



*... 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**

309 Fourth Street Northeast  
Valley City, North Dakota

*Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai*

*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.

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\*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*

### Serving Today

**Ushers:** *Elise Miller, Elaine Walls*  
**Lector:** *Deb Shape*  
**Acolyte:** *Ellie Altringer*  
**Kitchen:** *Greg & Karen Burchill, Carol Smith*  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** *Cyndi Hill*  
**Vocals:** *Julie May*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 4/14 105 134+ online

Offering: 4/7 \$5,120.00  
4/14 \$3,023.00

Mission Plan monthly

### The Week Ahead: April 22-28, 2024

#### Monday, April 22

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, April 23

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

#### Wednesday, April 24

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

1:00pm - Quilters

7:00pm - CROP Walk

#### Thursday, April 25

1:00pm - Sheyenne Valley

Memory Café

#### Sunday, April 28

No Sunday School

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Church Spring Cleanup

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](http://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.



### 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.



**Noisy Offering—Today, 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.

**No Sunday School next Sunday, April 28th** due to no school Friday, April 26th so it will be a long weekend for the kids. **May 5th will be the last day of Sunday School for this school year.**



**Church Spring Cleaning Day—It's time for Spring Cleaning! Next Sunday, April 28th** we will be beginning 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.



**New Member Invitation—Sunday, May 5** we will enjoy a time of fellowship and have information for those who would like to learn more about us and are considering joining our Faith Lutheran family. If you or someone you know are interested in joining FLC or learn more about us please let Julie in the office know. A sign up sheet is also on the table in the gathering area.



We will recognize our Sunday School Teachers on Sunday, May 5th. This is a dedicated group of adults who have given their time to support our children and youth.

**May 19 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 10**. You can drop by or email your info and photo to [office@faithlutheranvc.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranvc.org).



**CROP HUNGER WALK 2024** will take place on **Wednesday, April 24 beginning at 7pm** at Jefferson School. The Mission Team will be available after church services on April 21 for any questions and to accept donations for the CROP Walk. All ages are welcome!

**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 this 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.



**Barnes County Tornado Preparedness Day—Tornado Drill on April 24 at 1pm** throughout Barnes County from participating Fire Departments.



**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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**Soup and Sandwich Luncheon—Sunday, April 21, 11:30-1:30pm at Valley City Congregational UCC, 217 4th St NW.** Freewill donations. All proceeds will be donated to the Valley City Barnes County Public Library “Light up the Library” fund raising campaign for a new roof and restoration of the dome. Sponsors: Valley City Masonic Lodge #7, Eastern Star Woodbine Chapter #4, Congregational UCC of Valley City.

**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!