# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship ~ Bell 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 “Jesus Call Us; o’er the Tumult” vs. 1-3 #696**

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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in**

**heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our**

**words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Scripture Readings**

### First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

1Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 3“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! 4For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” 6“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” 8He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” 20Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. 26Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
 3“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 4“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
 5“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
 6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
 7“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
 8“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
 9“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
 10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 11“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn of Response “Here I Am, Lord” #574**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your

church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your

holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to

honor all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and

pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised;

reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to

all in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness

brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of

our life together. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Aaron Robley, Collins Duchow,

Liam Cline, Tammy Esser, Kiara Krogh, Travis Schisel, Debra Linzmeier, Craig Zutz, Tristan Teuke.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are in need of healing: 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**

**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 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” vs. 1-3 #789**

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: Paul Franz

Greeter: Audrey Sorenson Acolyte: DJ Schisel

Ushers: Dennis and Bonnie Gordon Lector: Ron Jones

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness

Projection: Luke Evenson Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: Julie Hartman Acolyte: Liam Cline

Ushers: Tyler Madson and Lori Propson Communion Aide & Lector: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: DJ Schisel

Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Last Week** – Sunday: 91 Wednesday: 44 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,832.00

**Faith’s Opportunities January 29-February 5**

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

10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

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

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

6:15 P.M. Worship

7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 1:30-3:30 P.M. Skating Event

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir ~ Boards of Christian Education & Youth

9:00 A.M. Worship

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

10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

Meet us at the rink for some family fun!

When: Saturday February 4

Time: 1:30-3:00

Where: Manitowoc County Ice Center

Cost: $5 per adult (14 and over) and $3 for students 13 and under.

Please let Erin Lenzner know if your family plans to attend. 901-7089

Just a reminder this is the last Sunday of January which means your child has one more opportunity to join us for a children’s fellowship time following service in lieu of their normal Sunday school class hour. We have had a fun month filled with crafts, games, songs, Bible stories, and great conversations!!

The themes have been…

Week 1~ Epiphany (wisemen & baptism)

Week 2~The Lord’s Prayer (Forgiveness)

Week 3~The 10 Commandments (God’s Rules) & our final week will be

Week 4~ Psalm 23 (The Lord is My Shepherd)

Please if you haven’t yet joined us your child is welcome from 10:00-11:00! Reminder regular

Sunday School classes will resume Sunday February 5th. \*\*Our students have been singing

songs led by Pastor Dan. On Sunday February 5th they will be singing “Jesus Loves Me” during

service. I hope all the children can attend and join along with this well know song.

**PINE HAVEN MEN'S CHORUS**

at Faith

**Sunday, February 12 for worship**

Come and listen to the melodic voices of this chorus. A free will offering will be taken this day and given to the Pine Haven Christian Home

**A Chili Cook-Off is planned for Sunday, February 19th**

**in Fellowship Hall following the worship service.**

We are looking for Chili Cook-Off teams.  A Chili Cook-Off Team can be a church group (such as a board or committee), or a group of friends and family members. Teams create a theme, and provide about 5 quarts of chili along with the desired condiments. Teams will be judged by congregational members on the taste of their chili and the creativeness of their theme. More information and an opportunity to sign up a team is located in the Gathering Space.

The Mixed Choir continues to meet each Sunday at 10:15 in the Music Room across from the Library. We encourage anyone who enjoys singing to join us. We try to keep the music simple and familiar so please consider partaking in this group. It's a good way to meet other members and to share your talents with our congregation. We plan to sing once a month until Memorial Day. Take time to get a cup of coffee and a snack and bring them with you. During Lent we plan on singing one song “with” the Sunday school children. This should be a fun experience for both groups.