# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Now the Green Blade Rises” #379**

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: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us,**

**enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through 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 4:32-35

32Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. L: The Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

1We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—2this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—3we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2:1My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.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 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)

19When 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.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” 24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So 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.” 26A 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.” 27Then 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.” 28Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” 30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But 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. (sung)**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

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

#### The Apostles’ Creed P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

**believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, 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: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on

us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, grasses, wildflowers, and all growing things.

Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace, **hear our**

**prayer.**

P: Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work

for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. We pray

especially for those in war-torn Ukraine and Gaza. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, and for a world where all are fed

and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain. 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:

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

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: the families of Brian Thomsen, Ken Bessert, and Sheldon

Krueger, Bev Hildebrandt, Marge Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan

Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Mike Heinzen, Jameson Hetland, Jim Loritz, 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 and Andy Schnell. 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 “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” #364 “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” vs. 1-4 #389**

**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 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!” #369**

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: Delton Duchow

Greeters: Ron and Jo Jones Acolyte: Ariana Herrick

Ushers: Richard and Linda Menza, Bonnie Gordon Lector: Ron Jones

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Whitney Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen Communion Aide: Tammy Brill

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Delton Duchow

Greeters: Pat Christianson and Ralph Christianson Acolyte: Keegan Hougen

Ushers: Wayne Huske, Austin and Stetson McCulley Lector: Lynn Merino

Sound Operator: Terry Huske Video/Live Stream: Michael Lenzner

Projection: Terry Huske

**Last Week** – Sunday: 312 Wednesday: 41 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $8,212.00

**Faith’s Opportunities April 7-14**

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

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

**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

7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. 2nd Saturday Bible Study

9:15 A.M. 9th grade to Beth El Congregation

**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

Thank you all for your very generous support and items for Faith’s Food Pantry during the Lenten Food Drive held in March. Your donations are helping us make a real impact in the lives of those we help in our area. We served 19 families last month and that number seems to be holding steady monthly. But please don’t forget the pantry still needs items on a monthly basis to help those families. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

-- Sandy Halverson

**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

**9th grade confirmation students and mentors** are leaving Faith at 9:15 am next Saturday April 13 to travel to Beth El Congregation in Sheboygan.

**Faith on Fire Archery Night**

Wednesday April 17

6:30-8:30 pm

Maribel’s Sportsmen's Club

Registration is required. Contact Bridget Valleskey for more info at valleskeyb@gmail.com

**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.

Scholarship applications need to be turned into the church office by Sunday, April 18.

Cemetery Spring Cleanup will be happening soon, so please remove all your Christmas wreaths and decorations. Thank you.