# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Call to Worship – Bell Choir**

**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 declare our trust in our loving Creator.

**C: God, your love is the one true constant in our lives. When we are overwhelmed by day-to-day**

 **stresses, you are there to strengthen us, to guide us, and to ease our burdens. We have come**

 **to be renewed by your faithful love. Give us a desire to grow in your Word, to follow Jesus,**

 **and to bring your love to a needy world.**

P: Let us also confess our sins and seek God’s forgiveness.

**C: Lord God, I have not loved you with my whole heart and too often I have neglected to love**

 **my neighbor as myself. I have not helped others when I could have. Forgive the sins of my**

 **actions and inaction, cleanse my heart, and bring me back to you.**

P: God knows our hearts and is always pleased when we come to him in prayer. Let us find joy in the

 truth of God’s deep, abiding love for us, shown in his Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and

 who rose again so we would have the hope and joy of life with him here and forever.

**C: Amen!**

**Opening Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth”** vs. 1, 4, 5 #879

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 created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life**

 **that is faithful and true. Teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of**

 **your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**We Hear God’s Word**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 40:9 – 11

 You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

 He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23**

L: The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my**

 **soul.**

L: He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your**

 **rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup

 overflows.

**C: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the**

 **house of the LORD forever.**

**New Testament Reading:** Hebrews 13:20, 21

 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music** – Sunday school students

**Children’s Message**

**Gospel Song “Jesus Loves Me this I Know”** vs. 1 #595

**Gospel Reading:** John 10:11 – 18

 Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father —and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life —only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

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

**Message “The Greatest Love”**

**Hymn of Response “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”** #789

P: Let us confess our faith in our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in the words of an African

 Creed.

**C: We believe in one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good**

 **in it. He created people and wanted them to be happy in the world. God loves the world,**

 **and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and**

 **now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his Word, the Bible, that he**

 **would save the world and all nations and tribes.**

 **We believe that God made good his promise by sending his Son, Jesus Christ, a man of flesh,**

 **a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing**

 **good, curing people by the power of God, teaching them about God and humanity. Showing**

 **that the meaning of religion is love, He was rejected by His people, tortured and nailed hands**

 **and feet to a cross, and died.**

 **He lay buried in the ground, but on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the**

 **skies. He is Lord.**

 **We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be**

 **sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the**

 **bread together in love, announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are**

 **waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**Offertory “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”** vs. 1, 2 #656

**C: Most Gracious God, thank you for the undeserved grace and forgiveness you give to all your**

 **people. Thank you for all we receive from your hand. Bless our families that they may be**

 **places of Christ like love. And help each of us to see how you have abundantly provided for**

 **all our needs. Open now our hearts to meet the needs of others and your ministry among us.**

 **Amen.**

**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**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn “Now Thank We All Our God”** #840

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Mathew Krogh

Greeters: Earl and Barb Griffin Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Dennis & Bonnie Gordon, Bob Wigen Lector: Judy Harris

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Makenna Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek Communion Aide: Judy Harris

**Last Week** – Sunday: 86 Video: 76 Wednesday: 33 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.

**Faith’s Opportunities May 8-15**

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

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

 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

**Tuesday** 6:30 P.M. Lions Club in community room

**Wednesday** 5:00 P.M. Board of Stewardship

 6:00 P.M. Card making in community room

 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

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Saturday Circle

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

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

 Newsletter info due to church office

**Orders for geraniums for Pentecost Sunday will be taken until May 18**. All geraniums are red and come in a 4 ½” pot and are $2.50 a pot. Please see the table in the Gathering Space for more information.

**Dave and Buster’s Youth Event**

**When:** May 21 at 1:00

**Where:** Dave and Buster’s in Ashwaubenon

**Ages:** Youth 10 and up

**Cost:** $10 per person

Please sign up on the sheet located on the Youth and Family bulletin board, where you will also find more details.

**Faith Lutheran Church Blood Drive**

**When: Monday May 23 Time: 2:00-6:00 pm**

**Location: Fellowship Hall**

Visit bit.ly/faithlutheranmay23 or call 877-232-4376 to Save the Day! Feel the beat of summer! As a thank you, all attempting donors will receive a Summerfest code to redeem for a general admission ticket. Donate for a chance to win a $75 e-gift card so you can stream your favorite movie or download the latest game!

**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!

The Endowment Committee met recently and we have come up with a new plan for Faith’s Open Pantry.  Right now the pantry is full which is a great thing, but we are not in need any more actual food items at this time except for meat products, cheese and butter/milk.  Instead of actual food items, we would like to start accepting monetary donations or gift cards so items can be re-stocked when items run low.  Gift cards from any area grocery store can be used and very much appreciated. Put cash or gift cards in a sealed envelope and slide it under the pantry door or give directly to Christine or Sandy. The donations we have received from our congregation are very much appreciated and because of that, the pantry is full except for the items mentioned above.  If you have any questions, please contact me at 920-323-2086.  This will go into effect starting June until further notice. Again thank you for your support as we help those in need. *Sandy Halverson*

**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.