# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Memorial Day Video**

**Opening Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation” #654**

**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.**

**Canticle of Praise**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King,** **almighty God and Father,** **we worship you,** **we give you thanks,** **we praise you for**

 **your glory.** **Lord Jesus Christ,** **only Son of the Father,** **Lord God, Lamb of God,** **you take away the sin of the**

 **world:** **have mercy on us;** **you are seated at the right hand of the Father:** **receive our prayer.** **For you alone are**

 **the Holy One,** **you alone are the Lord,** **you alone are the Most High,** **Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,** **in the**

 **glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish**

 **us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made,**

 **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 16:9-15

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. 11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13 On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** **Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5**

10 And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.
  22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.
 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. 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 14:23-29 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

23 Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“Canticle of the Turning” vs. 1 & 4 #723**

**The Apostle’s Creed**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Inspire us for cooperation between people of

 different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us,

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

P: Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and livestock. Teach us how to keep

 them healthy and blessed. Help us to be good stewards of your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who

 flee their homes seeking safety. Teach us how to make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers,

 especially nurses, doctors, counselors, chaplains and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. Hear

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

P: This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and

 strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Comfort us as we visit the graves of our loved ones who now

 rest in you. 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 especially for Todd Evenson and family. 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 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #885**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our

 possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our

 Lord.

**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 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”****#888**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Greeter: Marlene Evenson

Acolyte: Garrett Jeske Lector: Ava Ulness

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson Sound Operator: Loren Ulness

Projection: Loren Ulness Ushers: Marcus Galien, Loren Ulness, Bob Wigen

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen Communion Aide: Brian Ulness

**Last Week** – Sunday: 175 Wednesday: 38 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,684.82

**Faith’s Opportunities May 25-June 1**

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

**Monday** Office Closed – Memorial Day

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

 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

 12:30 P.M. Baccalaureate Service

**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.

**On June 29, which is a 5 Sunday month, we would like to provide a lay person led service.** We need help in organizing and participating in and during this service. Please contact Sue Riesterer at (920)901-0083 if interested in helping. Thank you.

**Faith’s Open Pantry needs the following items before June 21.** Items include: regular size boxes of cereal, can peaches, pears, pineapple, mandarin oranges, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, paste, stewed, diced and whole tomatoes, a variety of soups (NO CHICKEN NOODLE), brown beans (NO OTHER BEANS EXCEPT BROWN BEANS), spaghetti, boxed meals, Minute rice, Jello, pudding, tuna, stuffing, granola bars, cake and brownie mixes, can frosting, sugar, powder sugar, salad dressing, cookie mixes. Please put in the Gathering Space drawers or place outside of the pantry door downstairs. Thank you very much, Sandy Halverson

**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.

**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

 Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you! Did you know that **more than 50% of Versiti’s blood supply comes from drives like ours?** We would like to thank all who joined us in our blood drive on Tuesday this week. We had 24 registered donors sign in - with **2 first time donors.** We collected 20 units of whole blood and 6 units of dual red blood. This helps replenish the blood supply which will help local patients enjoy more time with their families.  **Through the 26 units collected, over 78 local patients will be impacted**. On behalf of the hospitals and patients they serve – we would like to thank all who participated or helped in any way.

 Our next drive is Tuesday, November 18th. Versiti is asking if our church would be open to host a mid-summer drive in August. They are urgently looking for over 90 groups to host a blood drive this summer -as they have seen a huge dip in donations as we head into the summertime. We are also considering this. Please let me know your thoughts. Kaye Jandrey (920)775-4439 this is a cell number so you can text me also!

**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.

QR Code Giving: Just use your smart phone’s QR Code Reader and scan this QR Code to begin your generosity giving! You can set it up to give your gift for a One-Time gift or you can set up a recurring gift (Every Week, Every Two Weeks, Twice a Month (1st & 15th), Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually). You can have your gift taken directly from your bank account or you can give with either your debit or credit card. You can pick the day you want your gift to be given. With this way of giving, you can also give to the General Offering, Church Property, World Hunger, and Lent/Holiday gifts. To view the different giving opportunities: When you first enter the app just scroll down to the line that says “View more giving opportunities” below the “Add to Basket” highlighted line.