# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Let us begin by clearing our conscience by confessing our sins and seeking God’s forgiveness. 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.**

**Opening Hymn “God of Our Fathers” #567**

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: Lord God of our salvation, it is your will that all people might come to you through**

 **Jesus your Son. Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his**

 **forgiveness, and the hope of his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

**Memorial Day Video**

**The Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Acts 16:22 – 32

 *In Philippi [Greece] some of the merchants brought Paul and Silas to the authorities saying, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.” They were arrested.*

 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved —you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:11 – 17

 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

 Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Song “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” #509**

**Gospel Reading:** John 17:20 – 26

 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message “Living As Christians”**

P: Let us pray together the prayer of St. Francis.

**C: Lord, Make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hated, let us sow love; where**

 **there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;**

 **where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.**

 **Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as**

 **to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in**

 **pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

**Hymn of Response “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”**

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

**Chorus:** And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; Yes they’ll

 know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. And together we will spread the news that God is in our land. **Chorus.**

We will work with each other; we will work side by side. We will work with each other; we will work side by side. And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride. **Chorus.**

All praise to the Father from whom all things come. And all praise to Christ Jesus his only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Chorus.**

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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.

**Nicene Creed**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all**

 **that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” #752**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our

 Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**BENEDICTION**

**Closing Hymn “I'll Fly Away”**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Pat Christianson Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Loren Ulness and Joan Pritzl Lector & Communion Aide: Jenniffer Zutz

Sound Operator: Projection:

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Last Week** – Sunday: 131 Video: 81 Wednesday: 40 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,780.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  Lynn Burzynski, 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 29-June 5**

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

**Monday** Memorial Day observed – office closed

 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

 12:30 P.M. Baccalaureate Service

All high school seniors and families are invited to: **THE VALDERS AREA BACCALAUREATE SERVICE at Faith, Sunday, June 5 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.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting my Confirmation service project for Heifer International. My goal was $650. The donations were so generous that I was able to send $1605.00. In total we were able to send: 2 heifers, 1 pig, 1 goat, 2 flocks of chicks and 1 honey bee hive. The animals will be provided to families along with educational support so that they can become more financially independent. They also are able to help improve their communities as well. I am very grateful for the support for my community service project! Thank you! – Mitchell Zutz

Help us decorate our altar area this summer by bringing in flowers from your garden. It will enhance the altar area and others in our congregation will be able to enjoy your labor of love. Bring them to church with you on a Sunday morning or Wednesday night. Thank you for sharing.