



“Did not our **hearts**  
**burn within us** ...  
while **he opened** to us  
the **Scriptures?**”

**Luke 24:32, 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*

Third Sunday of Easter      April 23, 2023

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

Practice Song—"He Has Been Raised"

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, join the journey of Jesus today!

**We come in our different ways, walking in our own styles, at our own speeds. But we come to join the journey.**

Come, walk with the God of new beginnings, a God who discovers strength in weakness, who loves in the face of indifference, who brings life into the midst of death. For Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

**Hallelujah! We come to join the journey of Jesus today!**

\*GATHERING SONG

**"Thine Is the Glory"**

ELW 376

EASTER LITANY

At Easter, we celebrate the newness and wholeness God brings into the world's decay and brokenness.

**We celebrate a love that expects nothing in return and shows us what Jesus meant when he said: "Love one another as I have loved you."**

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus that never denies the crucifixion; we celebrate the Living Christ who comes with wounds displayed to touch us with love.

**We celebrate the people whose presence disturbs and inconveniences us, revealing to us the hardness of our hearts and creating opportunities for sharing and hospitality.**

We celebrate the Crucified Lord who delights in his victory and invites us to be transformed by faith that sees the less-than-obvious.

**We celebrate who we are as people restored, renewed and revealed by the truth of God's love in the crucified and risen Savior. Hallelujah!**

HYMN

**"Now the Green Blade Rises"**

ELW 379

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Gracious Jesus, by your resurrection, you renew the creation and call us on a journey. With your Good News, you change our death into life. Give us a new spirit to restore our hope, a new heart to replace our hearts of stone, a new perspective to reveal your presence—no matter where your love calls us. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41** (PB pg. 123 - New Testament)

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

**Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19** (please read responsively)

**1 Peter 1:17-23** (PB pg. 250 - New Testament)

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

\*Gospel Acclamation **"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"**

ELW 512

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Luke 24:13-35** (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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, the one who comes before us and goes behind us, creating life and opportunities to love and care for the world. We believe in Jesus Christ who walks with us into real life each day. He is God, yet human like us and experienced all life's joys and pains and challenges like we do. But his love is so great that not sin nor suffering nor even death could stop it. Today the love of Jesus lives and continues to bring new life to the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit who comes like the wind and blows in and through us to bring God's power and light to all the world. The Spirit breathes life into us, the body of Christ we call the**

**church, and enables us to follow the way of Christ. We believe in God, who goes before and behind, with, in and through us, bringing hope and life and newness to the world.**

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

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” vs 1 ELW 392**

**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: **“Beautiful Savior” ELW 838**

**“Morning Has Broken” ELW 556**

**“I Received the Living God” ELW 477**

**“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 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” vs 1,2,4 ELW 634**

**\*DISMISSAL Go in peace; the journey continues!**

**We will walk on—thanks be to God!**

### Serving Today

**Greeter:** Mazie Ludwig  
**Ushers:** Elaine Walls, Elise Miller  
**Lector:** Kylie Van Bruggen  
**Acolyte:** Owen Tichy  
**Kitchen:** Greg & Karen Burchill,  
Emily Thompson, Rick & Robin Idland  
**Keyboard:** Amy Johnson  
**Vocals:** Julie May

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 4/16 (Holy Humor) 142 75+ online views

Offering:	4/2	\$4,428.00
	4/9	\$7,793.00
	4/16	\$6,675.00

Mission Plan monthly  
\$21,265.25

### 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.



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.

**May 14th 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 Monday, May 8th. You can drop by or email your info and photo to [office@faithlutheranvc.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranvc.org).

**9th Grade Parent/Student Meeting—Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30pm at Trinity Lutheran.** The Mentor-Confirmand Summer Program will be explained. At least one parent or adult needs to be at the meeting with each youth. This is to prepare your confirmand for Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) on Sunday, October 29 at the 9:30am worship service.

Thank you to everyone for your generous giving to the noisy offering last Sunday. We received \$242.30 for the VCPS Lunch Program! The children did a great job collecting with their pails!

**Vacation Bible School—June 28-30, 2023.** We are excited to welcome some of the staff from Red Willow Bible Camp to lead it! Registration forms for VBS are on the table in the gathering area. They need to be turned in by **May 7th!**

### The Week Ahead: April 24-30, 2023

#### Monday, April 24

Pastor's Sabbath  
5:00pm-7:00pm - Community Closet at Our Savior's

#### Tuesday, April 25

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday, April 26

1:00pm - Quilters  
3:15pm - Faith Kids Club  
6:30pm - Confirmation at Trinity

#### Saturday, April 29

Jr/Sr High Youth—Tactical Action Gaming & Fargo Climbing Trip  
10:30am - WELCA Spring Luncheon at Faith

#### Sunday, April 30

9:30am - Worship Service  
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship  
10:45am - Sunday School



**CROP HUNGER WALK 2023** will take place on **Wednesday, May 3rd,** beginning at **7pm** at Jefferson School (1150 Central Ave. N). 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 and the Hi-Liner Food Pantry. Visit [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) for information. #CROPHungerWALK. All ages are welcome! The Mission Team will have a table set up on **Sunday, April 30** to collect donations.

**It's time to registering your kids for Bible Camp!** This a fun time and a great way to connect with others and grow their faith. To register for Red Willow Bible Camp go to their website: [www.redwillowministries.org](http://www.redwillowministries.org) for information and to register. When you register for Red Willow Bible Camp use the code **FLVC23** for the \$75 campership we give to help pay for camp. If your child attends a different Bible Camp you can still receive the \$75 campership. Ask Julie in the office if you have any questions. 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.

**Valley City Kiwanis Pancakes & Sausage—Monday, May 1,** serving **5-7pm** at the VCHS Cafeteria. Cost is \$8 and Pre-School age Free. Meat Raffle will be held at event.



### **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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[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.

