# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “Let There be Peace on Earth” Faith’s Choir**

(Choir will sing first time through and congregation will sing second time)

**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,

 **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. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” vs. 1-4 #619**

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

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to**

 **follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns**

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

**First Reading**: Acts 7:55-60

55Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” 57But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died. L: The Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

2Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—3if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and 5like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” 8and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 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. **Page 151**

**Gospel**:John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 8Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“Now the Green Blade Rises”** **#379**

#### The Nicene Creed P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.**

**Passing of the Peace** P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response “Let the Vineyards” Page 184**

**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 life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we

 give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between

 church and world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid

 deserts. Protect the earth’s diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear

 us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they

 begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following

 conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war

 and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick. Hear us, O God. **Your**

 **mercy is great.**

P: Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have

 recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways.

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

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Richard Schaeuble, Dan Esser, Timothy Brick,

 Mardell Huske, Marilyn Robley, Robert Voss, Erik Gordon. 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 152**

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 “Around You, O Lord Jesus” #468 “Eat This Bread” #472 (sing 3 times)**

**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 “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” #536**

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: Matt Krogh

Greeters: Marcus Galien Acolyte: Liam Cline

Ushers: Keith Lippert, Tyler Madson, Lori Propson Lector & Communion: Joyce Sorenson

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

Projection: DJ Schisel

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeters: Audrey Sorenson Acolyte: Logan Bratt

Ushers: Ron Jones and Larry Naidl Lector: Joan Pritzl

Projection: Luke Evenson

Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 105 Wednesday: 52 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,500.00

**Faith’s Opportunities May 7-14**

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

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

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

 5:00 P.M. Board of Stewardship

6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Sunday school (last time until September) & Fellowship Hour

Geranium orders for Pentecost Sunday, May 28 are being taken through May 10. All flowers are red, in a 4 ½” pot and cost $2.50 a plant. Please see the table in the Gathering Space to place your order.

Sunday School Students will sing and participate in worship on Mother's Day.  We will have a Sunday School wrap-up Super-hero party during class on Sunday May 14th.

**Join us for a day with The Milwaukee Brewers**

**When:** May 27th vs. the San Francisco Giants **Where:** American Family Field

**Time:** Game time 3:10 pm **Cost:** $24 per ticket for Terrace Box seats

**Give away:** Christian Yelich Patriotic Jersey to first 30,000 fans to enter the stadium

Please sign up **today** on the sheet at the information desk in the Gathering Space, so we are able to secure tickets to the event. Any member of the congregation is welcome to attend and friends are too! A bus may be considered if we have a large group. Any questions contact Erin Lenzner at 920-901-7089.

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.

Thank you to Wayne and Terry Huske for the generous donation of facial tissues for Faiths open pantry! THANK YOU!!!