# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Thine Is the Glory” #376**

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 God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading**: Acts 5:27-32

27 When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

### Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

### 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:   Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.   To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;  every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;  and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.So it is to be. Amen.  8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”
  24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”
  26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

  30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” #366**

#### The Apostles’ Creed

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Breathe into your church the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire the

 ELCA, Faith Lutheran Church, its people, pastor, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people.

 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen

 efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being

 of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to

 shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is**

 **great.**

P: Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity,

 national origin, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy unfair systems

 that hurt people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all those who are currently serving in the military, especially:Daniel Brandl, Carter Hildebrandt, Andy

 Schnell and Ethan Tienor. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home to us. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

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

 the people of Faith Lutheran Church. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit and lead us in your pathways. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

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

 Cambria Behnke, James Cain, Keagan Hougen, Marion Orde, Rhys Wilker, Bev Schnell, Addison Spindler, Joan Pritzl,

 Emma Karstaedt, Hayes Sabourin, Terra Peterson, Austin McCulley, DJ Schisel, Nicole Spindler, Kim Tan, Stacy Olm,

 Eric Haupt, Walker Ulness and Dominic Hernandez. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray for Ted Jeske, Mitchell Zutz, Bertha Kulnick,

 Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Larry Broich,

 Joann Sebo, Todd Streckert, Dennis O’Leary, Merle Graf, Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. Hear

 us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

 abundant blessings and healing touch. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”** vs. 1 **#384**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again,

 breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### Benediction

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Closing Hymn “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”****#367**

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: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Keagan Hougen Acolyte: Phoebe Cigler Lector: Lynn Merino

Ushers: Thomas and Kathy Muench, Steve Ahrens Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

Sound Operator & Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Head Usher: Glenn Otto

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Greeter: Ethan Spindler

Acolyte: Phoebe Cigler Lector: Bob Wigen

Head Usher: Matt Krogh Sound Operator & Projection: Loren Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer Communion Aide: Al Gilbertson

Ushers: Austin McCulley, Stetson McCulley, Ethan Ulness

**Last Week** – Sunday: 318 Wednesday: 36 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $10,133.00

**Faith’s Opportunities April 27-May 4**

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

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir, 9th grade Nerf & Nacho event

**Monday** 9:00 A.M. Women’s Bible Study

 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

 7:00 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00-10:45 A.M. Visitation for Donald Sebo, 11:00 A.M. Funeral

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

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Sunday School, Fellowship Hour, Board of Youth & Family

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir, 9th grade confirmation

**We are looking for photos of veterans for Memorial Day.** If you have already brought in your picture, we won’t need it, but if you haven’t, please bring it to the church office **before May 11**. It will be returned to you. Include your name and branch of service.

**Do you like or love to read?** If so, we have an opportunity for you. Anyone wanting to join the Book Club, we meet on the third Thursday of the month at people’s homes at 6:00 pm. Contact Stephanie Mittnacht at 920-652-8957 for more information.

**Faith Lutheran has apparel available.**  There are 2 options for logo wear to pick from with 18 different types of apparel with different color options.  The Lakeshore Screen Printing Webstore is providing us with these options and can be found at https://lakeshorescreenprinting.com/. Go to their website, find the link for Faith Lutheran and place your order. The store will be open for 6 months. Orders will be completed as they receive them and can be picked up at church when they are complete. If you do not have internet access and would like to purchase apparel, Al Gilbertson will be here on Sundays to help you. For more information, please talk with Julie Hartman or give her a call at 920-758-2317.

Dear members of Faith, I’d like to thank everyone who donated items during the Lent food drive. I was able to restock the bare shelves and have a few extra items for May’s pantry ready to be shelved! Your generous donations help me to help others in need. Thank you, Sandy Halverson

**At the most recent council meeting we voted unanimously to thank all those who worked so hard to make the Easter service so special:** Our Altar Guild, the Easter breakfast preparers, those who placed the veil, those who gave candy for the Easter egg hunt, those who bought flowers, those who arranged flowers and especially those who practiced together to bring us music – the choir, the bell choir, the brass choir and our wonderful Sunday School choir!

As you think about the NFL draft taking place in our neighborhood, remember this: Jesus chooses us!

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