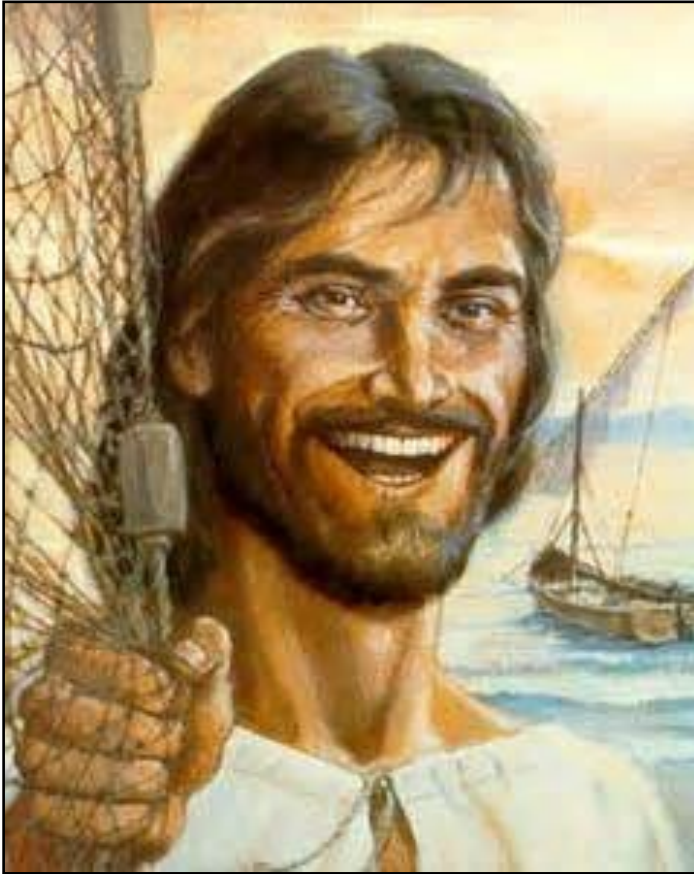


Holy Humor Sunday



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

309 Fourth Street Northeast

Valley City, North Dakota

Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith
Second Sunday of Easter April 16, 2023

9:30am 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.

Prelude

*GREETING

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

Welcome and Announcements

*SONG

"We Three Women"

see insert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy is loose,

In the wiggles of the children,

The whispers of the youth,

The smiles of the adults.

We praise God for this glorious day,

Let the praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

Joy and praise fills our hearts and in our songs

ALL: Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.

*SONG

"Joy to the World"

see insert

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Good and gracious God, we laugh as a sign of the joy you have brought into the world through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Help us to see light through Your eyes—eyes of grace and forgiveness—and help us to laugh when the world presses in around us and we are afraid.

Amen.



♪♪ CHILDREN SING—“**Father Abraham**” “**J-E-S-U-S**” ♪♪
Noisy Offering—VCPS Lunch Program

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (PB pg. 123 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 16 (please read responsively—see screen)

1 Peter 1:3-9 (PB pg. 250 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Hark The Herald Angel Said”** see insert

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

John 20:19-31 (PB pg. 119 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*SONG OF THE DAY **“Sing a Happy Alleluia”** see insert

*CREED

We believe in God, who made us in His image. We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. He had the last laugh on the devil when He rose from the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

Our counselor, our guide, our motivator - He is our joy!

