# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Most gracious God, as we gather in your presence we pray,

**C: That out of your glorious riches you will strengthen us through the power of your Holy**

 **Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And**

 **may we, being rooted and grounded in love, be able to grasp how wide and long and**

 **high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge –**

 **that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.** *(Ephesians 3:16-19)*

P: May you be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. *(2 Timothy 2:1)*

**Opening Song “Praise to the Lord”** #858

P: The grace of the 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: Almighty God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control**

 **our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and**

 **the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5 – 10

 This is what the LORD says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

 “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.”

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

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17 – 23

 Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

**Gospel Song “Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil**” #512

**The Gospel:** Luke 6:17 – 26

 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

 Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

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

**MESSAGE – Kelly Meyer**

HYMN “Change My Heart, O God” #801

P: Let us affirm our faith together, in the God that calls us through his Son, Jesus Christ, and

 enlightens our minds, empowers us for ministry, and keeps us in true faith, through his Holy

 Spirit.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**Offertory “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful Lord”** #184

**Prayer of Dedication**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness shown to us and to your whole creation. We praise you for all the blessings of life, but above all, for your immeasurable love for the world that we have in Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us such an awareness of your love that with truly thankful hearts we may give of ourselves sacrificially to your service, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. And now receive these gifts, dedicated to your mission and ministry. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Lord God, you speak to us through the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we may hear, read, respect, learn, and make them our own in such a way that the enduring benefit and comfort of the Word will help us grasp your ways of living and the blessed hope of everlasting life that we have through Jesus, our Savior. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Heavenly Father, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, help us in our confusion, and in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

P: We lift up Christian churches everywhere and their leaders, that they will continue to proclaim the gospel of God’s love in Jesus Christ to every corner of the earth, so that *all* may know the hope of your forgiveness & your gracious gift of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, we bring before you those in need of your healing & comforting touch. We lift up Kevin Schultz, Lynn Burzynski,Harry Kwasny,Connie Schisel, Don Tienor, Lorraine Reindl, Delores Johnson,Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Doug Wilson, Jim Loritz, Ron Christianson, Elling Jones, Merle Graf, Wayne Allen Huske, and Char Manke. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

P: We lift up those having a birthday this week: Rick Evenson,

Pat Christianson, Ron Pederson, Alisa Madson, Brian Schnell, Jayme Hetland, Paul Sorenson, Ryan Wenzel, David Jeske, Garrett Jeske,

Don Christianson, Greg Wilker, Loren Ulness, Mike Zutz.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your bountiful

 mercy and love, that we know we have through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen!**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Blessing:** Romans 15:13

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the

 Holy Spirit you may abound in faith, hope, and love.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Lift High the Cross”**  #660

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: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Makenna Kaderabek Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Loren Ulness and Bob Wigen Lector: Garrett Ulness

Sound Operator & Projection: Lyle Roehrig Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Mark Zutz

Greeters: Acolyte: Lucas Spindler

Ushers: Brian and Mary Thomsen Lector: Tiffany Jandrey

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Projection: Gage Spindler/Stefanie Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Hunter Spindler Communion Aide: Kaye Jandrey

 **Last Week** – Sunday: 149 Video: 74 Wednesday: 32 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,532.50

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  Kevin Schultz, Marlene Thomsen, Lynn Burzynski, Harry Kwasny, Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Lorraine Reindl, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Doug Wilson, Jim Loritz, Elling Jones, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen Huske.

**Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the following who are serving in the military:** Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle and Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt, Jeff Konz and Andy Schnell. If there are others we should be remembering, please inform the church office.

**Faith’s Opportunities February 13-20**

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

**Monday** 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship and Jazzercise

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Fork and Knife

 Newsletter info due

**Wednesday** 6:00 Card Making in Community Room

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 6:00 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday** 6:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

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

 1:00 P.M. Rosie Hawk and Brian Otto Wedding

**Sunday** 9:00 A.M. Worship

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