# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

IN HIS PRESENCE

As if my reaching heart

had touched his garment,

suddenly, I knew!

No muscle moved, I think;

but all of me

was kneeling

in awe and wonder

in His presence

Frances Brown Price

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you

 alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and

 grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

 **We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,**

 **things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your**

 **Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

 **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Now the Green Blade Rises” #379**

**Kyrie -** Pages 138-139

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord,**

 **have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: 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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may \**

 **we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and**

 **reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading**: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

14aPeter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], 22“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—23this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; 26therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. 27For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. 28You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ 29“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ 32This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.” L: The Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. L: The Word of the LORD. **C Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Song “Ancient Words”**

**Gospel**:John 20:19-31

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” 24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” 26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” 30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon “Thomas”** Pastor Kim Henning

**Message “My Lord and My God!** Pastor Kim Henning

**Hymn**  **“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” #385**

#### The Apostles’ Creed P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s**

 **only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under**

 **Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he**

 **rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to**

 **judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion**

 **of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the

 women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us,

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

P: As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the

 earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our

 communities’ leaders. Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership

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

P: You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a

 healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief.

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

P: As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our

 doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you

 and one another. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Jenniffer Zutz, Terry Christianson, Janice

 Streckert, Dennis Schuh, Brenda Goehring. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for those who are in need of healing: Cheryl Domrath, Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene

 Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Ginger Linsmeier, Dennis Ruh, Darrell

 Ruh, (brothers of Mardell Huske), Neil Meissner, Eliza Dekker, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne

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

P:Confident that you not only hear our prayers, but listen to them, you not only listen, but care. You not only

 care, but act with Almighty Love. Confident in your Almighty Love, we name now before you those in need

 of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to know that our prayers are with them and you are

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

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**Distribution Hymns**  **“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” #384**

 **“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” #389**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you

 have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name.

**C: Amen.**

#### Benediction

P: The God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the

 new creation.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” #392**

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: Delton Duchow

Greeters: Addison Spindler Acolyte:

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin and Marcus Galien Lector: Garrett Ulness

Communion Aide: Al Gilbertson Projection: Terry Huske

Sound Operator: Gage Spindler Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeters: Liam Cline Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Brian and Mary Thomsen Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

Projection: Judy Harris

**Last Week** – Sunday: 304 Wednesday: 38 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $8,979.74

Cemetery Spring Cleanup will be happening very soon after Easter, so please remove all your Christmas wreaths and decorations. Thank you.

**Faith’s Opportunities April 16-23**

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

 10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

**Monday** 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 6:30 P.M. Council

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Two Rivers Family Restaurant

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

 6:00 P.M. Card Making

 6:15 Worship

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 5:00-8:00 P.M. Kids Night Out

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

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Sunday school & Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir ~ 9th grade confirmation

 11:00 – 2:00 Nerf and Nachos

**NERF and NACHO Event**

**9th and 10th grade Confirmands and Mentors**

**Sunday, April 23 11:00-2:00**

Mentors and Confirmands will work together to create a personalized stole to be worn on Confirmation Sunday and cross boxes will be available for those who wish to make a keepsake. A nacho bar with all the fixings will be served for lunch. After lunch, students and mentors team up to battle for the title of “Nerf Champs 2023.” Please bring a regular soft dart nerf gun. Extra darts will be supplied. If you are willing to bring a dessert or an item for the nacho bar, please let Bridget know at 920-905-5273 or valleskeyb@gmail.com.

**April Stewardship is Baptism Quilts**

Materials needed:

1½ yards of baby appropriate cotton material for top & bottom. Can also be a baby flannel.

1½ yards of batting (either cotton or low loft). Can also be a crib size 45x60 in a bag.

 Any cash or gift cards can be given to Christine in the office. Place any items in the Stewardship Cabinet across from the office. Thank you.