# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and all our days, and

 sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess to you our faults and failings.** **Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;** **we**

 **take for ourselves instead of giving to others;** **we spoil rather than steward your creation;** **we cause**

 **hurt even though you call us to heal;** **we choose fear over compassion.** **Forgive us, renew us, and lead**

 **us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.** **Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This

 promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ☩ forgives you in Christ’s name, and revives you

 in the Spirit’s power.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Give Me Jesus” vs. 1-3 #770**

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: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this**

 **water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” 3But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” 4So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” 5The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?” L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

### 1Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. 9Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 10For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. 11But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.L:  The word of the Lord. C:  Thanks be to God.

### Gospel: John 4:5-42

5[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.6Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.
 7A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” 11The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” 13Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” 15The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”
 16Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” 17The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; 18for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” 19The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” 21Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 25The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” 26Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”
 27Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” 28Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” 30They left the city and were on their way to him.
 31Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” 32But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” 33So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” 34Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”
 39Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41And many more believed because of his word. 42They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn of Response “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” #775**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the

 daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of

 the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies

 above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God, **receive our**

 **prayer.**

P: We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us

 into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is

 celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage

 to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness. Give them your living

 water always. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love

 into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God’s grace in their lives. Merciful God,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Ava Hammel, Waylynn Christianson,

 Lois Reinertson, Steve Schwoerer, Cameron Tuschel, Otis Berge, Kim Junk, Mike Siewert. Merciful God,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are in need of healing: the family of Bob Klessig who passed away Wednesday.

 Visitation will be Saturday, March 18 from 9:00-11:15 with the funeral at 11:30 a.m. Delton Duchow,

 Cheryl Domrath, Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny,

 Donald Tienor, Don and Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Neil Meissner, Eliza Dekker, Matt Kerkhoff,

 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.**

### Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Offering**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of

 your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ

 Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. C: **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Blessing**

P: God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this

 lifelong journey.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Give Me Jesus” vs. 3-5 #770**

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: Marcus Galien Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Lector: Bob Wigen Ushers: Steve and Ginny Schwoerer

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

Projection: DJ Schisel

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeters: Keith and Audrey Lippert Acolyte: Keagan Hougen

Ushers: Austin and Stetson McCulley Communion Aide & Lector: Brian Ulness

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer Projection: Gage Spindler

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Last Week** – Sunday: 123 Wednesday: 67 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $7,930.00

**Faith’s Opportunities March 12-19**

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

 10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir and 9th grade confirmation

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

**Wednesday** Newsletter info due

 9:00 A.M. Jazzercise

 5:00 P.M. Soup and Sandwich Supper in Gathering Space

 6:00 P.M. Card Making in Community Room

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

 9:00 A.M. Visitation continued with the funeral of Robert Klessig

**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

Easter flower orders will be taken through Wednesday, March 22. Lilies (short supply), tulips and daffodils are available. Please see the table in the Gathering Space to place your order and for cost of the flowers.

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m. at The Lighthouse in Two Rivers.