# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

## **Gathering**

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us begin by clearing our conscience by confessing our sins. We have not loved God with our whole

 heart and we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. Let us take a moment to reflect on our need

 for God’s forgiveness, and on Jesus’ redeeming work that sets us free. *Silence for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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, 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: 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: Let us lift up our hearts and voices in joyous response to this good news.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Opening Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” vs. 1, 3, 4 #855

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: Direct us, O Lord, in all we do with your Holy Spirit. Further us, with your continual help, that in all**

 **our works, begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify your name, and finally, by your**

 **mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *“This is the Feast”*  Pg. 149 – 150

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and**

 **riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory**

 **for our God. Alleluia.**

 **Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and**

 **might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb**

 **who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Acts 9:1 – 6

 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

 “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

 “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 11

 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them —yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** p. 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** John 21:1 – 8, 15 – 19

 Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered.

 He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards…

 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

 Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

 The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

 Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. Truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message “Living to God’s Glory”**

**Hymn of Response “Here I Am, Lord”** #574

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**

 Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your bountiful mercy and love that

 we know we have through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen!**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**OFFERING**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Gracious Creator, we thank you for making the fruitful earth produce what is needed for life. We**

 **thank you for the beauty of this world, and the gift of life. You have showered your blessings upon all**

 **humanity and the whole creation. Help us to be good stewards of all you have placed under our care,**

 **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

Great Thanksgiving Pages 152-153

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right… …we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution Hymns** **“Beautiful Savior”** #838 **“Love Divine”** #631

**Post Communion Prayer**

P: God of grace and abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ and

 all His people. Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit, that we may proclaim Your redeeming love to

 the world and continue forever, in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”** #884

**Dismissal**

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.**

**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Mathew Krogh

Greeter: Luke Evenson Acolyte: Addison Spindler

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Lector: Joyce Sorenson

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Projection: Stefanie Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen Communion Aide: Joyce Sorenson

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Luke Evenson Acolyte: DJ Schisel

Ushers: John Robley and Brian Ulness Lector: Chase Wilker

Sound Operator & Projection: Terry Huske Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Last Week** – Sunday: 92 Video: none Wednesday: 39 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,265.75

**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.

**Flowers** are placed in the altar area in memory of Larry Madson on his birthday anniversary by Joy Madson and family.

**Faith’s Opportunities May 1-8**

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

 10:15 A.M. 9th grade Confirmation

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

 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

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

 6:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism

**Wednesday** 5:00 P.M. 9th grade confirmation students & Board of Christian Education

 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 practice

 9:00 A.M. Worship – Bell Choir plays and Sunday school students sing

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

**Send your kids on a desert adventure!**

Monumental VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste! **So mark your calendar: Monday, June 20th through Thursday, June 23rd.** The fun starts at 12:30 p.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m. each day. For those children attending Summer School in Valders, **a bus will be available from Valders Elementary School to Faith Lutheran Church each day.** Please check the appropriate box on the back of this form if your child will take the bus from Valders Elementary to VBS. Each family will need to arrange for transportation to pick up their children at the end of each day. Children entering 4K through 6th grade of all denominations are welcome. Your family is invited to cool off after a week in the Canyon at VBS! Plan on joining us at the Manitowoc Aquatic Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Friday, June 24. Admission for all VBS kids and their families is covered by Faith Lutheran Church, Valders. Lifeguards will be on duty, but an adult needs to attend with each child to ensure safety. The cost for VBS is $10.00 per child (maximum of $20 per family). Forms can be found at the display in the Gathering Space and turned into the church office. Scholarships for VBS are available; please call with questions. **Registration by May 31st is appreciated so enough food and supplies can be ordered.**

**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.