# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “Let There Be Peace On Earth” Inspiration Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**C: Amen.**

 *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we are not awake for you.** **We are not faithful in using your gifts.** **We forget the least of our**

 **siblings.** **We do not see your beautiful image in one another.** **We are infected by sin** **that divides your beloved**

 **community.** **Open our hearts to your coming,** **open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,** **open our hands to serve**

 **your creation.** **Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by

 Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation

 of the world.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Oh, Worship the King” vs. 1, 2, 5 #842**

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 God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.**

 **Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-26

11Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

15I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation “Jesus Shall Reign” vs. 1-2 #434**

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ 37Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ 40And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 44Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ 45Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” #634**

**Apostle’s Creed**

**Passing of the Peace** *(We are conscious of the returning flu 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: Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with

 faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding

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

P: In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and

 animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-

 making. Allow aid to come to all in need and care to any who are neglected. 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 leaders of Faith Lutheran Church. We pray for this community of believers, inspire us with your Holy

 Spirit and lead us in your pathways. 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: Erin Schwoerer, Jan

 Reinertson, Dennis Gordon, Henry Bubolz, Bjorn Kalies, Abbey Zutz, Paisley Loucks, Gary Olson and Colton Meidl.

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

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Carol Nelson, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy

 Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Ginger Linsmeier, Neil

 Meissner, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” 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 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 “The King Shall Come” vs. 1-2 #260**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.

 Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we

 may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his

 countenance upon you and give you peace: In the name of The Father and The Son ╬ and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Rejoice, for Christ Is King!” vs. 1 & 4 #430**

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: John Robley Acolyte: Gage Spindler

Ushers: Ron Jones and Lori Propson Lector: Don Domrath

Sound Operator and Projection: Erin Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeter: Carter Kuenstler Acolyte: Ariana Herrick

Ushers: Marcus Galien, Ethan Ulness, John Robley Lector: Joyce Sorenson

Communion Aide: Audrey Sorenson Sound Operator: Loren Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Gage Spindler and Carter Lenzner Projection: Mikaela Spindler and Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 99 Tuesday: 66 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,838.00

**Faith’s Opportunities November 26-December 3**

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

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

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

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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 Confirmation

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

**Friday** Office closed

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir

 8:50 A.M. Sing-a-long

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour and Sunday school

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

 1:00 P.M. Advent by Candlelight

Faith on Fire – Grades 10-12 join us Wednesday, November 29 for pizza and a very competitive game of Friendly Feud! Make sure to bring along a friend who is a trivia master! Pizza will be provided. RSVP on our TeamReach app by Monday November 27.

Worship opportunities (lector, greeter, ushers, etc.) are available to assist with the Christmas Eve Services at 3:00, 5:00 and 10:00 pm. Sheets are available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your help.

Lay Sacramentarians are needed to bring communion to our homebound members. Visitation is once a month and the wafer and wine are provided to you. Please see Joyce Sorenson or Sue Riesterer if you are interested in helping out.

**Faith Lutheran Photo Directory** - Please sign up for an appointment time to have your photo taken for our new directory.  You may sign yourself up online (directions are available at the Harmann table in the Gathering Space.)  If you prefer, you may call Joan Pritzl at (920) 905-9791 to make an appointment.  Dates are Wednesday, November 29th through Saturday, December 2nd; with varying times each day. **Also needed** are volunteers to serve as the host during photography appointments.  Please call Joan Pritzl to sign up for a 2 hour time slot or check the Harmann table for a sign-up sheet.

**Please have all items for this year’s Sharing Tree to church (unwrapped) by Wednesday, November 29th.  Any questions can be directed to Julie Endries at 920-973-9881.  Thank you for your support of this outreach project!**

Poinsettia orders will be taken December 3-13. The color is red and they are $10.00 a plant.

In As Much Sunday – Please consider bringing and unwrapped gift for a child 0-18 years of age to place under our tree in the front of church before or on Sunday, December 3. The gifts will be blessed on the 3rd and distributed to families in need in Manitowoc County through the Salvation Army and Lakeshore Foster Families and Friends.

Walk Thru Bethlehem will be held Wednesday December 6 at the 6:15 service and Sunday December 10 at the 9:00 service.

A Cookie Walk will take place Sunday, December 10 after worship in the fellowship hall. Come for a variety of baked Christmas goodies. Proceeds go to support our high school group “Faith on Fire.” If you are willing to donate some baked goods for this event, you can sign up on the board in the Gathering Space or contact Bridget at 920-905-5273.