

The
sheep
follow
him
because
they
know
his
voice.

John 10:4, NRSV



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 30, 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.

*Indicates those who are able, please stand. (ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal)

Prelude

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

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come join the journey of Jesus to the cross.

We have come to be witnesses to Jesus' journey to the cross.

Come to the place in-between the past and the future.

We have come to join Jesus at the place in-between the now and the what that is yet to come.

Come join the journey of Jesus to the cross.

*GATHERING SONG **"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"** ELW 619

*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.

SONG OF MERCY **"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"** see screen

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!

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Our God Reigns”

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HOLY BAPTISM

ASHER THOMAS ALTRINGER

ELW pg. 227



SONG

“Jesus Loves Me!” vs 1

ELW 595

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our shepherd, **you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 2:42-47 (PB pg. 124 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 23 (please read responsively)

1 Peter 2:19-25 (PB pg. 251 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“Glory to God”

ELW pg. 213

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

Glory to you, O Lord

John 10:1-10 (PB pg. 107 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

ELW 502

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Praise and Thanksgiving” vs 1

ELW 689

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:

"Gentle Shepherd"

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"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

ELW 764

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

*SENDING SONG

"Redeemed"

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*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Okay we will!**

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeter: Addy Gerhardt
Ushers: Bob Green, Brian & Georgia Welken
Lector: Taylor Yanish
Acolyte: Mavrick Ludwig
Kitchen: Greg & Karen Burchill, Jody Johnson, Carol Smith
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 4/22 128 95+ online views

Offering: 4/2 \$4,428.00
4/9 \$7,793.00
4/16 \$6,675.00
4/23 \$2,888.00

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.



Today we celebrate God's promises in Holy Baptism for **Asher Thomas Altringer**, born June 27, 2022. Asher's mother is Carly Larson and siblings are Kinley, Emmy & Oakley. Asher's sponsor is Kris Edland. Please keep Asher and his family in your prayers.

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.

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!**



May Diaper Drive—It's time for our annual Diaper Drive! We will be collecting diapers and wipes to be donated locally to the Barnes County Food Pantry and Barnes

County Social Services for families/foster families in need. All sizes of diapers & pullups are needed. A playpen will be set up by the mission closet in the gathering area for you to drop off your donations throughout May.

The Week Ahead: May 1-7, 2023

Monday, May 1

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, May 2

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

5:30pm - Mission Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 3

Last Day of Confirmation

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Faith Kids Club

7:00pm - CROP Hunger Walk

Thursday, May 4

Quilting Class

Friday, May 5

Quilting Class

Saturday, May 6

11:00am-4:00pm - Fellowship Hall

Reserved

Sunday, May 7

Teacher/Guide Recognition

VBS Registration Due

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 for information. #CROPHungerWALK. All ages are welcome! The Mission Team will have a table set up on **Sunday, April 30** to collect donations.

We will recognize our Sunday School Teachers and Confirmation Guides on Sunday, May 7th. This is a dedicated group of adults who have given their time to support our children and youth.

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 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.

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.

The Valley Troubadours Spring 2023 Concert “Let All Men Sing” will be Sunday, May 7th at 7pm at VCSU Center for the Arts. Free Admission—Freewill offering taken.



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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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.

Sisters of Mary of the Presentation is seeking a **Casual CNA/PCA** who is able to work a variety of shifts (7-3p, 3-11p, 11-7a). Faith-filled, home like atmosphere, flexible scheduling with competitive wage. Please call 845-2863 for more information or apply online at www.sistersofmaryofthepresentation.org.