# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” #618**

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**

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

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

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

**This is the Feast**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C:** **God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples**

 **into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus**

 **Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

 **Amen.**

**First Reading:**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” 5 He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6 And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.
  7 Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” 8 But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” 9 He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
  12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.
  17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.” L: The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:17—4:1

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4:1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. L: The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Return to the | Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in | steadfast love, and abounding in | steadfast love.**

**Gospel**: Luke 13:31-35 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” 32 He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ” P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” vs. 1,2,5 #628**

**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: Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted

 churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your

 mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call us to

 faithful care for the planet, for each other, and for the least among us. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your

 promises. Guide today’s leaders to work for love and truth, justice and mercy, and to safeguard the world for future

 generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: Holy God, you offer us citizenship your kingdom. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that

 following the way of your Son, we may set aside what divides us and serve our neighbors with generosity and love.

 God, in your mercy, **receive 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, in your mercy, **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. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit and lead us in your pathways. God, in your mercy, **receive**

 **our prayer.**

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

 Siewert, Valerie Valleskey, Cheyenne Propson, James Goehring and Terry Evenson. God, in your mercy, **receive our**

 **prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray for Ted Jeske, Mitchell Zutz, Bev Torrison,

 Bertha Kulnick, Bev Hildebrandt, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny,

 Ginger Linsmeier, Joann Sebo, Todd Streckert, Cera Michels, Jim Franzen, Dennis O’Leary, Merle Graf, Wayne Allen

 Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. God, in your mercy, **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, in your mercy, **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 “Jesus Remember Me” (sing twice) #616**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast

 on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our

 communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus

 Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” #536**

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: Scott Reinertson Greeters: Bob and Julie Wigen Acolyte: Mitchell Kaderabek

Ushers: John Robley, Loren Ulness, Bob Wigen Lector & Communion Aide: Jenniffer Zutz

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

Projection: Stefanie Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeters: Don and Deb Schreiner Acolyte: Sage Trepasso

Ushers: Marcus Galien, Steve and Ginny Schwoerer Lector: Deb Schreiner

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Judy Harris

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

Last Week – Sunday: 90 Wednesday: 84 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,612.50

Congratulations to Whitney and Cody Schamburek on the birth of their daughter, Ava Marie on March 1.

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.

Faith’s Opportunities March 16-23

**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. Board of Stewardship and Jazzercise

 6:30 P.M. Council

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Fork ‘n Knife

 3:00 and 6:00 P.M. Bible Study

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

 5:00 P.M. Soup and Sandwich Supper

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 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, Board of Youth & Family

**Food Pantry needs for the week of March 19-26:** *Time for comforting casseroles.* Assorted noodles, canned chicken, tuna, cream soups, soups, sauerkraut, veggies, pork n beans, Minute rice, crackers, boxed meals, instant potatoes. **Egg cartons are needed for the pantry.** Please place them in the bins marked Faith’s Pantry or in the grocery cart located in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

**Easter flower orders will be taken March 23 to April 2.**  Easter lilies, daffodils and tulips will be available for purchase. Please see the table in the Gathering Space for ordering.

**All members of the congregation and guests are invited to attend a pizza and game night on March 28th from 6-8pm in the gathering space.** Pizza and drinks will be provided, however please bring a snack to share and your best board games!  We are looking forward to a fun evening full of fellowship with members of all ages. Please sign up via the link below or you may also contact Erin Lenzner @ 920-901-7089 and/or emu\_42@hotmail.com. Reservations are appreciated to determine how much pizza will be needed. We hope to see you at this event!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FAFAF2CA0FAC52-55154688-faith

**Attention high school seniors and college students:** The Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Committee offers scholarships for continuing education. Students can apply for the scholarship up to four times during their continuing education process. Scholarship applications are available at the Information Desk. Scholarship applications must be in the church office by Sunday April 6, 2025.

**The Board of Youth and Family would like to invite you to the annual Easter breakfast following the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.**  A light meal will be served with coffee/juice and time for fellowship.  All confirmation youth are asked to help set up for the event on April 19th at 11:00 and help serve Easter morning. We look forward to seeing you there.

**The Board of Christian Education is looking for your help!**  We are seeking adults and youth (going into 7th Grade and up) to help this summer with Vacation Bible School. 7th/8th grade students will be helping each "Egyptian Family" under the guidance of an adult family leader. We are in need of HS students/ adults to volunteer in the Egyptian Marketplace with crafts, games, snacks, etc.

**VBS 2025 runs: 12:30-3:30pm Monday, June 16th -Thursday, June 19th**

Please reach out to Bridget our Youth Coordinator 920-905-5273 / valleskeyb@gmail.com