# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**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 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” #517**

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.**

**Kyrie Pages 138-139**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray

 to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have**

 **mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

**This is the Feast Pages 140-141**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ**

 **and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

6When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” 12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. 13When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

12Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. 14If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. 5:6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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. **Page 142**

### Gospel: John 17:1-11

1After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 6“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus” #451**

**Holy Baptism – Brady Louis Glaeser**

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.**

**Affirmation of Faith ~** Peter Cigler, Dominic Hernandez, Makenna Kaderabek, Donald Schisel, Addison Spindler, Whitney Ulness, Carter Valleskey.

*(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: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this

 bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our

 Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: God of harmony, as you drew your Son to your side; you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another.

 Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water

 that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and

 all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or

 prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering

 from illness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this

 congregation’s leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is**

 **great.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Doris Olson, Colten Fuller, Ken O’Leary, Aliza

 Sabourin, Judy Valleskey, Scott Reinertson, Tom Behnke, Jill Wittmus, Noah Boll, Ashlin Hill, Bryant Schwoerer.

 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.**

**Great Thanksgiving Page 144**

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

 almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave,

 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,

 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.**

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

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**Distribution Hymns “Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me” #767 “Baptized in Water” #456**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you

 have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name.

**C: Amen.**

#### 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 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #504**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeters: Tom and Rae Madson Acolyte: Liam Cline

Ushers: Brian Ulness and Loren Ulness Lector: Stefanie Kaderabek

Sound Operator and Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Last Week** – Sunday: 161 Wednesday: 35 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,845.00

**Faith’s Opportunities May 21-28**

**Sunday** 10:15 A.M. Fellowship Hour

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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

 10:15 A.M. Fellowship Hour

This morning, we welcome Brady Louis Glaeser into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism. Brady was born to Brett and Dani Glaeser on April 3, 202s and his baptismal sponsors are Derek and Melissa Madson and Nicole Glaeser. Grandparents are Kevin and Julie Madson and Brian and Carol Glaeser. We rejoice at Brady’s rebirth through water and the Word!

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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.

**All high school seniors and families are invited to:**

**THE VALDERS AREA BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

**at Faith**

**Sunday, June 4 at 12:30 p.m.**

Together we will ask for guidance and blessings for our graduates. **Graduates need to be dressed in their cap and gown and in the Gathering Space by 12:15 P.M.**