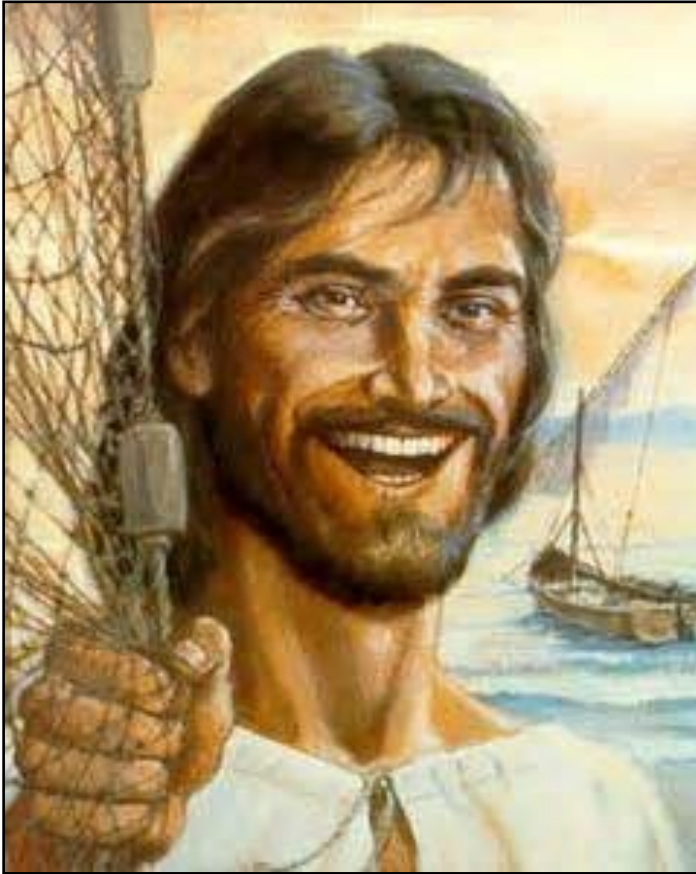


# Holy Humor Sunday



**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 7, 2024

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.

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Prelude

## GREETING

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

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

**“Celebration Cake Box”**

Mission Team

\*SONG

**“We Three Women”**  
(tune—We Three Kings)

see insert

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 66)

Come and celebrate! Shout joyfully to the Lord, your God! Glorify him with your praise!

**Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in joyful songs.**

Come and see what our God has done, what awesome things he has done for us!

**Let the whole world bless our God and sing his praise. For our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children, when we forget that you will have the last laugh in this world. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*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'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Acts 4:32-35** (PB pg. 126 - New Testament)

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

**Psalm 133** (please read responsively—see screen)

**1 John 1:1-2:2** (PB pg. 258 - New Testament)

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

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

(tune—Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

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.**

**MESSAGE**

Duane Larson

\*SONG OF THE DAY **“Give to Us Laughter”** see insert

(tune—Be Thou My Vision)

**\*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

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 134

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY **“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”** see insert  
(tune—How Great Our Joy)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

\*BLESSING

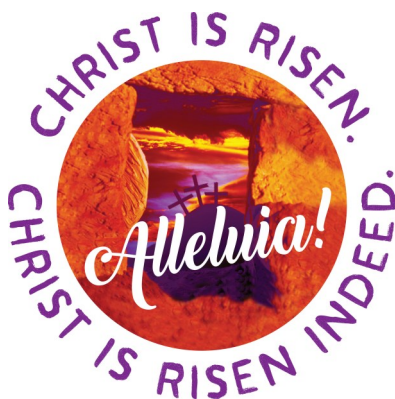
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\*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

**Ushers:** *Brian & Georgia Welken Family*  
**Lector:** *Taylor Yanish*  
**Acolyte:** *Owen Tichy*  
**Kitchen:** *Tim & Nancy Ost,*  
*Brian & Georgia Welken, Robin Idland*  
**Keyboard:** *Amy Johnson*  
**Vocals:** *Julie May*

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 3/29 (Good Friday) 61  
3/31 (Easter) 269 130+ online

Offering: 3/3 \$5,203.00  
3/10 \$4,175.00  
3/17 \$6,052.33  
3/24 \$2,950.00  
3/31 \$6,173.00

Mission Plan monthly  
\$22,752.25

### The Week Ahead: April 8-14, 2024

#### Monday, April 8

Pastor's Sabbath

#### Tuesday, April 9

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

#### Wednesday, April 10

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Kids Club

3:30pm - WELCA Meeting

5:30pm - Council Meeting

6:30pm - Confirmation at  
Trinity Lutheran

#### Thursday, April 11

Sr High—Mercy Me Concert

#### Friday, April 12

7:00pm - Jr High Pizza & Games

#### Sunday, April 14

9:30am - Worship Service—  
Camden Schuster Baptism

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Sunday School

### 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 is Holy Humor Sunday!**

We will celebrate the joy we have in the risen Lord! We want to thank Duane Larson for leading this fun service! Pastor Jamie will be on vacation through April 8.



An organizational meeting for Handbell Choir will be held following the church service **today April 7**. If you have any questions, call or text Val at 840-1652.

**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 his 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.



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 received an email from Dan Faust's daughter, Monica, that Dan is now on hospice care. A Caring Bridge has been created for him. Go to [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org) and search Daniel Faust. Please keep Dan and Bea in your prayers.



**Church Spring Cleaning Day**—It's time to start thinking about Spring Cleaning! On **Sunday, April 28th** we will be begin 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!



**CROP HUNGER WALK 2024** will take place on **Wednesday, April 24 beginning at 7pm** at Jefferson School. 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!



### 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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[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.



**VC Lions Club – 42nd Annual Ham & Beef Supper**  
**Tuesday, April 9th, Valley City Eagles Club – serving from 4:30-7.** Adults \$15, Students Ages 6-12 \$7, Ages 5 and under Free. Get your tickets from any Lions Club member, or at the door. Takeout is available!