# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 27, 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 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”** #786

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:** Exodus 34:29 – 35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the LORD’s presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

*Paul teaches that though the Ten Commandments which Moses received from God are good and right, we do not keep them perfectly because of our sinful nature. In Christ God has provided a way to forgiveness and a way of sanctification through the Holy Spirit. What the Law could not do because of our weak nature, God has provided because of his love for us. This is the hope that Paul speaks of, a hope found in Christ and the Spirit, not in ourselves.*

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Song “Breathe on Me Breath of God”**

Breathe on me Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,

That I may love the way you love, And do what you would do.

**The Gospel:** Luke 9:28 – 36

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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

**MESSAGE “Listen to Him!” Pastor Jim Wilson**

Hymn of Response “You Are the Way” #758

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 “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”** vs. 1, 3 #691

**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, bearing witness to you love. And now receive these gifts, dedicated to your mission and ministry. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: 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!**

**Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Closing Song “Now Thank We All Our God”** #840

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: Mark Zutz Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Ava Ulness Acolyte: Addison Spindler

Ushers: Mark and Jen Zutz Family Lector: Erin Lenzner

Sound Operator: Hunter Spindler Projection: Makenna Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Gage Spindler and Mike Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Mitchell Zutz Acolyte: DJ Schisel

Ushers: Steve and Ginny Schwoerer Lector: Cheryl Duchow

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Luke Evenson

Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel Communion Aide: Cheryl Duchow

**Last Week** – Sunday: 70 Video: 107 Wednesday: 43 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,811.25

**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 27- March 6**

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

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

**Tuesday** 5:00 P.M. Board of Lay Ministry

6:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism

**Wednesday** 4:00 & 6:15 P.M. Ash Wednesday Worship

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

6:00 P.M. Jazzercise

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Boards of Christian Education and Youth

9:00 A.M. Worship

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

Soup for the Souls

If you enjoy cooking and wish to share some of your culinary tips, join us as we stir up a batch of chicken and rice soup Monday, February 28 at 8:30 a.m. in the downstairs church kitchen.  We'll need help chopping veggies, cutting chicken, and adding just the right amount of seasoning to make a delicious pot of soup.  Hope to see some new faces in our kitchen.

The Board of Evangelism has put together a Lenten devotion resource.  This resource, Lent in a Bag, is suitable for individuals, couples and families.  They will be available following worship today.

**Soup and Sandwich suppers will again be served prior to Wednesday Lenten Services beginning March 9.  This meal will be available from 5:00-6:00.  This year's free will offerings will go to Pink Heals.** *Pink Heals is an organization whose mission is to financially and emotionally support women, men and children battling any type of cancer in Manitowoc County. They have directly impacted the lives of over 400 cancer patients in our community and have provided over $310,000 in financial assistance to those in need.***All are invited.  If you are interested in preparing and serving a meal, a sign up poster is located in the Gathering Space.**

Wednesday Lenten Worship will be at 6:15 p.m. starting March 9.