# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

*Tonight we share in the communion meal instituted by Jesus himself.*

 *Welcome, as we celebrate this profound yet humbling gift — and privilege.*

*Tonight we will kneel and commune at the altar rail.*

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to struggle against sin, death, and the

 devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at

 baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of

 reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of

 the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

 *Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

 By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God

 strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**  **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”** vs. 1,2**#631**

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, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new**

 **commandment, to love one another as he has loved us. Write this commandment on our hearts, and**

 **give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, through 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: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it…This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. L: The Word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 11:23 – 26

23For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 25In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. L: The Word of the LORD.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation “Jesus Remember Me” #616**

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**GOSPEL:** John13:1-7, 12-15, 34-35

1Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” 7Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” 12After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? 13You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” P: This is the Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** ~ Pastor Dan Lyman

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

**Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Heal the wounds of your church, O God. As we remember your commandment to love one another, guide us

 toward reconciliation within the body of Christ. Bless all who gather around the world and in this community for

 these holy three days. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Teach us how to bring peace and justice among your people. Where there is oppression or fear, bring liberation

 and hope. Instill wisdom and humility in local and national leaders, and guide us to serve our communities in the

 way of Jesus. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Console all who suffer. We pray especially for all who are lonely and yearning for community. Assure them of

 your loving presence. Come alongside all who cry out to you in any need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: In the bread and cup we share, you show us the way of love poured out for the whole world. Nourish all who

 hunger in body or in spirit, that they experience the life abundant that flows from you. 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. 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: Terry

 Christianson, Janice Streckert, Dennis Schuh, Brenda Goehring, Colin Stalvey, Michelle Robley, Ben Cigler,

 Danielle Konz, Emily Reinertson, Jim Reinertson, Robin Gordon, Lee Ann Jeske, David Haupt, Lauren

 O’Leary and Qwynn Jandrey. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for Cathy Luckow and

 family upon the death of her brother Mike Eisner, and we pray for Ted Jeske, Mitchell Zutz, Bev

 Torrison, Bertha Kulnick, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny,

 Ginger Linsmeier, Larry Broich, Joann Sebo, Todd Streckert, Dennis O’Leary, 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 “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1 #686**

**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. **Amen.**

**Solo “Now the Silence” Pastor Dan Lyman**

**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 know if you are in need).*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and

 resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption

 will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

 and forever.

**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**

**We leave in silence.**

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**Serving Us Tonight**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Tom Madson

Greeters: Mitchell Kaderabek & Carter Kuenstler Acolyte: Keagan Hougen

Ushers: Don & Deb Schreiner, Wayne Huske Lector & Communion: Judy Harris

Video/Live Stream: Michael Lenzner Sound: Erin Lenzner

Projection: Zach Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 202 Wednesday: no worship Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,769.00

**Faith’s Opportunities April 18-27**

**Friday** Office open until noon

 6:15 P.M. Good Friday worship

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

 11:00 A.M. Easter Breakfast setup

**Monday** Office closed

 5:30 P.M. Board of Stewardship & Jazzercise

 6:30 P.M. Council

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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 P.M. Confirmation

**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 Nerf & Nacho event

**We are looking for photos of veterans for Memorial Day.** If you have already brought in your picture, we won’t need it, but if you haven’t, please bring it to the church office **before May 11**. It will be returned to you. Include your name and branch of service.

**Stewardship for April is Baptism Quilts**

Materials needed:1½ yards of baby appropriate cotton material for top & bottom (can also be a baby flannel). 1½ yards of batting (either cotton or low loft). Can also be a crib size 45x60 in a bag. Place any items in the Stewardship Cabinet across from the office.

Faith on Fire event: Wednesday, April 23rd Bowling @ Meadow Lanes West (including 2 games & pitchers of soda) 7pm. If your HS Student is not on our group chat &/or TeamReach and is interested in joining us for this event or any future events, please contact Bridget @ 920-905-5273.

Church grounds cleanup will be Saturday April 26 at 9:00 a.m. Many hands make light work. Join us to beautify our grounds. Imago Dei Village cleanup will be Saturday, May 10 for anyone who wants to help clean up camp.

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.