# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies” vs. 1-3 #853**

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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C:** **Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of**

 **Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may**

 **share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one**

 **God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading:**Exodus 34:29-35

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. L: The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14 But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.
 4:1 Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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. Alleluia P. 142

**Gospel**: Luke 9:28-36 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

 28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “How Good, Lord, to Be Here!” #315**

**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: Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Teach us how to move the church

 to bold and effective ways of sharing the good news with others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth,

 to those who care for the land, and for those who keep livestock. Grant nourishing weather for the growing

 of crops. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all in leadership, especially for those near to us who lead states, counties, town councils,

 commissions, school boards. Give them wisdom to protect and share local resources so that all will flourish

 both now and in the years to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in

 Christ. As we begin to celebrate one hundred seventy five years as your church in this place with these

 people, inspire us to share your word, show your love, and serve your world in this ministry all our

 tomorrows. God of grace, **hear 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 of grace, **hear 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 add prayers for Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Demark during

 their time of discernment. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit and lead us in your pathways. God of grace, **hear**

 **our prayer.**

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

 Griffin, Peter Steinberg, Andrea Christel, Ava Petska, Wendy Kuenstler, Roger Reichardt, Gerald Petska,

 Roger Larson, Gregg Valleskey, Angie Ulness, Stephen Kalies, Katherine Bubolz, Jeremy Peterson and

 Gretchen Spindler. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for the family of Carol

 Nelson, and we pray for Mitchell Zutz, Bev Torrison, Bertha Kulnick, Bev Hildebrandt, Larry and Sharon

 Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Jim Franzen, Dennis

 O’Leary, Sheila Crochley, Merle Graf, Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. God of grace,

 **hear 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, **hear 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 “Change My Heart, O God” vs. 1 #801**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we

 offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,

 now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “O Living Bread from Heaven” vs. 1 #542 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” vs. 1 #697**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for

 service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the

 name of Christ we pray,

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Beautiful Savior” #838**

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: Scott Reinertson Greeter: Mardell Tienor Acolyte: Eliza Wilker

Ushers: Delton and Cheryl Duchow, Lori Propson Lector & Communion Aide: Brian Ulness

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

Projection: Zachary Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Cheryl Domrath Acolyte: Allison Goehring

Ushers: Bonnie Gordon, Delton and Cheryl Duchow Lector: Don Domrath

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Libby Olson

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

Last Week – Sunday: 102 Wednesday: 37 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $7,586.00

The committee that suggested setting up giving opportunities through the QR code were happy to discover that more and more people are giving through this system. Thanks for giving it a try! 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 2-9

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

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Inspiration Choir

**Monday** 9:30-11:00 A.M. Carol Nelson visitation, 11:00 A.M. funeral

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

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

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

 1:00 and 6:15 P.M. Ash Wednesday Worship

**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, 9th grade confirmation

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Chili Cookoff. Thank you to the teams who came and provided chili. Thank you also to the cleanup crew who took down tables and chairs and made the fellowship hall look so nice. Due to your generous contributions, we collected $170.60 for the Manitowoc Warming Shelter.

**Food Pantry needs for the week of March 5-12:** *Let’s get personal.* Shampoo for men and women, bar soap, body wash, body lotion, shaving cream and razors for men and women, deodorant, dental hygiene items, toilet paper, facial tissue and anything else personal. Please put items in the shopping carts in the Gathering Space.

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers begin Wednesday, March 12 at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet and instructions for hosting the supper are available for your viewing in the Gathering Space.

Our Bishop has asked Faith Lutheran Church to host a gathering here in Valders, for Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, our neighbor church in Denmark. WI. They have begun the process to leave the ELCA. The purpose of our gathering is to express our ongoing friendship person-to-person, speak truths in love, and to prayerfully uphold one another. Please attend and bring the sort of snacks you like: cookies, cheeses, sliced fruit. We will have coffee here. We gather Saturday, March 8, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in the Gathering Space.

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**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 at 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.

Note from Pastor: during Fellowship we commented on the 12 baptisms last year, a good number! But several people said, “Hey I have a grandchild (or a niece or some kin) who has not been baptized yet. I dunno what those kids are waiting for.” I suggest, with Spring coming, that you start ~~nagging~~ encouraging them to schedule the baptism and make it happen. They just meet with me in person (after worship) or by phone to learn the meaning of baptism and then we schedule it during a service. Easy.