# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Confirmation Sunday

May 15, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: We pray that out of your glorious riches you will strengthen us through the power of your Holy Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And may we, being rooted and grounded in love, be able to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God** (Eph. 3:16 – 19)**.**

P: May you be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 2:1).

###### **Opening Hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”** vs. 1, 3 #836

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: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send**

 **forth Your Spirit, and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God,**

 **who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same**

 **Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in Your salvation; through Jesus Christ our**

 **Lord. Amen.**

**We Hear God’s Word**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 29:11 – 13

 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

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

**Second Reading:** 1 John 4:9 – 16

 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

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

**Gospel Song “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”** #857

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6:25 – 33

 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

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

**Message** **“Your True Worth”** Pastor Jim Wilson

**Hymn** **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”** #815

##### **Affirmation of Faith**

**Confirmands:** Luke Evenson, Carter Lenzner, Kai Meyer, Libby Olson, Timber Schuler,

 Hunter Spindler, Lucas Spindler, Mitchell Zutz

**Confession of Faith and Commitment to Discipleship**

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 Laying on of Hands:** Pastor, Parents, Sponsors, Mentor, and other family members

**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!

**C: Amen**

###### **Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory “Lord, Be Glorified”** vs. 1, 3 #744

**HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Let us prepare our hearts for Holy Communion, reflecting on our need for Christ’s atoning sacrifice

 on the cross. None of us are perfect. We all fall short and put our faith in the amazing grace of God.

**C: Heavenly Father, forgive us our sins for Jesus sake and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.**

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

 forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become

 children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**The Words of Institution**

**Distribution Hymns “Just As I Am” #592 “Blessed Assurance” #638**

**Post Communion Prayers**

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. United 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

#### Closing Hymn “Lift High the Cross” vs. 1, 2 #660

“We walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

in all your ways follow him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5, 6

Faith is trusting the heart of God even when we cannot see the movement of his hand.

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**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Mathew Krogh

Greeters: Earl and Barb Griffin Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Dennis & Bonnie Gordon, Bob Wigen Lector: Judy Harris

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Makenna Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek Communion Aide: Judy Harris and Joan Pritzl

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeter: Tom and Rae Madson Acolyte: Gage Spindler

Ushers: Brian and Mary Thomsen Lector: Garrett Ulness

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Projection: Addison Spindler

Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 133 Video: 62 Wednesday: 18 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,042.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  Sharon Naidl, Kevin Schultz, Marlene Thomsen, Harry Kwasny, Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Signe Burkart, 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.

**Faith’s Opportunities May 15-22**

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

 Newsletter info due to church office

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

 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at The Lighthouse Inn

**Wednesday** 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

 Dave & Buster’s Youth Event

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**Orders for geraniums for Pentecost Sunday will be taken until May 18**. All geraniums are red and come in a 4 ½” pot and are $2.50 a pot. Please see the table in the Gathering Space for more information.

**Dave and Buster’s Youth Event**

**When:** May 21 at 1:00

**Where:** Dave and Buster’s in Ashwaubenon

**Ages:** Youth 10 and up

**Cost:** $10 per person

Please sign up on the sheet located on the Youth and Family bulletin board, where you will also find more details.

**Faith Lutheran Church Blood Drive**

**When: Monday May 23 Time: 2:00-6:00 pm**

**Location: Fellowship Hall**

Visit bit.ly/faithlutheranmay23 or call 877-232-4376 to Save the Day! Feel the beat of summer! As a thank you, all attempting donors will receive a Summerfest code to redeem for a general admission ticket. Donate for a chance to win a $75 e-gift card so you can stream your favorite movie or download the latest game!

**The Board of Christian Education is looking for some help with VBS.**  If anyone would be able to donate their Thrivent Action Card to VBS this year, we could use the help to cover the cost of snacks and general supplies.  If you have a card that has not been used yet this year and would be willing to donate it toward this cause, please contact Chloe Cigler at 920-860-6864.  Thank you!

The Endowment Committee met recently and we have come up with a new plan for Faith’s Open Pantry.  Right now the pantry is full which is a great thing, but we are not in need any more actual food items at this time except for meat products, cheese and butter/milk.  Instead of actual food items, we would like to start accepting monetary donations or gift cards so items can be re-stocked when items run low.  Gift cards from any area grocery store can be used and very much appreciated. Put cash or gift cards in a sealed envelope and slide it under the pantry door or give directly to Christine or Sandy. The donations we have received from our congregation are very much appreciated and because of that, the pantry is full except for the items mentioned above.  If you have any questions, please contact me at 920-323-2086.  This will go into effect starting June until further notice. Again thank you for your support as we help those in need. *Sandy Halverson*

**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.