



*... whatever we ask
we receive from him,
because we keep his
commandments
and do what
pleases him.*

1 JOHN 3:22, ESV

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Valley City, North Dakota

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Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 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

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 **"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"** vs 1,2,4
ELW 367

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!

*GREETING

ELW pg. 138

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 AND CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW pg. 138

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, **good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied: heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

Noisy Offering—Crop Walk

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 4:5-12 (PB pg. 125 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 23 (please read responsively)

1 John 3:16-24 (PB pg. 260 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"** vs 1 ELW 502

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

Glory to you, O Lord

John 10:11-18 (PB pg. 107 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **"Have No Fear, Little Flock"** vs 1,2,4

ELW 764

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”** vs 5 ELW 502

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: **“Cornerstone”** see screen

“Gentle Shepherd” see screen

“Shepherd Me, O God” ELW 780

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 **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”** vs 1,2 ELW 369

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

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord