# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship ~ Bell Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse

the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily

magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son,**

**Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.** **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 “Jesus Loves Me” #595**

**Sunday school sings “Jesus Your My Superhero”**

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 ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great**

**mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and**

**peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

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

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sunday school sings “Praise Him”**

**Mother’s Day Poem read by Sunday school students**

**First Reading**: Acts 17:22-31

22Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,   
‘For we too are his offspring.’ 29Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

13Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; 16yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. 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. Alleluia. **LBW** **Page 62**

**Gospel**:John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 15“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“Amazing Grace”**

#### 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.**

*(Faith Lutheran is now allowing post COVID passing of the peace, but please respect those who are being cautious and still social distancing).*

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Offering**

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

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with

good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer

and Lord.  **Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom

and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O

God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and

equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved

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

P: You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are

oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel

abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be

mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who

have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: David Linzmeier, Pam Brick, Brenda Olson,

Wylder Fochs, Jennifer Junk, Sandy Halverson, Vicki Wetenkamp, Ellen Polifka, Jennifer Ott, Michael

Wenzel, Bertha Kulnick, Romelle Rusch, James Pederson, Thomas Rutherford, Joshua Olson,

Pat Mulhaney, Ty Lippert, Everett Galien. 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, Neil Meissner, Eliza

Dekker, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen Huske. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We remember those who are currently serving in the military:Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle Conrad,

Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt and Andy Schnell. 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: May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect  
 us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us this day and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Give Me Oil In My Lamp”**

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: Matt Krogh

Greeters: Audrey Sorenson Acolyte: Logan Bratt

Ushers: Jim Ahrens and Larry Naidl Lector: Joan Pritzl

Projection: Luke Evenson

Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeters: Keith and Audrey Lippert Acolyte: Kolten Schisel

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Lector & Communion: Jenniffer Zutz

Sound Operator & Projection: Terry Huske Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Last Week** – Sunday: 117 Wednesday: 32 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,733.00

**Faith’s Opportunities May 14-21**

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

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

6:30 P.M. Council

Newsletter info due

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel

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

6:00 P.M. Card Making

6:15 P.M. Worship

**Wednesday** 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00-10:00 A.M. Open Pantry

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

10:15 A.M. Fellowship Hour

Faith Lutheran is now allowing post COVID passing of the peace, but please respect those who are being cautious and still social distancing.

Hey kids ~ check out the new playground equipment outside the fellowship hall. Thanks to Pastor Onkka’s family for remembering Faith and for the donation to make this possible!

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.

Thanks for making some NOISE in April by collecting coins! From your generosity, $785.18 went to Faith's Food Pantry to help others in our community. Thank you to the Sunday school students and Bridget Valleskey and helpers for organizing this event.

### Honor your mother

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom’s favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother’s Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they “symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying.”

Happy Mother’s Day to all moms