



**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*

Fifth Sunday of Easter      May 7, 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

Welcome and announcements

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to celebrate the resurrected Jesus.

**I have come to celebrate the resurrected Jesus.**

Let us prepare for the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

**I will prepare for the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

Let us celebrate together the risen Christ today.

**I will celebrate the risen Christ today.**

\*GATHERING SONG

**"Gather Us Lord"**

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\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW pg. 95

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

\*KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

ELW pg. 184

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

♥♥♥ TEACHER AND CONFIRMATION GUIDE RECOGNITION ♥♥♥

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

**Acts 7:55-60** (PB pg. 130 - New Testament)

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

**Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16** (please read responsively)

**1 Peter 2:2-10** (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 14th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**John 14:1-14** (PB pg. 112 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**“He Has Been Raised”**

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\*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 127

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

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY

**“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”** vs 1

ELW 389

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:

**“Show Me Your Ways”**

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**“Shepherd me, O God”**

ELW 780

**“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”** vs 2-4

ELW 389

**“You Are My All in All”** (chorus)

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\*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

**“Make a Difference”**

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

POSTLUDE

*We depart to serve the Lord*

## Announcements



Coffee Fellowship

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.

Our sympathies to Mike Nix & Family. Mike's father, **William "Bill" Nix** died on Tuesday, May 2nd in Heart of America Medical Center at Rugby, ND. Funeral arrangements are pending.

**Today we recognize our Sunday School Teachers and Confirmation Guides.** This is a dedicated group of adults who have given their time to support our children and youth. **Thank you** Sunday School Teachers: Amanda Pilgrim, Brenda Rohde, Angela Van Bruggen; Youth Sunday School Helpers: Ellie Altringer, Audrey Jacobson, Kassidy Schulz, Abby Wilmes, Alyssa Wilmes, Kylie Van Bruggen; Sunday School Subs: Jessica Jenrich, Megan McKay. **Thank you** Confirmation Guides: Patty Gronlie, Julie May, Tyler Van Bruggen.

**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).

**Next Sunday, May 14th is Mother's Day!** The Sunday School children will be singing during worship. It will also be the last day of Sunday School for the 2022-2023 school year.

**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 **Sunday, May 7th!**

### Serving Today

**Greeters:** Ayden Ness, Deb Horner, Nick & Ashley Horner  
**Ushers:** Deb Horner, Nick & Ashley Horner  
**Lector:** Deb Shape  
**Acolyte:** Ayden Ness  
**Kitchen:** Doug & Becky Kratz, Virgil & Tami Kratz,  
Doug & Leona McPherson  
**Keyboard & Vocals:** Cyndi Hill  
**Vocals:** Julie May

### Attendance & Offering

Attendance: 4/30 86 75+ online views

Offering:	4/2	\$4,428.00
	4/9	\$7,793.00
	4/16	\$6,675.00
	4/23	\$2,888.00
	4/30	\$3,134.00

Mission Plan monthly  
\$21,265.25

## The Week Ahead: May 8-14, 2023

### Monday, May 8

Pastor's Sabbath

### Tuesday, May 9

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

5:30pm - Council Meeting

### Wednesday, May 10

1:00pm - Quilters

3:15pm - Faith Kids Club

6:30pm - Mission Trip Meeting

7:00pm - Jr/Sr High Youth Summer Trip Meeting

### Sunday, May 14

Senior Recognition

Sunday School Children Sing

9:30am - Worship Service

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

10:45am - Last Day of Sunday School

**Wednesday, May 10th** Wendi will be having a meeting at **6:30pm** at Faith with the youth and their parents for those going on the Mission Trip to Duluth this summer. Then at **7pm** she will meet with youth and parents about a summer trip in July to Valley Fair and a Twins game.



**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 Men's Group will be having their Spring Pancake Brunch Sunday, May 21st!** 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!

**Coffee Party at The Legacy Place!** The Faith Lutheran Visitation Team is hosting a coffee party rescheduled to **Thursday, June 1st, at 2:30pm.** We're hopeful that we can bring our members who reside at Bridgeview Estates and the Rudolph Square to The Legacy Place that day, also. Please feel free to join us and enjoy the fellowship.

**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.

**VC Green Dot Spaghetti Supper on Monday, May 8, 5-7pm** at the Eagles in VC. Free will donation.



### **LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**SMP Health - St. Raphael:**—Clara Bredeson; Mark Hill; Mavis Johnson; Diane Kohn; Laurette Zachrison.

**General Prayer List:**—Rick Anderson (Bud & Verna Anderson's son); Curt Tufty (Sue Olson's brother-in-law); 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](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.



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](http://www.sistersofmaryofthepresentation.org).