# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “Mary Did You Know” Mixed Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,** **and cannot free ourselves.** **We have not practiced your**

 **righteousness.** **Our hearts have turned away from you.** **For the sake of the world you so love,**

 **forgive us,** **that we may be reconciled to one another** **for the glory of your holy name.** **Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy

 makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #759**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Kyrie** Pages 138-139

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray

 to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of**

 **Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you**

 **foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to**

 **enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the**

 **Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings**

### First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

12The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” 13So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”
 15Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. 17Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

16For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” 18We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, 21because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

### Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 5While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” 6When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” 8And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
 9As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn of Response “How Good, Lord, to Be Here!” #315**

**Reception of New Members – Welcome to Faith Rod and Lynn Merino**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons,

 and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your

 greatness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of

 conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the

 world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and

 state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful

 God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our

 neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who

 are homebound, sick, or isolated. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus’ voice in the needs of our

 neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Loren Ulness, Michael Zutz, Richard

 Christianson, Brenda Platten, Joan Griffin, Char Manke, Kai Meyer, Erin Reinke, Eric Thomsen.

 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are in need of healing: Delton Duchow, Cheryl Domrath, Sharon Naidl, Judy

 Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Don and Delores

 Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Neil Meissner, Eliza Dekker, Ilan Walny, Matt Kerkhoff, Tom

 Titzkowski, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen Huske. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P:Confident that you not only hear our prayers, but listen to them, you not only listen, but care. You not only

 care, but act with Almighty Love. Confident in your Almighty Love, we name now before you those in need

 of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to know that our prayers are with them and you are

 with them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

### Offering

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

**The Words of Institution**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

**Distribution Hymns:** “Blessed Assurance” #638 “Beautiful Savior” #838

### Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to

 do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**C: Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Blessing**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod ☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold

 you, today and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” #543**

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: Mark Zutz

Greeter: Ellen Polifka Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Ron Jones and Keith Lippert Communion Aide & Lector: Stefanie Kaderabek

Sound Operator & Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Mark Zutz

Greeter: Joan Pritzl Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Jenniffer and Mitchell Zutz Sound Operator: Loren Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Projection: Judy Harris

**Last Week** – Sunday: 126 Wednesday: 48 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,399.00

**Faith’s Opportunities February 19-26**

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

 10:15 A.M. Chili Cook-off

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

 6:30 P.M. Council meeting

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

 4:00 and 6:15 P.M. Ash Wednesday Worship

**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, Sunday school

 10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

Please sign the thinking of you cards for our homebound members in the Gathering Space. They enjoy hearing from their Faith family.

Join us this morning after worship for the Chili Cook-off in the Gathering Space. Be ready to vote for the best tasting chili and the most creative theme.  A free will donation will be collected to support resources for the homeless in Manitowoc County.

For her confirmation service project, Whitney Ulness is partnering with Lakeshore Foster Families of Manitowoc County to assist with their need for **size 6 diapers and 4T/5T pull-ups**. Whitney will be collecting these items at church during the month of February and will then help distribute them to foster families on March 7th. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase the diapers and pull-ups. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sunday February 26 is Camp Sunday! Jess Thorson from Crossways Camping Ministries will be with us explaining the Crossways Camps and just how much fun it is to go to camp! She will meet with Sunday school and confirmation students and parents about attending confirmation camp and answer any questions you might have.

Faith’s Food Pantry is in need of the following items ONLY:

Pancake mix/syrup

Ketchup, mustard, Miracle Whip, mayo, salad dressings, bbq sauces

Assorted cracker and snack items, microwave popcorn, crunchy snacks, nuts

Candy

Granola bars (assorted flavors)

Regular size all-purpose flour

Sugar, brown sugar

Cherry pie filling, cake, brownie and dessert mixes, canned frosting (assorted)

Bagged noodles

Spaghetti (regular size package/box)

Canned meals

Peaches

Pineapple

Apple sauce

Tomato paste (small cans - no sauce’s)

Crushed tomatoes

Pizza or taco kits

Regular size box Minute Rice

Cream of chicken soup and Cream of mushroom soup (NO OTHER flavored SOUPS NEEDED at this time!) I’m over flowing with soups other than these two flavors!!

Regular size boxes of cereal. NO CHERRIOS!

Shampoo

Shaving cream for men and women

Tide or Gain laundry soap

Dawn dish soap

Dishwasher soap tablets

Facial tissue, Paper towels

These are the only items the pantry is in need of at this time! Items can be placed in the bins in the Gathering Space labeled “Faith’s Pantry”. Any questions call Sandy at 920-323-2086! Thank you very much for your generosity and support!

**February Stewardship is Fabric Kits**

**Two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Fabric should have no stains or holes and cut into pieces measuring:**

**2 ¼ yards of 60” wide fabric (4 ½ yds. total) or 3 yards of 44” wide fabric (6 yds. total) or**

**4 yards of 36” wide fabric (8 yds. total)**

**2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread (250-300 yards each)**

**Look for material on sale. Items donated should be marked fabric kits and placed inside the stewardship cabinet at the top of the stairs near the church office. If you want to only get 3 yards of material, get the 44” wide and include 1 spool of thread. Look for the cheaper bolts. Mark how much material you have. We can match the same color material to make up the 6 yards needed.**