# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 7:00 & 9:00 am

**Unveiling of the Cross** (7:00) **“Were You There” Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Easter Dialog** P: Christ is risen. **C: He is risen indeed.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (9:00) **“Living Hope” Inspiration Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give

 us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of

 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Gracious God,

 **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are**

 **truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have**

 **done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live**

 **and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.** **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” #365**

**Kyrie Page 147**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the

 Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have**

 **mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

**This is the Feast Page 149**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,** **whose blood set us free to be people of God.** **Power and riches and**

 **wisdom and strength,** **and honor and blessing and glory are his.** **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

 **Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God** **and join in the hymn of all creation:** **Blessing and honor and glory and**

 **might** **be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** **This is the feast of victory for our God,** **for the Lamb who was**

 **slain has begun his reign.** **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his**

 **glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live**

 **with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns**

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

**First Reading**: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, and beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." L: The Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2through which also you are being saved. If you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. 3For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures. 4And that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. 5And that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me [Paul]. 9For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am. And his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. 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**

**Special Music 9:00 a.m. “Lord of the Dance” Sue Riesterer and Devin Zahringer**

*This arrangement of the 1963 song: “Lord of the Dance,” by Sydney Carter is a musical metaphor of the birth, death and resurrection of Christ. The melody is the author’s variant of “Simple Gifts” from the USA Shaker repertory which has been used by many composers, including Aaron Copland, in major works. This piano and organ duet arrangement is in ABA form. The opening is a celebration of beginnings…of Jesus’ coming down from heaven to “dance on the earth” (vs. 1). The B section turns minor and moody, reflecting the “Friday when the sky turned black” (vs. 4), and the final A section is a boastful restatement of the theme, depicting the resurrection and the return of “life that will never, never die” (vs. 5). This setting is a dramatic one, with bold color changes and driving rhythms, the style being influenced by Copland as well as my own love for contemporary jazz.* – Joel Raney

**Gospel**:John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 17Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” 18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon**

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

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

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

#### 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: Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is

 privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ’s love in the world.

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

P: Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and

 abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

 **hear our prayer.**

P: Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from

 living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of

 grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us

 with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Saving God, as we celebrate your victory over death and the grave, teach us how to grieve, how to grieve as ones who love,

 and who have faith in our God who will not fail us. So we will grieve and you will weep with us. But we do not grieve as

 ones who have no hope. You have given us hope in our Risen Lord. 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: Marlene Thomsen,

 Aric Olson, Jason Robley, Kami Christianson, John Schiesl, Jean Madson, Caynen Klessig, Shane Rusch, Brady Glaeser,

 Ethan Fahley, Dennis Karstaedt, Jayden Khail, Aislinn Galien, Carol A. Zutz, Paul Schmidt and Tyler Wetenkamp. God of

 grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: the family of Brian Thomsen, 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.**

*Faith Lutheran and the ELCA practice “open communion.” The communion table is the Lord’s Table and all are welcome to receive the bread and wine. If you wish to receive only a blessing please come forward to receive it.*

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion** P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**Distribution Hymns** “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” vs. 1-4 #619 Crown Him with Many Crowns” vs. 1-4 #376

**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! Christ is risen! **C:** **Christ 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 “Thine Is the Glory”****#376**

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 @ 7:00 A.M.**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Erin Lenzner and Mark Zutz Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Ron Jandrey, Mark & Mitchell Zutz Lector & Communion: Jenniffer Zutz

Sound Operator: Carter Lenzner Projection: Luke Evenson

**Serving Us @ 9:00 A.M.**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Julie Hartman and Ava Ulness Acolyte: Cambria Behnke

Ushers: Brian Ulness, Loren Ulness, Dean Behnke Lector: Joyce Sorenson

Sound Operator: Mitchell Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Communion Aides: Joyce Sorenson and Joan Pritzl

**Last Week** – Sunday: 207 Wednesday: no worship Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,163.00

**Faith’s Opportunities April 1-7**

**Monday** Office closed, 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise, 6:00 P.M. Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism

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

**Wednesday** 9:00 A.M. Jazzercise, 6:15 P.M. Worship, 6:30 Board of Christian Education,

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

**Thursday**  8:00 A.M. Quilting, 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir, 9:00 A.M. Worship, 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour,

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

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

**Flowers** are placed in the altar area in honor of Marlene Thomsen’s 90th birthday today by her family.

*Thank you to the following that have made our altar so festive this Easter Sunday:*

In memory of Bob, Salome, Mary, Paul & Mark Haupt, Robert Steffen and Gordon Karstaedt by David & Theresa Haupt.

In honor of our family by John and Marilyn Robley.

In memory of Bob Burzynski and Marian Broich by Larry and Lynn Burzynski.

In memory of Ione Haupt by Dennis and Bonnie Gordon.

In memory of family and friends by John and Ellen Polifka.

In thanksgiving to God for our children and grandchildren by Mark and Jen Zutz.

In memory of Dennis Evenson by Marlene Evenson.

In thanksgiving to God by Sandra Lemberger.

In memory of Orin and Lucille Wigen by Robert and Julie Wigen.

In memory of Dennis Evenson by Debbie, Gail and families.

In memory of Richard Kornelly, grandparent, aunts and uncles by Scott and Amy Reinertson.

In thanksgiving to God by Julie Hartman.

In memory of Ralph and Melissa Evenson and Jay Stiefvater by Steve and Ginny Schwoerer.

In memory of Norma Argall by Robert C. Argall.

In memory of Ted, Betty and Bruce Jeske by The Jeske Family.

In memory of Judy Brandenburg by Alan Gilbertson.

In thanksgiving for our family by Sue and Bill Riesterer.

In memory of Larry Backus by Jill Backus.

In memory of departed loved ones by Cheryl Domrath.

In thanksgiving to God by Joan Pritzl.

In memory of Glenn and Tom Torrison, Orin and Clara Torrison, Victor and Regina Bronk and Norman and Marvin Bronk by Ruth Torrison and family.

In memory of Larry, Kari, Dawn and Bentley by Joy Madson and family.

In memory of Gilman, Grace and Elaine Peterson by Caroline, Geneva and Jerry Peterson.

A world hunger donation was given in memory of Edward Streckert by Janice Streckert and family.