



"YOU ARE WITNESSES
OF
THESE
THINGS."

LUKE 24:48

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
Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024
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

Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



HOLY BAPTISM

CAMDEN DENNIS SCHUSTER

ELW pg. 227



HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW 595

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 3:12-19 (PB pg. 125 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 4 (please read responsively)

1 John 3:1-7 (PB pg. 259 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

ELW 751

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 24:36b-48 (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”

see screen

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”** 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:

***(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: Music Played
You Are My All in All” (chorus) see screen

*BLESSING

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 **“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”** vs 1,2,5 ELW 377

*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: *Ellie Altringer*
Ushers: *Elise Miller, Elaine Walls*
Lector: *Elaine Walls*
Acolyte: *Morgan Larson*
Kitchen: *Elise Miller, Elaine Walls, Robin Idland*
Keyboard & Vocals: *Cyndi Hill*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 4/7 92 96+ online
 Offering: 4/7 \$5,120.00
 Mission Plan monthly
 \$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: April 15-21, 2024

Monday, April 15

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, April 16

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

Wednesday, April 17

Early Dismissal Day

12:15pm-5:00pm - Kids Club

1:00pm - Quilters

6:30pm - Confirmation at

Trinity Lutheran

Saturday, April 20

8:00am - Men's Group Meets

10am-3:00pm - WELCA Spring
Roundup at Riverbend Farms

Sunday, April 21

Noisy Offering—Crop Walk

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

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.



Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Camden Dennis Schuster**, born October 8, 2023. Camden's parents are Aaron & Katie Schuster. Camden's sponsors are Cassandra & Ethen Preston and Zandy Brunette. Please keep Camden and his family in your prayers.

Noisy Offering—Next Sunday, April 21 we will be receiving



a noisy offering for Crop Walk. 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.

Early Dismissal Day for VCPS— Wednesday, April 17

We will partner with kids in grades K-6th Grade from Trinity, Our Savior's and Faith to have an extra special fun afternoon! Wendi will pick up the kids in 4th-6th grade from Washington School, but the kids in K-3rd grade will need to be brought to Faith after school. We will play games and have a snack at Faith before we head over to the Wellness Center at 3pm for fun and swimming. Since the kids will be swimming, parents please have your child bring a swimsuit and towel. Parents will pick their kids up from the Wellness Center at 5pm. Parents please make sure Wendi knows if your child will be here so she can have each child on her list.

Celebration Cake Box Mission—

The Mission Committee has this new mission Opportunity. 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 his mission, here are supplies needed:

- *Cake Mix
- *12oz can lemon-lime type soda (7-up or similar)
- *Can of ready to use frosting
- *Candles
- *Sprinkles.

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



Church Spring Cleaning Day—It's time to start thinking about Spring Cleaning! On **Sunday, April 28th** we will be begin cleaning right after the worship service so please wear your cleaning clothes

to church that day. There will be a job for everyone who would like to volunteer to help. Last fall everyone worked so well together that it was done in an hour and a half. The church council will be serving lunch when cleaning is done! Council will be providing lunch after the cleaning is done. Please note that we will not have coffee that day after the church service.



CROP HUNGER WALK 2024 will take place on **Wednesday, April 24 beginning at 7pm** at Jefferson School. Come join the walk and support hunger ministries near and far. Donations made before or on the

day of the walk will support the Barnes County Food Pantry, Hi-Liner Food Pantry and VCSU Food Pantry. The Mission Team will be available after church services on April 124 & 21 for any questions and to accept donations for the CROP Walk. All ages are welcome!



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Mark Hill; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Laurette Zachrison.

General Prayer List:—Marlys Kunze; Dan & Bea Faust; Katie Staffeldt (Elaine Walls' great-niece); Patsy Vogel (Elaine Walls' sister); Kim Homan (Cheryl Peterson and LeeAnn & Ron Peterson's brother); Mike Kainz (Kirsten Gerhardt's father); Verna Anderson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Sue Olson; Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson's brother-in-law); Sandy Mulvaney; Doug Altringer; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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

The cards are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



PCAND Family Fair—Tuesday, April 23, 4:30-6:30pm at the Hi-Liner Activity Center (HAC). Join for a free fun-filled evening of games, family activities, resources, food, and giveaways as we work together to create a safe community and prevent child abuse in Valley City!