



“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”

JOHN 15:12, NIV



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

309 Fourth Street Northeast
Valley City, North Dakota

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Ministers in Daily Life: People of God at Faith

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 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)

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come join the Easter journey of Jesus today.

We come to join the Easter journey walking at our own speeds, in our own styles and in our different ways.

Come walk with the One who gives us the command to love one another.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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CONFESSION

L (left): We have not loved you with all of our hearts.

R (right): We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

L: We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.

R: We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

L: We are captured by our desire for material wealth.

R: We forget those who do not have food or shelter.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

L: We abuse the gifts of your creation.

R: We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

L: We fail to respond to your call to do justice.

R: We seek only comfort for ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

SONG OF MERCY

“Bring Your Mercy”

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FORGIVENESS

We are broken but God’s promises are not. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

*SONG OF PRAISE **“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”** see screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

♥♥♥ SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING♥♥♥

“Jesus Loves Me!”

♥♥♥ SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION ♥♥♥

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 10:44-48 (PB pg. 135 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 98 (please read responsively)

1 John 5:1-6 (PB pg. 261 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

ELW 172

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 15:9-17 (PB pg. 113 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Spirit of Gentleness” vs 1,2

ELW 396

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the God of promise—the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca—Jacob and Rachel—the God of the past—the God of now—the God who owns the future. I believe in Jesus, God in our flesh—God who seeks us

out—God who comes to serve—God who embraces outcasts—God who reigns from a cross—God who conquers death. I believe in the Holy Spirit—God with us forever—God giving us faith—God empowering our witness—God filling us with peace. I Believe! Amen.

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks”

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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 Music

“Come to the Table”

ELW 481

“I Come with Joy”

ELW 482

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

“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. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity” vs 1,4

ELW 412

Serving Today

Greeter: Deb Horner
Ushers: Nick & Ashley Horner
Lector: Paula Thomsen
Acolyte: Ayden Ness
Kitchen: Doug & Leona McPherson,
Doug & Becky Kratz, Virgil & Tami Kratz
Keyboard: Amy Johnson
Vocals: Julie May

Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 4/28 113 72+ online
Offering: 4/7 \$5,120.00
4/14 \$3,023.00
4/21 \$3,675.00
4/28 \$2,537.00
Mission Plan monthly
\$22,752.25

The Week Ahead: May 6-12, 2024

Monday, May 6

Pastor's Sabbath

Tuesday, May 7

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

1:30pm - Text Study

5:30pm - Mission Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

1:00pm - Quilters

1:30pm - FLC Staff Meeting

3:15pm - Kids Club

Thursday, May 9

6:00pm - Valley Troubadours at Nome Schoolhouse

Sunday, May 12

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

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.



New Member Invitation—Today, May 5 at noon



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.

Today, May 5th is the last day of Sunday School for the 2023-2024 year. It has been a great Sunday School year! Enjoy your summer!

The Men's Group will be having their Spring Pancake



Brunch Sunday, May 19th! They will be serving 9:30am-12:30pm. This will be **free will offering**. They will be serving pancakes, sausage & fried potatoes. Thank you for supporting our Men's Group!

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.



May Diaper Drive—It's time for our annual Diaper Drive!

We will be collecting diapers and wipes to be shared with Community agencies. All sizes of diapers & pullups are needed. The Pack n Play will be set up by the mission closet in the gathering area for you to drop off your donations throughout May.

The last day of Kids Club for the 2023-2024 school year will be this **Wednesday, May 8**. This will be an extra fun day for the kids! It has been another fun year of Kids Club and it has been great having Faith, Trinity and Our Savior's kids all together!

Contact Information—Please let the office know if you have moved or have new phone numbers or no longer have a land line. We try to keep our system up to date as much as we can. Also if a birthday or anniversary is wrong or missed please let Julie know so she can correct that.

The Valley Troubadours Spring 2024 Concert will be today, May 5th at 7pm at VCSU Center for the Arts. Free Admission—Freewill offering. There is another opportunity to see The Valley Troubadours perform on **Thursday, May 9 at 6pm** at the Nome Schoolhouse Special Thirsty Thursday Event.

Valley City Kiwanis Pancakes & Sausage—Monday, May 13 at VC Eagles Club, 5-7pm. Cost is \$8 and preschool are free. Meat Raffle will be held at event.

Sons of Norway Hjemdahl Lodge #4-481 invite you to attend the **Syttende Mai Norwegian Brunch-Luncheon on Friday, May 17, 11:30am-1:30pm** at Grace Free Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$15 and preschool free. Tickets available from BC Museum, Alley Beans, Duane Larson.



LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

SMP Health - St. Raphael:—Clara Bredeson; Marlys Freadhoff; Mark Hill; Diane Kohn; Paula Krall; Laurette Zachrisson.

General Prayer List:—Sandy Blomquist (Jessica Jenrich's Aunt); Pastor Diane Krumm (knee surgery); 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, we do have cards that 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.

