# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, creator of justice

 and mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

 *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you.** **We have known you but have not always loved you.** **We have**

 **wounded one another** **and sinned against you.** **We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**

 **dwelling in each of us.** **Remember your covenant.** **Renew your creation.** **Restore us,** **that we might**

 **proclaim your good news to all.** **Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of

 God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God’s beloved.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Oh, Worship the King” vs. 1-3 #842**

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 Pages 147-148**

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

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

P: 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. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**This is the Feast Pages 149-150**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,** **whose blood set us free to be people of God.** **Power and**

 **riches and wisdom and strength,** **and honor and blessing and glory are his.** **This is the feast of victory**

 **for our God.** **Alleluia.** **Sing with all the people of God** **and join in the hymn of all creation:** **Blessing**

 **and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** **This is the feast of victory for**

 **our God,** **for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.** **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing**

 **and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus**

 **Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

21Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; 23who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. 24Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. 25To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. 26Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. 27Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”?
28Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

16If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! 17For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. 18What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. 19For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. 20To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. 21To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law) so that I might win those outside the law. 22To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. 23I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.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. Page 151

### Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)

29As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” 38He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” 39And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

**Message** ~ Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn “God, Whose Almighty Word” #673**

**The Apostle’s Creed**

**Passing of the Peace** *(We are conscious of the returning flu 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: Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer,

 that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your people and

 your creation into harmony and balance. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made.

 God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: God who finds the lost and brings them home, show us the way to your kingdom. Inspire us to right action in

 society. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives.

 Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives

 challenge our own. God of grace, **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. We pray for this community of believers, inspire us with your Holy

 Spirit and lead us in your pathways. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

 Ulness, Marcus Galien, Ginny Schwoerer, Larry Naidl, Eli Nelson, Maribel Christianson, Raiden Sabourin,

 Cindy Pederson and Stephanie McCulley. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Jill Backus, Marge Klessig, Bev Hildebrandt,

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

 Linsmeier, Sharon Evenson, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the

 Great Physician. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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. God of grace, **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 of grace, **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 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #884**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

 Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Lamb of God” Pg. 154 “All Praise to Thee, My God, this Night” vs. 1-4 #565**

 **“Morning Has Broken” #556**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for

 the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells within you, ☩ bless you now

 and forever.

**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: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeter: Carter Kuenstler Acolyte: Noah Boll

Ushers: Gary & Linda Heeler, Bob Wigen Lector: Sheryle Lyman

Sound Operator & Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer Communion Aide: Earl Griffin Projection: Whitney Ulness

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeter: Carter Kuenstler Acolyte: Liam Cline

Ushers: Brian and Tammy Brill Lector: Ron Jones

Sound Operator: Mitchell Kaderabek Projection: DJ Schisel

Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Last Week** – Sunday: 112 Wednesday: 57 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,154.19

**Faith’s Opportunities February 4-11**

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

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Chili Dinner in Fellowship Hall

 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. Youth & Family event at the Manitowoc Ice Center

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

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

**Tuesday** 3:00 and 6:30 P.M. Documentary showing

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 6:30 P.M. Board of Christian Education

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation ~ 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, Board of Youth and Family

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

On February 6, instead of the 3:00 & 6:30 pm Bible Study classes, Pastor Lyman will be showing a documentary filmed in his home congregation with topics still important today. All are welcome!

**Faith on Fire is hosting a night with Kelly Meyer - Wednesday, February 7 from 7:15-8:30 P.M.** Open to MS and HS students and parents! Please join us to discover your hidden powers.

**Confirmation, Faith on Fire and Friends in grades 7-12: Join us Friday, February 23 from 3:30-9:30pm at Urban Air Adventure Park in Appleton.** Cost is $20.00 per person. Price includes bus ride, platimun pass to all attractions, bottle of water, jump socks and 4 hours of “play” time. Permission form and money are due to Bridget Valleskey or the church office by Wednesday, February 7.

**Soup and Sandwich Suppers will be starting Wednesday, February 21 and continue to March 20.** If you are interested in hosting a supper, please sign up on the board in the Gathering Space. Instructions are included on the board as well.

End of the year financial statements and the February Faith Matters were mailed on Monday, January 29 via bulk mail. If you have not received either of these in the mail, contact Christine in the office at 920-775-4141.

**Pantry items needed:** Cleaning supplies, personal care items, laundry and dish soap, toilet tissue, paper towel, Kleenex, soup, canned fruit, boxed meals.