# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Bell Choir**

### 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: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in**

 **thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved**

 **you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son,**

 **Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will**

 **and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a

 called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the

 entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness” vs. 1-3 #765**

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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen**

 **us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

5Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; 6as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” 7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

### Gospel: John 12:20-33 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)

20Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 27“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

**Message** ~ Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn “Canticle of the Turning” vs. 1 & 2 #723**

**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: God of the covenant, through the church you draw us together. We give thanks for the means of grace

 around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship.

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

P: God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity

 of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to improve our society for future

 generations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression,

 expose corruption and teach a better way. Show us how to support advocates for human rights, social justice,

 and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation.

 Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

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. 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: Kim

 Junk, Mike Siewert, Valerie Valleskey, Cheyenne Propson, James Goehring, Terry Evenson, Sherrie

 Pinkerton, Eliza Wilker and Allison Goehring. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Bev Hildebrandt, Marge Klessig, Larry
 and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger

 Linsmeier, Jameson Hetland (grandnephew of Rae and Tom Madson), 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 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

**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.**

**Special Music “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #502**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion** P: Come to the table that our Lord has prepared. *Gluten free wafers and large*

 *cups for wine are available. Please let Pastor Dan know if you are in need of these items.*

**Distribution Hymns “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #759 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” #324**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into

 one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**C: Amen.**

**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 “Be Thou My Vision” #793**

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

Greeter: John Robley Acolyte: Allison Goehring

Ushers: Jim Ahrens, Tom and Kathy Muench Lector & Communion: Stacy Wilker

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

Projection:

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Arianna Herrick Acolyte: Liam Cline

Ushers: Marcus Galien and Ethan Ulness Lector: Sheryle Lyman

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Kolten Schisel

Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Last Week** – Sunday: 96 Wednesday: 64 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,032.00

**Faith’s Opportunities March 17-24**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour and Board of Youth and Family

 10:15 A.M. **NO** Sunday School, Inspiration Choir

**Monday** 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise and Board of Stewardship

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at the Lighthouse Inn

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

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

 5:00 P.M. Soup and Sandwich Supper (last one)

 6:15 P.M. Worship with Praise Band

**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

**Holy Week Opportunities**

**Maundy Thursday, March 28** Worship at 6:15 pm

**Good Friday, March 29** Worship at 6:15 pm

**Easter Sunrise, March 31** Worship at 7:00 am Breakfast at 8:00 am **Easter Celebration Service** at 9:00 am

**Palm Sunday is March 24** and our Sunday school will lead us in several songs as we wave palms, celebrate, and remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem and crowds praising him at the beginning of Holy Week. \*We have been blessed to be able to order a set of risers for our children to stand on during programs! To offset the cost of the new risers the children will be taking up a noisy offering on this day and again when they sing on Mother’s Day. All who attend will have an easier time seeing their little loved one(s) faces! Following service the children will have an Easter egg hunt in their classrooms followed up with Easter lessons and activities.

**Synod Assembly representatives are needed for Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18.**  Friday the assembly meets from 11:00 am-7:30pm and Saturday from 9:00am-3:30pm. It is being held at the Oshkosh Waterfront Conference Center. Expenses will be paid for by the church. If interested in attending, please see Pastor Dan. If you can only attend the assembly one day, that is fine.

**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.** 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. Fill the bag, bring back to church and put in the grocery cart 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. Please help us help others in our community and surrounding areas that need a helping hand. Thank you, Sandy Halverson