# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Memorial Day Video**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us.** **It is hard to believe there is enough to share.** **We question your ways when they differ from the ways**

**of the world in which we live.** **We turn to our own understanding** **rather than trusting in you.** **We take offense**

**at your teachings and your ways.** **Turn us again to you.** **Where else can we turn?** **Share with us the words of**

**eternal life** **and feed us for life in the world.** **Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven

and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!” vs. 1-2 #413**

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 Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your**

**power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into**

**your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.” 4The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” 6Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

12Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 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 3:1-17 C: Glory to you O Lord.

P: 1Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him,

**C: “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do**

**unless God is with that person.”**

P: 3Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

C: **4Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old?**

P: 5Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’

8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it

goes.

So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

**C: 9Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”**

P: 10Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11“Very truly, I tell

you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen;

**C: yet you do not receive our testimony.**

P: 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly

things?

C: **13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.**

P: 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

**C: 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

P: 16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

**C: so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.**

P: 17“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

**C: but in order that the world might be saved through him.”**

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

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“The Church of Christ, in Every Age” #729**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts

of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our

shared humanity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of this

land. Sustain fragile and interconnected fields and forests, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

P: Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence,

conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and

conflict. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: As we confront the death of loved ones help us in our grief. Comfort us in our old chronic heartaches and in the fresh

losses. Inspire us to look forward to your Easter Day when every tear will be wiped away. Merciful God, **receive our**

**prayer.**

P: You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions

of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing.

Merciful God, **receive 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Every year is a year with you Lord. We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Bryant Schwoerer,

Tim Endries, Brian Olson, Isaac Boll, Bev Hildebrandt, Lucy Rutherford, Matthew Sorenson, John Schnell, Carter

Valleskey, Trevor McCulley, Daniel Whitehouse, Kace Goehring, Amber Kwasny and Jim Schuessler. Merciful God,

**receive 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: On this Memorial Day we are mindful of the dangers of military service and grateful for those who are willing to serve

for the sake of higher ideals. 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. Merciful God, **receive 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. Merciful God, **receive 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: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has

been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the

world.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### Benediction

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “God Bless America”**

God bless America,  
Land that I love,  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam  
God bless America, My home sweet home  
God bless America, My home sweet home

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeters: Pat Christianson and Ralph Christianson Acolyte: Cambria Behnke

Ushers: Steve Ahrens, Al Gilbertson and Brian Ulness Lector & Communion: Stacy Wilker

Sound Operator: Carter Lenzner Projection: Libby Olson Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 143 Wednesday: 32 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $8,071.00

**Faith’s Opportunities May 26-June 2**

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

**Monday** Office and church closed – Memorial Day observed

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

**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

**Supplies are needed for VBS.** Tags are located on the tree in the Gathering Space. Pick a tag and return it marked VBS to the container provided. Thank you for your help!

The photo directories are in and being distributed to those who ordered them. If you would like to purchase a directory, they are $15.83. If you had your picture taken, you will receive one at no cost.

**All high school seniors and families are invited to:**

**THE VALDERS AREA BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

**at Faith**

**Sunday, June 2 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.**

**June Stewardship—Quilts**

Valders Faithful Quilters, an ecumenical group, work in the Fellowship Hall Thursday mornings from 8:00AM until 11:30AM. The ladies rip, trim, iron, sew pieces together, pin sides together, sew around and tie with yarn to complete the quilts. You do not need any sewing abilities to help. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Cheryl Domrath, Marlene Evenson or Kayleen Halderson. Any help is appreciated. Materials needed: large pieces of new or good used fabric, except fiberglass. Old bed sheets for fillers. **Clean material only please.** Thread for machine sewing, white polyester (Wal-Mart works best). Bright colored yarn. Donated material should be clearly marked **Quilting** and left downstairs under the coat rack.

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.

We Remember…

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.  
  
By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm’s way.