# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Temple Talk ~ Crossways Camping Ministries Representative**

**Call to Worship ~ Bell Choir**

**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 “Thine Is the Glory” #376**

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 “Christ Has Arisen” vs. 1-2 #364**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of**

 **death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared**

 **in your house, through 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 2: 42-47

 2[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

19It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. 20If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. 21For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 22“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”
23When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. L: The Word of the LORD. **C Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation “Thy Word”**

**Gospel**:John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] 1“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“The Lord’s My Shepherd” #778**

#### 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: You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your

 voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your

 creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is

 desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in

 our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously

 seek the good of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or

 depression or suffering in any way. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of

 domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and

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

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Bev Schnell, Addison Spindler, Joan Pritzl,

 Emma Karstaedt, Terra Peterson, Austin McCulley, Donald Schisel, Nicole Spindler, Kim Tan, Stacy Olm,

 Eric Haupt, Walker Ulness, Dominic Hernandez, Lorraine Stenzel, Lori Bruckner, Rachel Robley, Brenda

 Johnson, Jared Petska, Benjamin Kalies, Ella Hammel, Lexie Evenson, Peter Scharenbroch. Hear us, O

 God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for those who are in need of healing: the family of Paul Haupt, Cheryl Domrath, Sharon Naidl,

 Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Ginger

 Linsmeier, 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 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” #789**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeters: Marcus Galien Acolyte: Liam Cline

Ushers: Keith Lippert, Tyler Madson, Lori Propson Lector & Communion: Joyce Sorenson

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

Projection: DJ Schisel

**Last Week** – Sunday: 108 Wednesday: 45 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $7,267.00

**Flowers** are placed in the altar area in memory of Larry Madson on his 90th birthday anniversary May 2 by his family.

*Remember in your prayers this week the family of Paul Haupt who passed last Sunday; brother of Joan (Chris) Pritzl, Dave (Terry) Haupt, Sister: Carol (Kevin) Witt, Sister-in-Law: Julie (Tim) Endries.*

**Thank you to the following who helped with church lawn cleanup last weekend:** Terry Evenson, John Robley, Mike Propson, Tony Schad, Doug Meyer, Loren Ulness and John Schnell who brought the lawn equipment, and Tom Madson for the top soil. Your help is greatly appreciated. Mark Zutz, Director of Church Properties

**Faith’s Opportunities April 30-May 7**

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

 10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

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

 6:00 P.M. Board of Lay Ministry

**Tuesday** 6:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism

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

 6:15 P.M. 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

Geranium orders for Pentecost Sunday, May 28 will be taken this morning through May 10. All flowers are red, in a 4 ½” pot and cost $2.50 a plant. Please see the table in the Gathering Space to place your order.

Help support Faith Lutheran’s Cemetery Association by attending the Brat Fry, Friday, May 5 from 10:00-6:00 at the Valders Cenex.

**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**.**