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”** see insert

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:

***People: (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:

“Give to Us Laughter”

see screen

“God Bless You Merry Sinner”

see screen

“You Are My All in All” chorus

see screen

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

“Deck the Halls”

see insert

*DISMISSAL: Go in laughter; go in grace. **I will keep the Lord in my heart and a smile on my face.**

POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: Ayden Ness, Nancy Ost
Ushers: Bob Green, Tim Ost
Lector: Greg Burchill
Acolyte: Addy Gerhardt
Kitchen: French Toast Fundraiser
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 4/6 (Maundy Thursday) 135 72+ online views
4/7 (Good Friday) 28
4/9 (Easter Sunday) 262 174+online views

Offering: 4/2 \$4,428.00
4/9 \$7,793.00

Mission Plan monthly
\$21,265.25

The Week Ahead: April 17-23, 2023

Monday, April 17

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, April 18

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

5:30pm - Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 19

Early Dismissal Day

1:00pm - Quilters

12:15pm - Faith Kids Club including K-3rd graders

6:30pm - Confirmation at Trinity

Sunday, April 23

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

Announcements

French Toast Brunch Fundraiser—Today, April 16

the Men's Group will be serving French toast, sausage, applesauce, coffee/juice from **9:30am-12:30pm**. This will be a freewill offering. WELCA will also have a **Bake Sale** during this time. **All proceed will go to Faith Lutheran's General Fund.**

Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Jackson Jay Larson**, born June 27, 2022. Jackson's parents are Brandon & Nicole Larson and big sister is Ellie. Jackson's sponsors are Lucas & Jill Mauch and Morgan Larson. Please keep Jackson and his family in your prayers.

Our sympathies to Tyler & Lacy Majerus & family. Tyler's mother, **Denise Majerus** died Saturday, April 8. Her Celebration of Life will be Monday, April 17 at 2pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kathryn.

Today we will receive a **noisy offering** for the **VCPS Lunch Program**. The kids will be collecting your loose change & dollar bills after the baptism. Your donations are making a difference!

Next Wednesday, April 19 is Early Dismissal Day for VC Public Schools. We will be planning some fun activities for this day for **Kindergarten-6th graders** from Faith, Our Savior's, and Trinity! The 4th-6th grade kids will be picked up from Washington School at 12:15 with the church van and the Kindergarteners-3rd Graders will need to be dropped off to **Trinity**. All kids should to be picked up from **Trinity** at 5pm.

Faith Lutheran will be hosting the **Spring Luncheon** this year for Faith, Our Savior's and Trinity Lutheran Churches. It is Saturday, April 29 at 10:30am. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Cheryl Foell, 840-1368, by **Thursday, April 27** so they can prepare the food.

Julie will be working on the next **lector list** this week. **If you would be interested in being added to the lector list to read the scriptures on a Sunday morning**, please let her know by calling the office at 845-4390 or talking to her. The lector list is scheduled for about 6 months at a time. You would be scheduled once or twice a year. The lectors not scheduled will be rotated in on the next schedule and can be called if you need a replacement. The lector notes are emailed to the person reading or can be picked up. They are also on the ambo Sunday mornings. We are thankful for everyone who is willing to read the scriptures each week!

We are happy that your children enjoy playing in the nursery. If you would check the nursery when your children are through playing to see if the toys are put away, it would be appreciated. Thank you!

The Community Closet will be open Monday, April 24, 5-7pm at Our Savior's. This is a great volunteer opportunity as well. On Sunday, April 23rd we will be setting up from 4-6pm. On Monday, April 24, volunteers can come and help anytime between 5-8pm. An and all help will be appreciated.



CROP Hunger Walk Event—
Wednesday, May 3rd. We invite everyone to raise awareness and funds to address local and global hunger. Start anytime between **6:30-7pm. Ends at 8pm.**

Come to walk the mile sidewalk route around the Jefferson Elementary & Athletic Fields area. All ages are welcome! More information soon.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Mark Hill; Mavis Johnson; Diane Kohn; Laurette Zachrison.

General Prayer List:—Dan & Bea Faust; Paul Vangerud; Sandy Mulvaney; Doug Altringer; Sue Olson; Samuel Hill (Cyndi & Mark Hill's grandson); Lori Hill (Tami Kratz's sister); Rory Mulvaney; Arleen Retzlaff; Mary Schram (Becky Kratz' mother).

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