# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**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.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By

 grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you

 with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” vs. 1-4 #363**

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.**

**Hymn of Praise “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” vs. 1 #836**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of**

 **our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

 **one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading**: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

14aPeter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], 36“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
 37Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” 40And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

17If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. 18You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 22Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” #512**

**Gospel**:Luke 24:13-35

13Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. 18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” 19He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” 25Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” vs. 1-4 #389**

**Reception of New Members** – Brett and Dani Glaeser

#### 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.**

**Offering** *(Noisy Offering for Faith’s Pantry will also be collected at this time)*

**Offertory Response “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1 #686**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your

 gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the

 wellspring of eternal life.

 C: **Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community.

 Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out

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

P: As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field and the flowing waters.

 Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who safeguard threatened land and water. Hear us, O

 God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the

 forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who horde resources and

 lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day.

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

P: You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized by

 gender or sexuality and those whose stories are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and

 speak honestly in our ministry together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Michelle Robley, Ben Cigler, Danielle Konz,

 Emily Reinertson, Jim Reinertson, Robin Gordon, Lee Ann Jeske, David Haupt, Lauren O’Leary, Qwynn

 Jandrey, Cassidy Tuschel, Cambria Behnke, James Cain, Keagan Hougen, Marion Orde, Rhys Wilker. 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, Paul Haupt, 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.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### 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 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” vs. 1, 3 & 4 #367**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeters: Ralph Christianson and Pat Christianson Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Dennis and Bonnie Gordon Lector: Tiffany Jandrey

Projection: Terry Huske and Liam Cline

Sound Operator: Terry Huske Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 91 Wednesday: 34 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,655.00

**Faith’s Opportunities April 23-30**

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

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

 11:00 – 2:00 Nerf and Nachos

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

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

 6:15 Worship

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**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

Camp Sunday – April 30. A representative from Crossways Camping Ministries will be here next Sunday answering questions about camp, doing a Sunday school activity and having a temple talk during worship.

**Join us for a day with The Milwaukee Brewers**

**When:** May 27th vs. the San Francisco Giants **Where:** American Family Field

**Time:** Game time 3:10 pm **Cost:** $24 per ticket for Terrace Box seats

**Give away:** Christian Yelich Patriotic Jersey to first 30,000 fans to enter the stadium

Please sign up by May 7th on the sheet at the information desk in the Gathering Space, so we are able to secure tickets to the event. Any member of the congregation is welcome to attend and a bus may be considered if we have a large group. Any questions contact Erin Lenzner at 920-901-7089.

**Faith’s Open pantry is in need of the following:**

Canned or packaged tuna in regular flavor Canned chicken in broth or water

Spaghetti (no wheat) Bagged noodles (no wheat)

Sugars (white, brown, powder) All-purpose white flour

Cake/brownie/dessert mixes Vanilla, salt, pepper, assorted spices

Baking soda/powder White vinegar

Apple cider vinegar Vegetable oil

Canned meals Brown beans (regular size)

Mayo, miracle whip, etc. Boxed mashed potatoes

Assorted au gratin potatoes Pancake mix

BBQ sauce Instant coffee

Bottled juice products Peaches

Cherry pie filling Pie crusts (readymade or a box crust mix)

Graham crackers French, Ranch, Caesar, Italian, 1000 island dressings

Pizza kits Oranges

Gluten free food items from cereal, crackers, dessert mixes, anything gluten free

Paper towels

Laundry soap (preferably Tide, Gain, Arm and Hammer), Laundry dryer sheets

Cleaning items Snack/candy items

Boxed/pouch juices, fruit drinks Personal care items for men and women

Bar soap

**BUT**

No soups, peanut butter, veggies other than brown beans, pudding/Jell-O, fruit cocktail

Any questions call Sandy 323-2086!

A Choir is being organized to sing at funerals at Faith when requested by the family. We are looking for individuals that would be interested in sharing their talents with this choir. We need about 10 to 12 individuals but realize that you may not always be available on short notice and that is OK. If you are interested in helping out with this choir please let Pastor or me know of your interest. Thank you, Don Domrath