# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” #373**

**Kyrie**

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.**

**This is the Feast**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, 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: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-20

1 Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” 5 He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” 11 The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” 13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; 16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” 17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

### 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice,  “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,  “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped. 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 21:1-19

1 After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. 2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” 6 He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. 9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.” 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: Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers,

 confirmation teachers and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people.

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

P: Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Show us your vision for justice in our community. Teach us

 your divine mercy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and

 for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or who need your

 tender care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Teach us how to invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of true hospitality where all feel loved

 and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. 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: Lori Bruckner,

 Rachel Robley, Ella Hammel, Brenda Johnson, Jared Petska, Ben Kalies, Lexie Evenson, Peter Scharenbroch, Richard

 Schaeuble, Dan Esser, Tim Brick, Mardell Huske, Marilyn Robley and Robert Voss. 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 Ted Jeske, Mitchell Zutz, Bertha Kulnick,

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

 Joann Sebo, 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.**

**Words of Institution**

**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.**

**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 “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” vs. 1 & 4****#382**

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 Greeter: Ethan Spindler

Acolyte: Phoebe Cigler Lector:

Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson Sound Operator & Projection: Loren Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer Communion Aide: Al Gilbertson

Ushers: Austin McCulley, Stetson McCulley, Ethan Ulness

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Grace Sorenson

Acolyte: Sage Trepasso Lector: Joan Pritzl

Head Usher: Matt Krogh Ushers: Jim Ahrens, Bonnie Gordon, Lori Propson

Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Sound Operator & Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 96 Wednesday: 41 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,731.00

**Faith’s Opportunities May 4-11**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Sunday School, Fellowship Hour, Board of Youth & Family

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir, 9th grade confirmation

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

 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

 7:00 P.M. Confirmation Party

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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. 2nd Saturday Bible Study

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

We have been invited to our first 175th Anniversary celebration. First Lutheran Church in Manitowoc is holding an organ recital and hymn sing with a reception afterward, May 18 at 3:00 pm. 175 years ago our Norwegian ancestors chartered 3 local churches which have become, in 175 years, First Lutheran of Manitowoc and Faith Lutheran of Valders. First Lutheran is located at 521 N. 8th Street in downtown Manitowoc.

**We are looking for photos of veterans for Memorial Day.** Please bring it to the church office **before May 11**. It will be returned to you. Include your name and branch of service.

**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 are having a **Blood Drive on Tuesday May 20 from 2-6 pm** in the fellowship hall. Contact Kaye Jandrey at 920-775-4439 for appointment availability. Give blood, get subs! Receive a coupon for $5 off $15 from Cousins Subs, while supplies last!

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.