# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together” #471**

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:** **Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of**

 **your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through**

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

 **forever. Amen.**

**First Reading:**Isaiah 55:1-9

 1 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
  come to the waters;
 and you that have no money,
  come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
  without money and without price.
 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
  and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
  and delight yourselves in rich food.
 3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
  listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
  my steadfast, sure love for David.
 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
  a leader and commander for the peoples.
 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
  and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
  for he has glorified you.
 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found,
  call upon him while he is near;
 7 let the wicked forsake their way,
  and the unrighteous their thoughts;
 let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
  and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
  nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
  so are my ways higher than your ways
  and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. 6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. 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 13:1-9 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

1 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.2 [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” 6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ 8 He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ” P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “O Living Bread from Heaven” vs. 1,3,4 #542**

**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: We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons,

 elders, councils, congregations and each of us, that we may call upon you in the making of decisions and choosing

 right actions. Inspire us, Lord. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge

 bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries. Inspire us to share from our abundance.

 Throw down those who turn your blessings into weapons of war or exploitation. Teach us justice and mercy that all

 the world may have enough to live. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community

 gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. 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: Sherrie Pinkerton,

 Eliza Wilker, Allison Goehring, Lainey Zutz, Lydia Kuenstler, Ryan Valleskey, Kolten Schisel, Ritta Peterson, Dennis

 Hougen, Bailey Goehring, Colt Zutz, Robert Argall and Trevor Pinkerton. 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, 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: Blessed are you.

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them**

 **we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made,**

 **for the sake of him who gave himself for us. Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” #494**

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

Greeters: Acolyte: Sage Trepasso

Ushers: Marcus Galien, Steve and Ginny Schwoerer Lector: Cheryl Duchow

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Judy Harris

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson Greeter: Joan Pritzl Acolyte: Alexandra Trepasso

Ushers: Richard Menza and Brian Ulness Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operator & Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner Projection: Luke Evenson

Last Week – Sunday: 92 Wednesday: 61 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,243.00

Flowers are placed in the altar area in loving memory of Delores Johnson who passed away 2 years ago by Don and family.

Faith’s Opportunities March 23-30

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

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Inspiration Choir & Board of Youth and Family

**Monday** 9:00 A.M. Women’s Bible Study

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Tuesday** 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

**Friday** 6:00-8:00 P.M. Game Night

**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 Inspiration Choir

**Food Pantry needs for the week of March 26-April 2:** *Rise ‘n shine.* Coffee (instant), hot cocoa mixes, tea, oatmeal, pancake mixes, syrup, jam, jelly, peanut butter, honey, granola bars, Pop-tarts, nuts, raisins, canned fruit, juice boxes.

**Attention high school seniors and college students:** The Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Committee offers scholarships for continuing education. They are available at the Information Desk and must be returned to the church office by Sunday April 6.

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

**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

**Congregational members: If you are the last one out of the building, be sure to lock the doors and pull on the handles to make sure the doors are secure. If you are unable to lock the doors, please call Bill Riesterer at 920-901-8071 and he will assist you. If there is no answer, leave a message. Thank you.**

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