# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Now Thank We All Our God” #840**

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:** **O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.**

 **Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world**

 **toward the life you alone can give, 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:** **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

1 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 5 you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. L: The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

 1 You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High, who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
 **2 you will say to the Lord, “My refuge | and my stronghold, my God in whom I | put my trust.”** 9 Because you have made the | Lord your refuge, and the Most High your | habitation,
 **10 no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.** 11 For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways.
 **12 Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.** 13 You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
 **14 I will deliver those who | cling to me; I will uphold them, because they | know my name.** 15 They will call me, and I will | answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
 **16 With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 10:8b-13

8b “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11 The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” 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 4:1-13 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” 4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ” 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” 9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’11 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” 12 Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” #325**

**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: Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn

 inward in fear or complacency. Teach your church how to turn from self toward the self-giving love of

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

P: Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your

 people, that we may quell the urge seek short term gain. Instead teach us how to steward your blessings

 preserve for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people wherever we wander. Protect migrants and refugees

 on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share.

 Keep safe all who travel. Help us to welcome the stranger. Teach us how to be a welcoming community.

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

P: Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who

 attend to the sick and homebound. 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: Sarah

 Tienor, Jake Kaderabek, Linda Gilbertson, Baylee Goman, Ava Hammel, Waylynn Christianson, Lois

 Reinertson, Steve Schwoerer, Cameron Tuschel and Otis Berge. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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

 Sebo, 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, Joann Sebo, Todd

 Streckert, Cera Michels, Jim Franzen, Dennis O’Leary, Sheila Crochley, 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 “Change My Heart, O God” vs. 1 #801**

**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.**

**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 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #504**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

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

Last Week – Sunday: 84 Wednesday: 84 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,535.00

**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.

Faith’s Opportunities March 9-16

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

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Tuesday** 9:00-12:00 Pastor’s Conference at Faith

 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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Open Pantry

 Newsletter info due

**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 12-19:** *Spring cleaning time.* Assorted cleaning supplies, paper towels, sponges, toilet bowl cleaner/brush, window cleaner, bleach, furniture polish, baking soda, vinegar, shower cleaner, scrubbing powder, oven cleaner, laundry soap, dish soap, and any other cleaning items. Please put items in the shopping cart 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.

**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.

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.