# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Temple Talk ~ Amanda Wellens from Crossways Camping Ministries**

**Opening Hymn “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” #324**

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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C:** **Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our**

 **hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the**

 **extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives**

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

**First Reading:**Isaiah 43:16-21

 16 Thus says the Lord,
  who makes a way in the sea,
  a path in the mighty waters,
 17 who brings out chariot and horse,
  army and warrior;
 they lie down, they cannot rise,
  they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
 18 Do not remember the former things,
  or consider the things of old.
 19 I am about to do a new thing;
  now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness
  and rivers in the desert.
 20 The wild animals will honor me,
  the jackals and the ostriches;
 for I give water in the wilderness,
  rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to my chosen people,
  21 the people whom I formed for myself
 so that they might declare my praise.

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

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] 4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. L: The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Return to the | Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in | steadfast love, and abounding in | steadfast love.**

**Gospel**: John 12:1-8 C**: Glory to you O Lord.**

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is This” #666**

**The Apostle’s Creed**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah’s vision, Paul’s redeemed

 identity, and Mary’s faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your

 promises. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet’s future in the sea and the wilderness, the

 mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. We pray especially for the camping ministry of the Lutheran

 Church. Bless and be with all who serve in Crossways Camping Ministries. Open the eyes of campers to

 the beauty of your natural world. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who

 worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide

 interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy, **receive**

 **our prayer.**

P: The people declare your praise, O God. Bring healing to those in need. May all who weep now sing songs of

 joy again. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire

 music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy, **receive our**

 **prayer.**

P: We remember all those who are currently serving in the military, especially:Daniel Brandl, Carter

 Hildebrandt, Andy Schnell and Ethan Tienor. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home to us.

 God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for our Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, our presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, our pastor, and for all

 the people of Faith Lutheran Church. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit and lead us in your pathways. God, in

 your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: Every year is a year with you Lord. We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Carol

 Zutz, Paul Schmidt, Tyler Wetenkamp, Keith Schultz, Megan Simon, Colt Christianson, Dennis Luckow,

 Kelly Krogh, Chase Reinertson, Lucas Reinertson, Brandon Platten and Bev Griffin. God, in your mercy,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray for Ted Jeske, Mitchell Zutz, Bev

 Torrison, Bertha Kulnick, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny,

 Ginger Linsmeier, Larry Broiche, Harvest Hill, Joann Sebo, Todd Streckert, Dennis O’Leary, Merle Graf,

 Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P:We name now before you, Lord, those in need of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to

 know and firmly believe that you are with them. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your

 compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response “Where Charity and Love Prevail” #359**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Blessed are you.

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.**

 **With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all**

 **that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us. Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion** P: Come to the table that our Lord has prepared.

**Duet ~ Sue Riesterer and Devin Zahringer**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and

 grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the

 crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #338**

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: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Delton Duchow

Greeter & Acolyte: Phoebe Cigler Lector & Communion Aide: Stefanie Kaderabek

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin, Ron Jones Sound Operator & Projection: Loren Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Delton Duchow Greeter: Sage and Alex Trepasso Acolyte: Phoebe Cigler

Ushers: Brian and Tammy Brill, Al Gilbertson Lector: Erin Lenzner

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen Projection: Addison Spindler

Last Week – Sunday: 106 Wednesday: 53 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,830.00

Faith’s Opportunities April 6-13

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

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Inspiration Choir

**Monday** 9:00 A.M. Women’s Bible Study

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 6:00 P.M. Boards of Lay Ministry & Evangelism

**Tuesday** 3:00 and 6:00 P.M. Bible Study

 6:00 P.M. Card Making

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

 5:00 P.M. Soup and Sandwich Supper

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. 2nd Saturday Bible Study

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

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour and Board of Youth Ministry

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Inspiration Choir

**Please consider donating diapers** for Keagan and Ariana’s Confirmation service project. They are collecting sizes 3,4, and 5 to donate to the Crossing.  The Crossing is a local nonprofit that helps families in need in Manitowoc County. The collection is now until Sunday April 13th. Place the diapers on the table provided in the Gathering Space.

**Food Pantry needs for the week of April** 9-16: *Miscellaneous items*, like gluten free items for gluten free people. Baby items such as shampoo, diaper cream, diapers of all sizes, pull-ups of all sizes, anything baby. Lunch box items, snack items, sweet treats, cookies, crackers, juice boxes, cheese and cracker

packs.

**Stewardship for April is Baptism Quilts**

Materials needed:1½ yards of baby appropriate cotton material for top & bottom (can also be a baby flannel). 1½ yards of batting (either cotton or low loft). Can also be a crib size 45x60 in a bag. Place any items in the Stewardship Cabinet across from the office.

**Please consider donating individual wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt.** The Sunday School students will have an egg hunt on Palm Sunday during their class time. We are looking to make up goodie bags filled with special treats for them! Please place candy in the basket located outside of Christine’s office **today**. **Thank You for your generosity!**  ~Bd. of Christian Education

**The Board of Youth and Family would like to invite you to the annual Easter breakfast following the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.**  A light meal will be served with coffee/juice and time for fellowship.  All confirmation youth are asked to help set up for the event on April 19th at 11:00 and help serve Easter morning.

QR Code Giving: Just use your smart phone’s QR Code Reader and scan this QR Code to begin your generosity giving! You can set it up to give your gift for a One-Time gift or you can set up a recurring gift (Every Week, Every Two Weeks, Twice a Month (1st & 15th), Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually). You can have your gift taken directly from your bank account or you can give with either your debit or credit card. You can pick the day you want your gift to be given. With this way of giving, you can also give to the General Offering, Church Property, World Hunger, and Lent/Holiday gifts. To view the different giving opportunities: When you first enter the app just scroll down to the line that says “View more giving opportunities” below the “Add to Basket” highlighted line.