# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 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.**

**Responsive Reading** (based on John Chapter 1)

P: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

P: In him was life, and that life was the light of all humanity.

**C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us.

**C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son.**

P: The law was given through Moses.

**C: Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

P: No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son,

**C: Who is one with the Father’s heart, who has made him known.**

**Opening Song “Borning Cry”** #732

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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you sent your Son to live among us, and to be the light of the world. By**

 **your grace adopt us as your sons and daughters, and enlighten us through this gift of**

 **your Son and the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns**

 **with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Baptism of Myah Marie Klessig**

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 Scriptures**

**First Reading: Acts 16:9 – 15**

 *Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles and started many churches in Asia Minor, what we know as Turkey today. In our reading we hear how God now called him to go to Macedonia, what we know as Greece today, to share God’s Word and start new churches there.*

 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

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

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:1 – 6, 9 – 11

 *Paul writes this letter to the church in Philippi many years after having started it. He is writing from prison, having been arrested for his Christian faith in Jerusalem. It is a letter of appreciation and encouragement to continue growing in their faith in Christ Jesus.*

 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all God’s holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

 I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus…

 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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

**Gospel Song “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”** #512

**The Gospel: John 14:23 – 29**

 Jesus said, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

 “All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.”

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

**MESSAGE**   **“If You Love Me”**

Song of Response “Shine, Jesus, Shine” #671

**Baptism of Raiden James Sabourin**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

**Offering**

**Offertory “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1,2** #686

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

P: In to your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and

 love that we know we have through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen!**

**Lord’s Prayer (Sung)**

P: Let us sing our Lord’s Prayer together.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song “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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeters: Pat Christianson and Ralph Christianson Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Al Gilbertson and Lori Propson Lector: Don Domrath

Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner Projection: Erin Lenzner

Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 152 Video: 74 Wednesday: 33 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,786.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  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.

 This morning, we welcome Myah Marie Klessig and Raiden James Sabourin into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism. Myah was born November 8, 2021 to Caynen and Caitlyn Klessig, and her baptismal sponsors are Ashley and Michael Ebert. Grandparents are Craig Klessig and Anne Cullen. Great grandparents are Bob and Marge Klessig.

 Raiden was born February 9 2022 to Adam and Aliza Sabourin, and his baptismal sponsors are Hailee Jacobs and Joel Sabourin. Grandparents are Michael and Deborah Goehring and James and Pamela Sabourin. Great grandparents are Marlene and the late Dennis Evenson, Anita and the late Al Raml, Pat Sabourin and Jim Roberts and the late James Sabourin. Raiden joins his big sister Ryah at home. We rejoice at Myah and Raiden’s rebirth through water and the Word!

**Faith’s Opportunities May 22-29**

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

**Monday** 2:00-6:00 P.M. Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

Save the Date for Monumental VBS – the summer event that celebrates God’s greatness!  This year, VBS will be held Monday, June 20 - Thursday, June 23, 2022 from 12:30-4:00 p.m. at Faith.  You don’t want to miss it! All children entering 4K – 5th grade are welcome to attend.  Confirmation and High School age students as well as adult volunteers are needed.  To be a part of the VBS family contact Chloe Cigler at 920-775-4417.

**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!

**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.