**He is Risen indeed!**

He joins us on our journey.

**May we prepare a place for Him.**

Let us not be troubled.

**We will trust in the Lord.**

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*GATHERING SONG

**"The Journey of Praise"**

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### \*CONFESSION

Gracious Lord God, we have not lived as your chosen people. We have not loved your daughters and sons.

**Sometimes I hate. Sometimes I lie. Sometimes I waste.**

Gracious Lord, God, we have not lived as your chosen people. We have not loved your daughters and sons.

**Sometimes I am selfish. Sometimes I am prejudice. Sometimes I am destructive.**

Gracious Lord God, we have not lived as your chosen people. We have not loved your daughters and sons.

SONG OF MERCY

**“Jesus, Name Above All Names”**

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WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Every time we are sinners there is hope for freedom. Not by our own doing but through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

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

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

ELW 671

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Acts 7:55-60** (PB pg. 130 - New Testament)

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

**Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16** (please read responsively)

**1 Peter 2:2-10** (PB pg. 251 - New Testament)

\*Gospel Acclamation

**“Open Our Eyes, Lord”**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**John 14:1-14** (PB pg. 112 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”** vs 1,3,5

ELW 798

\*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW pg. 127

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION

\*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:

**“I Received the Living God”**

ELW 477

**“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”**

ELW 413

**“Here Is Bread”**

ELW 483

**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

**“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”** vs 1,2,5

ELW 389

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

Serving Today

**Greeter:** Talon Klevgaard  
**Ushers:** Doug & Leona McPherson  
**Lector:** Marsha Saylor  
**Acolyte:** Teagan Klevgaard  
**Coffee:** Doug & Becky Kratz, Virgil & Tami Kratz, Kevin & Barb Baasch  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** Cyndi Hill

Attendance

Attendance: 4/26 107 52+ online  
Offering: 4/5 \$9,020.00  
4/12 \$4,001.00  
4/19 \$6,335.75  
4/26 \$3,603.75  
Mission Plan monthly  
\$24,295.67

The Week Ahead: May 4-10, 2026

Monday, May 4

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, May 5

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 6

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Last Day of Kids Club

7:00pm - Crop Hunger Walk

Friday, May 9

1:00pm - WELCA Hosted

Coffee Time at St Raphael

Sunday, May 10

Happy Mother's Day!

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

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, May 3 is the last day of Sunday School for 2025-2026. We will recognize our Sunday School Teachers this morning 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!

Faith WELCA along with Trinity WELCA and Our Savior's WELCA will host **Coffee Time** with our St. Raphael residents on **Friday, May 8, 1-3pm for Mother's Day.** Family and friends are welcome to join us at this coffee time with our members.



**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).



**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:





**Red Willow Ministries Camp Clean Up Day—**  
**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.



**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.



**Valley City CROP Hunger Walk—May 6 beginning at 7pm** at Jefferson Elementary. Walk the Jefferson Mile and raise funds to help end hunger one step at a time. You can also give cash donations here at Faith or when you register to walk. Thank you!



**VCHS Speech Team Showcase!** Our church has quite a few students in Speech at VCHS. On **Thursday, May 9 at 7pm** the Speech Team will hold its annual Showcase at VCHS Theatre. The team invites all community members to attend and enjoy performances by the students. Admission is free, though freewill donations will be accepted! All proceeds will go toward National Tournament expenses and other team needs. Come to the Showcase!



**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; 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.**