# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone” Inspiration Choi****r**

**Opening Hymn “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” vs. 1,2,5 #389**

**Kyrie (sung)**

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

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

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

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 God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11:1-18

1 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ 8 But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Revelation 21:1-6

1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
 “See, the home of God is among mortals.
 He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;
 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”
  5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.” 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 13:31-35 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Rite of Confirmation for:** Logan Bratt, Phoebe Cigler, Liam Cline, Ariana Herrick, Keagan Hougen, Landen Pinkerton,

 Kolten Schisel, Audrey Sorenson, Alexandra Trepasso and Sage Trepasso Jr.

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.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**Blessing of the Confirmands**

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**C: We rejoice to receive you into our common ministry.** **Sharing God’s Word, Showing God’s Love, and Serving**

 **God’s World!**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Hymn**  **“Borning Cry” #732**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all

 people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest

 flower to the tallest tree. Teach us to be wise in our stewardship of Your world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Inspire all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just

 economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships,

 yearning for companionship, or facing illness. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality,

 or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective

 body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for our brothers and sisters confirmed this day: Logan Bratt, Phoebe Cigler, Liam Cline, Ariana Herrick,

 Keagan Hougen, Landen Pinkerton, Kolten Schisel, Audrey Sorenson, Alexandra Trepasso and Sage Trepasso Jr.

 Let their fresh example inspire each of us to renewed commitment in our faith journey.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: Bertha Kulnick,

 Romelle Rusch, Jim Pederson, Tom Rutherford, Joshua Olson, Pat Mulhaney, Ty Lippert, Everett Galien, Doris Olson,

 Colten Fuller, Ken O’Leary, Aliza Sabourin, Judy Valleskey, Scott Reinertson, Jill Wittmus and Noah Boll.

 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 Lynn Burzynski, Ted Jeske, Mitchell Zutz,

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

 Larry Broich, 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 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” #182**

**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.**

**The Great Thanksgiving Page 144**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,

 and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**C: Amen.**

#### 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 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”****#671**

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: Grace Sorenson

Acolyte: Eliza Wilker Lector & Communion: Jenniffer Zutz

Head Usher: Paul Franz Sound Operator: Loren Ulness

Projection: Judy Harris Ushers: Ron & Kaye Jandrey, John Robley

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Cheryl Domrath

Acolyte: Allison Goehring Lector: Brian Ulness

Head Usher: Paul Franz Ushers: Richard Menza and Joan Pritzl

Projection & Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Kuenstler

**Last Week** – Sunday: 172 Wednesday: 35 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $9,265.00

**Faith’s Opportunities May 18-25**

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise ~ Board of Stewardship

 6:30 P.M. Council meeting

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Ethel’s in Brillion

 2:00-6:00 P.M. Blood Drive in fellowship hall

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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00-9:00 P.M. Faith on Fire

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Sunday** 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**Geranium orders** for Pentecost (June 8) will be taken until Wednesday, May 28. The plants are red in color and cost $2.50 per plant. Please see the display in the Gathering Space to order.

**May Stewardship — Personal Care Kits**

1 light weight bath towel (52 x 27) (dark colors) 3 bath sized bars of soap (4-5oz.) any brand in original wrapping

1 sturdy comb (no picks or fine tooth) 1 metal nail clipper

1 adult size single toothbrush in original package

Please place your items in the stewardship cabinet across from the church office.

**All high school seniors and families are invited to: THE VALDERS AREA BACCALAUREATE SERVICE at Faith**

**Sunday, June 1 at 12:30 p.m.**

Together we will ask for guidance and blessings for our graduates. **Graduates need to be dressed in their cap and gown and in the Gathering Space by 12:15 P.M.**

**We are asking for your help transforming our spaces into ancient Egypt for VBS 2025.**  Items for us to borrow and will be returned. Be sure to label items with your name and phone number. Remember accidents do happen. Please do not send anything valuable or precious to you. Items needed are medium and large wicker baskets, wooden crates, sarapes (colorful blankets or Afghans, throw pillows, any size solid or striped flat bed sheets, realistic looking fruit, tall vases (preferably metal or other unbreakable material), white Christmas lights. Craft and Snack donations: paper towel and toilet paper rolls, paper bags, rolls of brown paper, various size carboard boxes, pretzel rods, vanilla melting chocolate, Ritz crackers, crème wafer cookies (vanilla and chocolate), vanilla frosting, marshmallows, white play dough, decorative gems/shells/stones, lots of gem stickers for crafts, plain white paper dinner plates, cans of gold sparkly spray paint. Please drop off items outside the Youth Coordinator’s office no later than June 1. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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**Send your child on the Vacation of a Lifetime!!** Children will travel back into Bible times and become part of history. Daily activities include craft making and enjoying a snack while visiting the authentic Marketplace, hearing from Joseph (while in prison and when he is promoted to the palace), games, dance and worship with lively Bible songs, and discovering how God was with Joseph in good times and bad. These experiences make God’s Word come alive! All denominations are welcome!

 **Place:** Faith Lutheran Church Valders, WI **Date:** Monday June 16-June 19

 **Time:** 12:30 - 3:30pm **Cost:** $20/student ($40 max/family)

 **Ages:** Entering 4K through 6th grade.

Forms can be picked up at the church or on our website faithlutheranchurchvalders.org. Completed forms as well as payment can be mailed to or dropped off at Faith Lutheran Church 255 Roosevelt St. Valders, WI 54245. Registration ends May 31st!! Questions can be directed to our Youth Coordinator valleskeyb@gmail.com

**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://designersloungeco.com/product-category/faith-lutheran-church/. 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.

**We would like to acknowledge all our Christian Education Teachers!** Thank you for planting the seeds of Faith in the minds and hearts of our youth.   Because of you our students have a safe and welcoming place to grow in God’s love!    You are a blessing to us!

PreK-K: Libby Olson

Grades 1 & 2: Stephanie Madson

Grades 3 & 4: Anderia Frank

Grades 5 & 6: Angie Ulness

Grade 7: Bob & Kathy Mattern

Grade 8: James Schuessler

Grade 9: Larry Burzynski

Faith On Fire Team: Bailey Goehring, Kiara Miller, Emmy Newberg, and Valerie Valleskey

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