# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

 the waters.

**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 “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult” vs. 1-3 #696**

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 138-139**

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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits**

 **you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by**

 **day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10[11-20]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. 2At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” 5and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. 6The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” 7Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” [11Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. 12On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. 14Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.” 15Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” 17Eli said, “What was it that he told you?

Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” 18So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.” 19As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

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

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

12“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. 13“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 15Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! 16Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” 17But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 19Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.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: John 1:43-51

43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” 46Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” 48Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” 49Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” 50Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” 51And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message** ~ Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn “O Jesus, I Have Promised” vs. 1-3 #810**

**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: Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be

 trustworthy and accountable stewards. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of changing seasons and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world

 harmed by human greed. Restore lands recovering from natural disasters. Protect our forests and waterways

 and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give us visions of

 justice and unity. Lead us to action that promotes justice and mercy, love and truth. 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 leaders 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: Roy

 Sebo, Kayla Hildebrandt, Ann Reinke, Mya Bast, Janelle Schisel, Kathy Muench, Lucas Spindler, Dick

 Halverson, Ric Schultz, Randy Neumeyer, Chase Wilker and Nicolle Behnke. God of grace, **receive our**

 **prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Joan Schuh, 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 us to show

 and help them to know 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.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

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

 remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Lift Every Voice and Sing” #841**

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: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Noah Boll Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Alan Gilbertson and Loren Ulness Lector: Don Domrath

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer

Projection: Bill Riesterer and Mikaela Spindler Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen/Gage Spindler

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeter: Carter Kuenstler Acolyte: Jomarie Erjas

Ushers: Austin & Stetson McCulley, Steve Ahrens Lector and Communion Aide: Jenniffer Zutz

Sound Operators: Loren Ulness and Mitchell Kaderabek Projection: Gage Spindler

Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner and Mikaela Spindler

**Last Week** – Sunday: 107 Wednesday: 47 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,006.00

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

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

 10:15 A.M. Sunday school and 9th grade Confirmation

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

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

 Newsletter info due

**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

 6:00 P.M. Card Making in fellowship hall

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Open Pantry

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

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Sunday school and Annual Election & Budget Meeting

**The Annual Budget and Election Meeting of Faith Lutheran Church is Sunday, January 21 at 10:15 a.m.** We encourage you to attend and vote on our 2024 budget and those being elected to board positions in the congregation. 2024 Budget sheets are available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. Snow Date: January 28.

If you have been approached by the Nominating Committee to serve here at Faith, please say yes. And if the Lord is prompting you to serve please let us know.

**Library books and items are available for the taking.** Important materials such as some of the Bibles, Norwegian Heritage, the old churches’ communion ware and seals, will be kept for all to view as needed. These items are clearly marked, “Not Available”. The tables and chairs will also be staying in the library. The rest of the books and other materials are for the congregation to take for yourself or to find a good home in the community. The books are located in the main library and the little library located in the Gathering Space. If you have questions, please call Terry Huske at 920-645-1368. The books are available for the taking through April when the rest will be cleared out.

**Ya’ll ready for some chili? February 4 is Faith’s chili cook-off!** Work as a team or solo. Create a theme for your table. Make your favorite soup recipe. Bring your own condiments to go with your soup. The Board of Evangelism will provide bowls, spoons, napkins, cups, and beverages (lemonade, white and chocolate milk and coffee). Ya’ll will vote for your favorite soup and themed table. Deadline to sign up for your table is January 28. We will meet in fellowship hall from 10:15-11:30. All are welcome!

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