

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

Interim Pastor: Jamie Desai

Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Resurrection of Our Lord March 31, 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)

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

ENTRANCE HYMN **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

ELW 365

Welcome and Announcements

EASTER LITANY

Friends, had we been there that first Easter morning,
It is likely that many of us would have been with the disciples—

Hiding out in fear,

Locked behind doors,

Alone with our thoughts in the upper room.

I wish I could say that I would have gone with the women,

That I would have been brave and determined.

I wish I could say that I would have held onto my faith,

But the truth is, we'll never know.

What I do know is that Jesus came back for all of us—

Not the few who had maintained faith

Or the few who stayed with him until the end.

He came back for the broken and the afraid,

For the cowardly and the greedy,

For the women in the garden,

And for the disciples hiding in the upper room.

He came back for those who betrayed him

And those who worshiped him.

He came back for you and for me.

Knowing that no matter where we are on the spectrum of faith,

Jesus lived, loved, and returned for us.

*HYMN

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

ELW 379

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10:34-43 (PB pg. 134 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (please read responsively)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (PB pg. 184 - New Testament)

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **“Because He Lives”** (chorus) see screen

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Mark 16:1-8 (PB pg. 55 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN

“He Has Been Raised”

see screen

*NICENE CREED

ELW 126

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

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:

"Easter Hallelujah"

Brenda Rohde

"Eat This Bread"

ELW 472

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW 473

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

ELW 369

"You Are My All in All" (chorus)

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*BENEDICTION

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

"Thine Is the Glory"

ELW 376

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in Peace! Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

We depart to Serve the Lord

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers: Mikkal & Wanda Auka, Seth Auka,
Greg & Sarah Friestad
Lector: Don Schlotman
Kitchen: Mikkal & Wanda Auka, Seth Auka,
Greg & Sarah Friestad
Keyboard & Vocals: Cyndi Hill
Vocals: Julie May
Soloist: Brenda Rohde
Trumpets: Gordon Johnson, Theresa Haag

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 3/24 92 87+ online
3/28 (Maundy Thursday) 111 70+ online

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

Mission Plan monthly

\$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: April 1-7, 2024

Monday, April 1

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

5:30pm - Mission Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Kids Club

6:30pm - Confirmation at

Trinity Lutheran

Thursday, April 4

Quilters Class

Friday, April 5

Quilters Class

Saturday, April 6

9:00am - Ladies Craft Day

Sunday, April 7

Holy Humor Sunday

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:30am - Handbell Choir

Organizational Meeting

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.



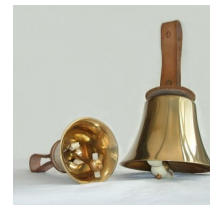
Maundy Thursday we welcomed 6 children to receive their 1st Communion. They are Drake Carlson, Odin Greenley, Della Heide, Owen Johnson, Skylar Thornton, Emery Wiebe. God bless these children!



The office will be closed and closed all day on Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter.

Sunday, April 7, is Holy Humor Sunday!

We will celebrate the joy we have in the risen Lord! Wear a silly hat or brightly colored shirt or both. We will tell some jokes and sing Christmas tunes with Easter words. We want to thank Duane Larson for leading this fun service! Pastor Jamie will be on vacation April 1-8.



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

Last Sunday, March 24th we receive \$255.93 from the noisy offering for the Barnes County Ministerial Fund! Thank you for your generosity! Your loose change and dollar bills continue to make a difference in people's lives.



WELCA has been collecting items for **Personal Health Kits** for Lutheran World Relief. There is a great need for them.

Items for the health kits are:

- 1 - **light weight bath towel** (between 20"x40" and 52"x27")
- 1 - **adult size toothbrush** in it's original packaging
- 1 - **metal fingernail clipper**, remove packaging
- 1 - **sturdy comb**, remove packaging
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap**, equal 8 or 9 oz in original wrapping

A container is in the gathering area for these items.

The Personal Health Kits will be packed up on **Wednesday, April 10th at 3:30pm** by WELCA and the Kids Club so please have all your items brought to the church by **Tuesday, April 9th**. Thank you for your donations!

LADIES CRAFT DAY—Saturday, April 6, 9am at Faith Lutheran Church. Enjoy a day of Fellowship and Fun. Bring your own craft project. Bring a friend. Stay all day or for a few hours. Bring a lunch or order in. Contact Julie May @ 490-1143 with questions.

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.



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:—Dan & Bea Faust; JoAn

Nellermoe; Katie Staffeldt (Elaine Walls' great-niece); Patsy Vogel (Elaine Walls' sister); Jeanne Speich (Cheryl Foell's step-mother); Kim Homan (Cheryl Peterson and LeeAnn & Ron Peterson's brother); Karla Ranisate; 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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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.

