# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” Bell Choir

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through

 Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

 *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin** **and cannot break free.** **We hoard resources while our neighbors**

 **are hungry and cold.** **We speak in ways that silence others.** **We are silent when we should speak up.** **We sullenly**

 **keep score in our hearts.** **We let hatred grow in our souls when we should be plucking it out.** **For all these things**

 **and for sins only you know,** **forgive us, Lord.** **Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes

 away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Jesus, the Very Thought of You” #754**

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**  Page 203

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.**

**We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.**

**Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.**

**Renew us with your saving pow’r; create in us new hearts!**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation**

 **you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the**

 **wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with**

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

### First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

8God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

18Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation Page 151

###  Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

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### Gospel: Mark 1:9-15 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” 12And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

**Message** ~ Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in your Word” #517**

**Holy Baptism – Ritta Rose Peterson**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

 **suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he**

 **rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living**

 **and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the**

 **resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace** *(We are conscious of the flu and cold season. You may shake hands, but feel free to offer*

 *your elbow for social distancing. There is sanitizer available in each pew. )*

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: God of everlasting promises, bless Ritta Rose, your new Christian in the covenant you have made with her. Bless her

 parents and godparents, and us, that we may all live within your covenant. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: God our maker, you remember your rainbow covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and

 creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by our human carelessness and

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

P: God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that

 challenge, inspire, enlarge, and awaken your people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for

 human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Teach

 us how to feed hungry people. Give us courage to protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are

 homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 pray for this community of believers, inspire us with your Holy Spirit and lead us in

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

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

 Loren Ulness, Mike Zutz, Richard Christianson, Brenda Platten, Joan Griffin, Char Manke, Kai Meyer and Erin

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

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: the family of Joan Kanter, Marge Klessig, Larry and

 Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Jim

 Loritz, Merle Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

 Dylan Conrad, Carter Hildebrandt and Andy Schnell. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home to us.

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

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

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 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #759**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may

 know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your

 name.

**C: Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Abide With Me” #629 “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” vs. 1-4 #335**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,

 now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill

 you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” #325**

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

Greeter: Carter Kuenstler Acolyte: JohnMarc Ergas

Ushers: Brian and Mary Thomsen, Brian Ulness Lector & Communion: Stacy Wilker

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

Projection: Libby Olson

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Mark Zutz

Greeter: Liam Cline Acolyte: Jomarie Ergas

Ushers: Steve and Ginny Schwoerer Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operator: Mitchell Kaderabek Projection: Makenna Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

**Last Week** – Sunday: 116 Wednesday: 129 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,084.00

**Flowers are placed in the altar area in memory of Bob Burzynski by his parents, Larry and Lynn.**

**This morning, we welcome Ritta Rose Peterson into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism.** Ritta was born to Patrick and Terra Peterson on March 25, 2023 and her baptismal sponsors are Andrea Christel and Chantyl Strouf. Grandparents are Roger and Char Manke, Joanne Peterson and Tom and Geri Peterson. We rejoice at Ritta’s rebirth through water and the Word!

**Faith’s Opportunities February 14-21**

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

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

**Monday** 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise ~ Board of Stewardship

 6:30 P.M. Council

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Seven Angels in Chilton

 3:00 and 6:30 P.M. Bible Study

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

 5:00 P.M. Soup and Sandwich Supper in fellowship hall

 6:00 P.M. Card Making in youth room

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday** 3:30-9:30 P.M. Faith on Fire at Urban Air Trampoline Park

**Saturday** 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild Meeting in Gathering Space

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

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

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

**We are having a Lenten Food Drive to help restock the shelves for Faith’s Open Pantry.**  You are encouraged to take part in this very easy and rewarding event! Take a plastic bag or two from the Information Desk in the Gathering Space along with a sheet listing all the items we need in the pantry. Each week is a different theme. Fill the bag with those listed items for that week, bring back to church and put in the grocery carts located in the Gathering Space. Each week the pantry gifts will be brought forward and blessed at offering time and then used to stock the pantry. You may diverge from the themed schedule below; stores do not hold sales according to our schedule after all. Please help us help others in our community and surrounding areas that need a helping hand. Thank you, Sandy Halverson

**Soup and Sandwich Suppers begin Wednesday, February 21 and continue to March 20. Supper hosts are needed for March 13.**  Instructions are in the Gathering Space along with a board to sign up on. The Lenten sermons Wednesday night will be different from the Sunday morning sermons. The Lenten

preaching themes is “Washing and Watering.”

Join us for an Altar Guild Meeting, Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

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)

Look for material on sale. Items donated should be marked fabric kits and placed inside the stewardship cabinet across from the church office.