# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “The Lord Is in His Holy Temple” Inspiration Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in

 the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean,

 and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy,

 seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake**

 **grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your**

 **will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ**

 **our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake

 forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his Name, he gives power to become the children of God, and

 bestows upon them his Holy Spirit. He that believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #504**

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 God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love**

 **for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through**

 **Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and**

 **forever. Amen.**

**Anthem “Hymn of Heaven” Inspiration and Bell Choirs**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Special Music “This is the Day” Sunday School students**

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;

we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

**First Reading**: Acts 10:44-48

44While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

1Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 15:9-17 **C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)**

[Jesus said:] 9“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“I Love to Tell the Story” #661**

Recognition of Carl and Marlene Peters as Meritorious Pastors of Faith Lutheran Church

**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: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give us

 understanding minds and open ears, that we may also open our hearts in love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice,

 peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. We pray especially for the people of

 Ukraine, the Middle East, and central Africa. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental

 illness. Help us to be agents of your love in our care for one another. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your

 love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, board members, and volunteers of all

 kinds. 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: Ella Hammel,

 Brenda Johnson, Jared Petska, Ben Kalies, Lexie Evenson, Peter Scharenbroch, Richard Schaeuble, Dan Esser,

 Timothy Brick, Mardell Huske, Marilyn Robley, Robert Voss and Erik Gordon. 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, Matthew Brill, 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 blessing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to know and

 firmly believe that you are with them and love 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 “I Will Dwell in You” Inspiration Choir “Let Us Break Bread Together” #471**

 **“Break Now the Bread of Life” #515**

**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.**

#### A Choral Benediction by Inspiration Choir

**Closing Hymn “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” #543**

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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**You are invited to the feast! We had many RSVP’s that they would attend, but we also got about two dozen extra, just so everyone could stay for the full festivities (and that is too much food to send home with the Peters.) Stay. Enjoy. Share the love!**

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**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Ariana Herrick Acolyte: Alison Goehring

Ushers: Steve & Ginny Schwoerer, Bob Wigen Lector & Communion: Stefanie Kaderabek

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Kolten Schisel

Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Noah Boll Acolyte: Carter Kuenstler

Ushers: Ron Jones, Wayne Huske, Lori Propson Lector: Don Domrath

Sound Operator & Projection: Terry Huske Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

**Last Week** – Sunday: 96 Wednesday: 37 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,046.00

**Faith’s Opportunities May 5-12**

**Sunday** Celebration for Pastor Peter’s

**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** 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

 6:00 P.M. Card Making

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 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

Thank you to the everyone who helped make this wonderful event honoring the Peters possible. Thank you especially to members of the Fellowship Committee who diligently worked so hard on this event and to all who brought salads and desserts. God Bless you!

**Sunday School -- May 2024**

This morning, children will come up to service to sing a song for you and Pastor Peters, enjoy a Children’s Sermon, and then they will be dismissed back to their classrooms where they will continue to practice their songs for Mother’s Day Service and have a special snack/fun day! Class will end at **11:30** (or the conclusion of service).

**Sunday May 12th (Mother’s Day)** the children will be singing 3 songs during the 9am service. Please drop your child off downstairs by 8:45am. After they are done, they will return to sit with you. Invite family and friends for this very special day!!! Please don’t forget your change… during the offering time. The kids can help collect a **“noisy offering”** that will once again go toward the new risers that we bought this spring. They are just short of ½ paid for after the last noisy offering. Your generosity is appreciated!!

**Pantry needs**

Canned fruit Spaghetti sauces Canned tomato products

Granola/breakfast bars Canned meals Ketchup

Hamburger pickles Pickles Salad dressing/mayo

Tuna Snacks, cookies, candy Instant coffee (decaf)

Juice boxes Cake/brownie/dessert/cookie mixes

Canned frosting Shampoo Laundry and dish soap

Bar soap or liquid soap Cleaning supplies

Items are needed before May 16. Place items in the bins at the information desk in the gathering space.

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.

This year at the Synod Assembly, we are rallying support around Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, and Waypost Camp. Our Green Bay Synod has the Discovery part of supplies for the camps. A supply list can be found on Amazon under Discovery: ECSW Synod Assembly. Please take a look at the list and see if you can support them. Monetary donations are always accepted as well. These can be sent to Crossways Camping Ministries W1860 Cloverleaf Lake Road, Clintonville, WI 54929.

It is a joy for Crossways Camps to be able to offer scholarships available to all for Crossways programs, thanks to generous supporters. Our scholarships are available for programs of any length and any age. There is no proof of eligibility required, simply complete an application at [CrosswaysCamps.org/scholarship](https://j0l1y7h.r.us-east-1.awstrack.me/L0/https%3A//www.crosswayscamps.org/scholarship/1/0100018f2bdb5941-c8efae65-e58e-4d3d-b016-39ea2c56aeaa-000000/bJxgC_-M9TGWnYgzhfoxiBXUx5I%3D371) to express need. Please contact Robyn Koehler (robyn@crosswayscamps.org) with any questions regarding the scholarship process. We believe that finances should not be a barrier to camp experiences!