# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

Today’s preservice music is in tribute of Devin’s Grandma, Judith C. Korstad-Brandenburg who passed away on February 5, 2024. She grew up in Valders and was a former member of the West Valders Church. She continues to be exceedingly missed.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Take My Life, That I May Be” vs. 1,3,6 #685**

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: Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we**

 **be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who**

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

**First Reading:**Malachi 3:1-4

1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; 3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. L: The Word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**Hebrews 2:14-18

14 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. 16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. 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 2:22-40 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” 33 And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” 36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” #836**

**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: God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your Church, which is being transformed by your Word. Bless the

 Church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new things you are doing. God of

 grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm

 to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective changes so that all lands and living things prosper. God of

 grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Encourage leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that we lovingly tend those in our charge.

 Help us to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness especially the homebound of

 this congregation. Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence, and experience welcome from

 their communities. Teach us how to welcome each other. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Teach us how to give

 youth a place of honor and value among us. 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: As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in

 this congregation, community, and the world. Especially 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: Travis

 Schisel, Debra Linzmeier, Craig Zutz, Tristan Teuke, Garrett Ulness, Marcus Galien, Ginny Schwoerer,

 Larry Naidl and Eli Nelson. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for Gloria Smith, Marge

 Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier,

 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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Rock of Ages” #623 “Just As I Am” vs. 1-3 #592**

**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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” #543**

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: Lee A. Evenson Greeters: Ralph Christianson & Brenda Pautz Acolyte: Keegan Hougen

Ushers: Steve Ahrens Lector & Communion Aide: Cheryl Duchow

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

Projection: Libby Olson

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeter: Grace Sorenson Acolyte: Eliza Wilker

Ushers: Mark and Angie Ulness Lector: Kaye Jandrey

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

Projection: Ethan Ulness

Last Week – Sunday: 77 Wednesday: 46 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,538.00

Faith on Fire is having a Faith Yoga Class on Wednesday, February 5 from 7-8 pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a yoga mat or a soft blanket. No previous yoga experience is necessary.

Faith’s Opportunities February 2-9

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

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

**Tuesday** 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 and Faith on Fire

**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

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Inspiration Choir, 9th grade confirmation

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!

 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.