# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “Seek Ye First” Bell Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts

 of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy

 name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is

 faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

**C:** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought,**

 **word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole**

 **heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

 **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your**

 **holy name. Amen**

P:  Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of

 the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven.

**C:** **Amen**

**Opening Hymn “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

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: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit,**

 **transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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**: Ezekiel 37:1-14

1The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” 4Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”
7So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” 10I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ 12Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” 14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. 21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] 26“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.
 16:4b“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; 11about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.
 12“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“Spirit of Gentleness” vs. 1-2 #396**

**Confirmation ~** Congratulations to Mollie Junk, Gage Spindler and Tristan Teuke

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**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: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday

 school students and those who have been confirmed and all the baptized. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that nations may work together to

 bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace, **hear our**

 **prayer.**

P: For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for

 readers and technology administrators, for all who prepare and clean our worship space, for the Altar Guild in all their

 work. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: For each of us as we turn to summer thoughts, time off from school and Sunday school, when the busy world is

 hushed, help us to hear your instruction and see your path in our lives. 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: Ty Lippert, Everett

 Galien, Doris Olson, Colten Fuller, Ken O’Leary, Aliza Sabourin, Judy Valleskey, Scott Reinertson, Tom Behnke. Jill

 Wittmus, Noah Boll and Ashlin Hill. 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, Jennifer Johnson,

 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, 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 “Accept O Lord, The Gifts We Bring”** vs. 1-2 **#691**

**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 “Holy Spirit Truth Devine” vs. 1-4 #398**

**“Spirit of the Living God”**

**Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.**

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**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.**

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**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 “Spirit of Gentleness” vs. 3-4 #396**

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!**

**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeter: Brenda Freiberg Acolyte: Mitchell Kaderabek

Ushers: Thomas and Kathy Muench, John Robley Lector & Communion: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator & Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeter: Lynda Pautz Acolyte: Zachary Lenzner

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin, Jim Ahrens Lector: Ron Jones

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness Projection: Whitney Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Last Week** – Sunday: 195 Wednesday: 28 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,834.00

**Faith’s Opportunities May 19-26**

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

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

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

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Fork and Knife Restaurant

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

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

 6:00 P.M. Kids Night Out

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**Are you ready for a Kids Night Out?!**

Sunday school age children are welcome to join us for a Kids Night Out event on Wednesday, May 22nd from 6-7:30. We will be playing outdoor games, utilizing our playground equipment and having some snacks. Please contact Erin Lenzner at 901-7089 if interested in attending.

The photo directories are in and being distributed to those who ordered them. It is a beautiful directory. Although Joan would modestly thank many others for their work on the directory, on behalf of the whole church we all now thank Joan Pritzl for her many hours of hard work and skill and persistence, in creating for us this wonderful directory. Yay Joan!

May Stewardship — Personal Care Kits

1 light to medium weight bath towel (52 x 27) (dark colors)

2 bath sized bars of soap (4-5oz.) any brand in original wrapping

1 sturdy comb

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.