# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “Worthy Is Christ” Bell Choir**

**Opening Hymn “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” vs. 1-3 #533**

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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**This is the Feast**

This is the feast of victory 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 victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of**

 **your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior**

 **and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:**Jeremiah 17:5-10

5 Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. 6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7 Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. 8 They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit. 9 The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?
10 I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. L: The Word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**1 Corinthians 15:12-20

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. 19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 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. Alleluia P. 142

**Gospel**: Luke 6:17-26 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

17 [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. 20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “Jesus the Very thought of You” vs. 1-3 #754**

**Installation of Council members**

**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: Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises

 made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Blessed is creation. As the Earth experiences harm from unwise use, give us courage to help bring about the

 restoration of the Earth. Encourage those who work in farming, forestry and fisheries to be a voice for the

 hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation and restoration. God of grace, **hear our**

 **prayer.**

P: Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their

 courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your

 righteousness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, pharmacists and

 therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way. God of grace, **hear**

 **our prayer.**

P: Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you.

 Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace, **hear 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 of grace, **hear 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. We add prayers for Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Demark during

 their time of discernment. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit and lead us in your pathways. God of grace, **hear**

 **our prayer.**

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

 Jeske, Don Christianson, Greg Wilker, Loren Ulness, Michael Zutz, Richard Christianson, Brenda Platten

 and Joan Griffin. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for Bertha Kulnick, Bev

 Hildebrandt, Marge Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry

 Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Jim Franzen, Dennis O’Leary, Sheila Crochley, Merle Graf, Wayne Allen

 Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. God of grace, **hear 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 of grace, **hear 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 “Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” vs. 1 #772**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we

 offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,

 now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Special Music “Now the Silence” Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Lord, Be Glorified” #744 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #759**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for

 service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the

 name of Christ we pray,

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #656**

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: Mark Zutz Greeters: Paul and Jill Franz Acolyte: Ariana Herrick

Ushers: Al Gilbertson, Tom & Kathy Muench Lector & Communion Aide: Judy Harris

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

Projection: Addison Spindler

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Mark Zutz

Greeters: Tom and Rae Madson Acolyte: Alexandra Trepasso

Ushers: Jim Ahrens, Keith Lippert, Tyler Madson Lector: Don Schreiner

Sound Operator & Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

Last Week – Sunday: 87 Wednesday: cancelled Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,800.00

Faith’s Opportunities February 16-23

**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. Board of Stewardship and Jazzercise

 6:30 P.M. Council

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Four Seasons

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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 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. Chili Cookoff

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

February and March Stewardship is Fabric Kits

One piece of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Fabric should have no stains or holes and cut into pieces measuring:

2 ¼ yards of 60” wide fabric

3 yards of 44” wide fabric

4 yards of 36” wide fabric

2 spools of matching or neutral colored general-purpose thread (250-300 yards each)

If you only want to get 3 yards of 44” wide fabric that is fine but include the 2 spools of thread also. Look for material on sale. Items donated should be marked fabric kits and placed inside the stewardship cabinet across from the church office.

**Chili Cook-off Sunday, February 23** after worship in the fellowship hall.

Yup, you heard it...it’s a cook-off! Individuals, families and all board and committee members are invited to participate. Let’s see and taste the many different types of chili on February 23rd! Sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space.

 Our Bishop has asked Faith Lutheran Church to host a gathering here in Valders, for Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, our neighbor church in Denmark. WI. They have begun the process to leave the ELCA. The purpose of our gathering is to express our ongoing friendship person-to-person, speak truths in love, and to prayerfully uphold one another. Please attend and bring the sort of snacks you like: cookies, cheeses, sliced fruit. We will have coffee here. We gather Saturday, March 8, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in the Gathering Space.

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.