# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

# *Sharing God’s Word; Showing God’s Love; Serving God’s World.*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “In the Garden” Bell Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for

 in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld

 Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your

 people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless

 baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death

 and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice

 with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of

 the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**Opening Hymn “The Lord’s My Shepherd” #778**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall**

 **be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and**

 **the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading**: Acts 4:5-12

5The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. 11This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ 12There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

L: The Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

16We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 17How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? 18Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. 23And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. L: The Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. **Page 151**

**Gospel:** John 10:11-18 **C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)**

[Jesus said:] 11“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” vs. 1-3 #385**

**Holy Baptism – Colin Joseph Stalvey**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

 **suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he**

 **rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living**

 **and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of**

 **sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace** *(We are conscious of the lingering flu and cold season. You may shake hands, but feel*

 *free to offer your elbow for social distancing. There is sanitizer available in each pew. )*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in

 ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the

 gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation

 organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world

 around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the

 wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

 **hear our prayer.**

P: Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all

 who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are

 vulnerable. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us

 from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God

 of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for our Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, our presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, our pastor, and for all the people

 of Faith Lutheran Church. We pray for this community of believers, inspire us with your Holy Spirit and lead us in

 your pathways. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Every year is a year with you Lord. We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Janice Streckert,

 Dennis Schuh, Brenda Goehring, Michelle Robley, Ben Cigler, Danielle Konz, Emily Reinertson, Jim Reinertson,

 Robin Gordon, Lee Ann Jeske, David Haupt, Lauren O’Leary and Cassidy Tuschel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Bev Hildebrandt, Marge Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl,

 Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Merle Graf and Wayne

 Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We remember all those who are currently serving in the military, especially:Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Dylan

 Conrad, Carter Hildebrandt, Andy Schnell and Ethan Tienor. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home

 to us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P:We name now before you, Lord, those in need of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to know and

 firmly believe that you are with them. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your

 compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response “We Give Thee But Thine Own”** vs. 1 **#686**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion** P: Come to the table that our Lord has prepared.

**Distribution Hymns “Lord Be Glorified” #744 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #733**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this

 banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

#### Benediction

P: Alleluia! He is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” #836**

P: Go in the Spirit of Christ to love and serve the Lord!

**C: Sharing God’s Word, Showing God’s Love, and Serving God’s World!**

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**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeter: Marcus Galien Acolyte: Gage Spindler

Ushers: Delton and Cheryl Duchow, Joan Pritzl Lector & Communion Aide: Brian Ulness

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer Projection: Judy Harris and Rod Merino

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeter: Mike Zutz Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Brian and Tammy Brill, Keith Lippert Lector: Lynn Merino

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

Projection: Loren Ulness

**Last Week** – Sunday: 114 Wednesday: 35 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,895.00

**This morning, we welcome Colin Joseph Stalvey into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism.** Colin was born to Benjamin and Jessica Stalvey on April 22, 2023 and his baptismal sponsors are Amy Gordon and Elizebeth Ertmer. We rejoice at Colin’s rebirth through water and the Word!

**Faith’s Opportunities April 21-28**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Inspiration Choir, 9th grade confirmation – Faith Statements due

**Monday** 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Tuesday** 3:00 & 6:00 P.M. Bible Study

**Wednesday** 9:00 A.M. Jazzercise

 6:15 P.M. Worship ~ 9th grade Nerf and Nacho Night

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

**Thursday**  8:00 A.M. Quilting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Open Pantry ~ Cleanup day

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour and Board of Youth and Family

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Inspiration Choir

Please sign the **thinking of you cards** for our homebound members on the table in the Gathering Space. They look forward to hearing from you.

**Geranium orders for Pentecost Sunday, May 19** are being taken in the Gathering Space until May 1. Plants are $2.50 a pot and red in color.

**Pantry items needed:** Regular size boxes of cereal (no jumbo or family size please), tuna, canned meals, soup, veggies, Mac & cheese, BAGGED NOODLES ONLY, ketchup, mayo/sandwich spread, salad dressings, fruit, spaghetti sauce, tomato paste, sauce, diced, stewed, Hamburger Helper, instant potatoes (regular size box only), Minute Rice (regular size box only), Stove Top dressing, granola bars, toilet paper, shampoo, bar soap, body wash, laundry soap,

dish soap, snack items.

**April Stewardship is Baptism Quilts**

*Each time someone is baptized they receive a beautiful handmade quilt. These quilts are made by one of our members as a gift on behalf of the congregation.*

Materials needed:

1½ yards of baby appropriate cotton material for top & bottom. Can also be a baby flannel.

1½ yards of batting (either cotton or low loft). Can also be a crib size 45x60 in a bag.

Any cash or gift cards can be given to Christine in the office. Place any items in the Stewardship Cabinet across from the office. Thank you.

It is again rummage sale season.  When out & about, could you be on the look-out for: receiving blankets, baby gowns (hole on the bottom, no feet) and t-shirts (9mo-2T) - NO ONSIES please. I will also need flat fold cloth diapers and diaper pins. All items must be without stains. Thank you for your continued support. – Terry Haupt

**Stole Making, NERF and NACHO Event**

**9th grade Confirmands and Mentors**

**Wednesday, April 24 6:15-8:15 pm**

Mentors and Confirmation students will attend Wednesday night worship together. Confirmation interviews with Pastor and Bridget will begin at 7:00 pm. During this time all may enjoy the provided nacho bar and cookies. Students and mentors will work together to create a personalized stole to be worn on Confirmation Sunday. Please bring in any fabric patches that show things of interest to your child. Include religious, sport, entertainment, hobbies, etc. After stole making, students will compete against their mentors in a game of Nerf.

**Time to dig out some old photos!**

We are looking for pictures of all your beautiful mothers. It may be of children and their mother, adults and their mother, or just a favorite picture of your mother! Whether she is still with us today or she is a beautiful memory. Please share your mother with us so we can honor her this Mother’s Day during service! You may drop off a hard copy in the office for us to scan into the computer or email us a copy as soon as possible (no later than Sunday April 28th). Please give to or email Bridget valleskeyb@gmail.com or hand deliver to Christine in the office during normal office hours.