# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 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 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” #674**

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.**

**This is the Feast**

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: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit,**

 **and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 2“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” 3So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. 4Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. 10When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. 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 1:14-20

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.” 16As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 17And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” 18And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message** ~ Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #656**

**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: God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. Your promises are certain. Give your

 church wisdom and empathy in all its ministries. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea in teeming abundance. Guide our care of oceans and

 all creatures that live in them. Hold us to be accountable stewards for actions that endanger water sources

 and the people who depend on them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister

 to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are

 ill or in pain. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith

 community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed

 from your ways, redirect us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Guide us Lord. You teach us how to fish for people. And we catch nothing without you with us. You are the

 captain of this fellowship. Help us to catch the hearts of those around us. 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: Libby

 Olson, Marilyn Schad, Jeff Evenson, Sue Pederson, Ken Evenson, Rae Madson, Jody Koehler, Jacob

 Halverson. 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 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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Take My Life, That I May Be” vs. 1-4 #685 “Praise and Thanksgiving” #689**

 **“Lamb of God” ELW Page 154**

**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 in you, ☩ bless you and

 remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” #774**

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: Paul Franz

Greeter: Carter Kuenstler Acolyte: Jomarie Erjas

Ushers: Austin McCulley, Loren Ulness, Steve Ahrens Lector/Communion Aide: Jen Zutz

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

Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner and Mikaela Spindler

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeter: Liam Cline Acolyte: Mitchell Kaderabek

Ushers: Delton and Cheryl Duchow Lector: Kaye Jandrey

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Projection: Stefanie Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 66 Wednesday: Offerings to the Lord’s work: $2,827.00

**Faith’s Opportunities January 21-28**

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

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

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

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

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

 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

**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.