# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

### 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: God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life

 through ☩ Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that you are forgiven of all of your sins.

**C: Amen.**

**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.**

**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: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the**

 **means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for**

 **the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy**

 **Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Anthem “As The Deer” Inspiration Choir**

### First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

1When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. 2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” 3Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 4“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 5No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 6I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 7I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” 15God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

### Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

13The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” 19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” 23Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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### Gospel Acclamation Page 151

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

### Gospel: Mark 8:31-38 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)

31[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”
34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

**Message** ~ Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #803**

**The Apostle’s Creed**

**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: We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism

 and let the mind of Christ guide the church. 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. Give wisdom and

 discernment to all our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We turn to you for renewal. As the seasons change help us to be good stewards of soil and water, fields and

 forests, days and weeks. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience

 rejection because of age, ability, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence.

 Help us to shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console

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

P: We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your

 guidance and keep us near the cross. Lead us so that our acts of service will express Christ’s sacrificial love.

 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: Eric

 Thomsen, Aubree Boll, Trenton O’Leary, Gracelyn Mulhaney, LuAnn Helgeson, Jesse Schwoerer, Alyssa

 Schwoerer, William Griffin, Peter Steinberg, Andrea Christel, Ava Petska and Wendy Kuenstler. 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 “Jesus, Remember Me” #616**

**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.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**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 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” vs. 1 & 2 #810**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Liam Kline Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Ron Jones, Tyler Madson and Lori Propson Lector & Communion: Cheryl Duchow

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

Projection: Addison Spindler

**Last Week** – Sunday: 125 Wednesday: 78 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $7,017.00

**Faith’s Opportunities February 25-March 3**

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

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

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

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

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

 5:00 P.M. Soup and Sandwich Supper

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**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

**Easter flower orders** will be taken through Wednesday, March 6. Tulips and daffodils are available for $13.25 each or lilies for $15.25 each. Please see the table in the Gathering Space for ordering. All orders need to be in by March 8.

**There is interest in starting a daytime Women’s Bible Study at Faith.**  The meeting time is tentatively set for Thursday’s at 9:00 AM at church.  This day and time could be adjusted to meet the needs of those wanting to participate.  All ages are welcome.  There will be a small expense for materials, with the first study being “Becoming a Woman of Simplicity,” by Cynthia Heald.  Please contact Carol Ulness at 920-242-2931or Julie Endries at 920-973-9881 by March 22nd so that materials can be ordered.  The goal is to start this study the first week of April.

**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

A huge thank you goes out to Cindy and Ron Pederson for donating fresh eggs to our pantry last Saturday! It was very much appreciated by our pantry guests! THANK YOU!!! The pantry is in need of one or two full size grocery carts with working wheels!!! If you can help please contact Sandy Halverson at 920-323-2086. Thank you!