# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

### 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 “Built on a Rock” vs. 1-3 #652**

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: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us**

 **steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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: Exodus 20:1-17

2I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3you shall have no other gods before me. 4You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

10But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. 12Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13You shall not murder. 14You shall not commit adultery. 15You shall not steal. 16You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

18The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” 20Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation Page 151

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

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### Gospel: John 2:13-22 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)

13The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” 17His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” 19Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

**Message** ~ Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” vs. 1-3 #772**

**Reception of New Members – Ted, Stacy, Bryce and Baylee Goman**

**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: You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your

 presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: You renew creation. Drive out those who would make God’s creation a marketplace. Help us to be good

 stewards of the land, the waters, and the atmosphere. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts

 to address pollution and global warming. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. We pray especially for Ukraine

 and Gaza. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace, the release of hostages, and to provide

 humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We, and the whole community pray for our lost child Elijah Vue. Help us to find the lost wherever they are.

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

P: You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce,

 childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those

 preparing for baptism. 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. Give wisdom and discernment to all our bishops, pastors, deacons,

 teachers, and leaders. 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: Roger

 Reichardt, Gerald Petska, Angie Ulness, Gregg Valleskey, Roger Larson, Steve Kalies, Katherine Bubolz,

 Gretchen Spindler and Jeremy Peterson. 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, 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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Lamb of God” P. 154 “Abide With Me” #629**

 **“O God of Mercy, God of Light” vs. 1-4 #714**

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

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!**

**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Liam Kline Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Ron Jones, Tyler Madson and Lori Propson Lector & Communion: Cheryl Duchow

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

Projection: Addison Spindler

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Brenda Freiberg Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin, John Robley Lector: Bob Wigen

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Ethan Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 102 Wednesday: 71 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,441.00

**Faith’s Opportunities March 3-10**

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

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

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

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

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

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

 5:00 P.M. Soup and Sandwich Supper

 6:15 P.M. Worship with Praise Band

 6:30 P.M. Board of Education

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

**Thursday** 8:00 A.M. Quilting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. 2nd Saturday Bible Study

 9:15 A.M. 9th gr. Confirmation class leaving for Congregation Beth El

**Sunday** **Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward**

8:00 A.M. Bell Choir

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School, 9th grade confirmation

Sunday school students will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 24 after worship and we are in need of candy to fill the eggs. A basket is available next to the church office if you can help out. Thank you.

**Easter flower orders** will be taken through Wednesday, March 6. Tulips and daffodils are available for $13.25 each or lilies for $15.25 each. Please see the table in the Gathering Space for ordering. All orders need to be in by March 8.

**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