# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Call to Worship**—Psalm 100

P: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

P: Know that the LORD is God.

**C: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**C: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all**

 **generations.**

**Opening Hymn “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”** vs.1, 3, 5 #533

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with

 you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. May your**

 **Holy Spirit breathe into us this new life in Christ that you promise to all who believe, through**

 **Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen!**

**Baptism of Alyse Michaela Judith Fuller**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the**

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

**The Holy Scriptures**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 43:16 – 21

 *God is the one who delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, who parted the Red Sea when Pharaoh’s army was coming after them. They passed through the sea and closed up on Pharaoh’s army. So, put your trust in God who can do all things, who holds your future.*

 This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading:** Philippians 3:4b – 14

 *One of the controversies of the early church was whether non-Jews—Gentiles—needed to follow the Covenant of laws of Moses, including circumcision. The decision of the Apostles was that the Gentiles were not to be burdened with all the regulations of the Old Covenant, but that they are acceptable to God through faith in Jesus Christ.*

 If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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

**Gospel Song “I Love to Tell the Story”** vs. 1 #661

**Gospel Reading:** John 12:1 – 8

 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

 “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message Pastor Howard Batt**

**Hymn of Response “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”**  #857

P: Let us affirm our faith together, in the God that calls us through his Son, Jesus Christ, and

 enlightens our minds, empowers us for ministry, and keeps us in true faith, through his Holy Spirit.

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 sins, the resurrection of the

 body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his

 power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,

 forever and ever! (Ephesians 3:20, 21)

**C: Amen**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**OFFERING**

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

**Holy Communion**

P: Let us prepare our hearts for communion by confessing our sins. Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us

 all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I

 therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the

 Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord God,

**C: You so loved the world that you gave your one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in**

 **him may not perish but have everlasting life.**

P: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for

 our sins. We look with hope to his coming again to take us home to be with him forever.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God,

 broke it and said, “This is my body, given for you.” Again after supper, he took the cup, and after

 giving thanks to God, he said, “This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, given and shed for you

 for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**Distribution Hymns “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”** #338 **“Were You There”** #353

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious Heavenly Father, pour out upon us your Spirit of love and wisdom. Unite us with Christ

 and all his people. And through your Word and this sacrament, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

 may Christ dwell in our hearts through faith. **C: Amen!**

**Benediction**

**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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**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Delton Duchow

Greeter: Mitchell Zutz Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Steve and Ginny Schwoerer Lector: Brian Ulness

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Projection: Hunter Spindler

Video/Live Stream: Gage Spindler Communion Aide: Brian Ulness

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Delton Duchow

Greeter: Mitchell Zutz Acolyte:

Ushers: Wayne Huske and Tyler Madson Lector: Ron Jones

Sound Operator: Terry Huske Projection: Terry Huske

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Last Week** – Sunday: 81 Video: 59 Wednesday: 75 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,505.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  the family of Dan Meyer who passed away Wednesday, Kevin Schultz, Marlene Thomsen, Harry Kwasny, Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Lorraine Reindl, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Doug Wilson, Jim Loritz, Elling Jones, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen Huske.

**Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the following who are serving in the military:** Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle and Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt, Jeff Konz and Andy Schnell. If there are others we should be remembering, please inform the church office.

*Flowers are placed in the altar area in honor of Roger and Char Manke’s 40th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!*

**Faith’s Opportunities April 3-10**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Sunday School and Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Choir Practice

**Monday** 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship and Jazzercise

**Tuesday** 5:00 P.M. Board of Lay Ministry

**Wednesday** 5:00-6:00 P.M. Soup & Sandwich Supper in Gathering Space

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

 6:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism

 6:00 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Saturday Circle

**Sunday** 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Sunday School and Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Choir Practice – 9th grade Confirmation

**Let’s sing a joyful song unto the Lord!** **Join us on Easter in the Choir!**

Practice Times:

Sunday, April 3 at 10:15 am in the sanctuary

Sunday, April 10 at 10:15 in the sanctuary

Sunday, April 17 at 9:00 a.m. Sing for Easter. Practice in the music room at 8:15 a.m.

Please sign the Easter cards in the Gathering Space for our homebound members. Let them know you are thinking of them.