# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Let us declare our trust in our loving Creator.

**C: God, your love is the one true constant in our lives. When we are overwhelmed by day-to-day**

 **stresses, you are there to strengthen us, to guide us, and to ease our burdens. We have come**

 **to be renewed by your faithful love. Give us a desire to grow in your Word, to follow Jesus,**

 **and to bring your love to a needy world.**

P: Let us also confess our sins and seek God’s forgiveness.

**C: Lord God, I have not loved you with my whole heart and too often I have neglected to love**

 **my neighbor as myself. I have not helped others when I could have. Forgive the sins of my**

 **actions and inaction, cleanse my heart, and bring me back to you.**

P: God knows our hearts and is always pleased when we come to him in prayer. Let us find joy in the

 truth of God’s deep, abiding love for us, shown in his Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and

 who rose again so we would have the hope and joy of life with him forever.

**C: Amen!**

**Opening Hymn “Oh, Worship the King”** #842

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: Lord God of our salvation, it is your will that all people might come to you through Jesus your Son. Inspire our witness to him, that all may know power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 12:1 – 5

 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. ”

 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading:** Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

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

**Gospel Song “I Love to Tell the Story”** vs. 1 #661

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 13:31 – 35

 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

**Message Pastor Howard Batt**

**Hymn of Response “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”** #802

P: Let us confess our faith in our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in the words of an African

 Creed.

**C: We believe in one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created people and wanted them to be happy in the world. God loves the world, and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his Word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all nations and tribes.**

 **We believe that God made good his promise by sending his Son, Jesus Christ, a man of flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching them about God and humanity. Showing that the meaning of religion is love, He was rejected by His people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the ground, but on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is Lord.**

 **We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**Offertory “Take My Life”** vs. 1, 2 #685

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, our hearts go out to the people in Ukraine. Lord protect, comfort and guide your people. Thank you for those who open their home and their wallets to help the refugees. Change the hearts of Russian leaders and guide world leaders & especially leaders in Ukraine thru this terrible crisis. Lord in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, work faith, hope and love in our hearts. Move us from complacency that we may care for our neighbors. Give us the eyes of Christ to see, and give us the heart of Christ to act. Lord in your mercy.

Lord Jesus, we bring before you those in need of your healing and comforting touch. We lift up Kevin Schultz, Lynn Burzynski,Harry Kwasny,Connie Schisel, Don Tienor, Lorraine Reindl, Delores Johnson,Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Doug & Lois Wilson, Jim Loritz, Elling Jones, Merle Graf, Wayne Allen Huske and the family of Jan Mulhaney. Lord in your mercy.

Heavenly Father, we lift up those serving in the military, especially during the conflict in Ukraine: Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle and Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt, Jeff Konz and Andy Schnell. Lord in your mercy.

We lift up those having a birthday this week: Steve Schwoerer, Cameron Tuschel, Otis Berge and Kim Junk. Lord in your mercy.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and love, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**The 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 Hymn “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: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Mitchell Zutz Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Dennis and Bonnie Gordon Lector: Clarissa Ulness

Sound Operator: Garrett and Loren Ulness Projection: Luke Evenson

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Mitchell Zutz Acolyte: Carter Valleskey

Ushers: Tom and Kathy Muench Lector: Judy Harris

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer Projection: Hunter Spindler & Bill Riesterer

Video/Live Stream: Gage Spindler & Jake Kaderabek Communion Aide: Judy Harris

**Last Week** – Sunday: 83 Video: 85 Wednesday: 80 Offerings to the Lord’s work: 8,343.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  the family of Jan Mulhaney, Kevin Schultz, Marlene Thomsen, Lynn Burzynski, Harry Kwasny, Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Lorraine Reindl, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Doug and Lois 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.

**Flowers** are placed in the altar area in memory of my wife Jean who passed away one year ago by Ralph Christianson. Flowers are also placed from the funeral of Jan Mulhaney.

**Faith’s Opportunities March 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 the Golden Flame

 Newsletter info due

**Wednesday** 5:00-6:00 P.M. Soup & Sandwich Supper in Gathering Space

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

 6:00 P.M. Jazzercise

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

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

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

Dear Friends,

The people of Nelsonville Lutheran Church (ELCA) (3061 Oak St, Nelsonville, WI 54458) have been deeply moved by the scenes of war and destruction in Ukraine and by the plight of men, women and children fleeing the brutality and chaos.  They invite all people of good will to join with them in providing support in this hour of distress. To support and encourage each of you to give promptly and generously, the people of Nelsonville will match every gift - dollar for dollar - up to $100,000 through March 15, 2022.

Right now, Lutheran World Relief teams are working with partners in and around Ukraine. Your gift will deliver urgent support and care, like: food, shelter and other critically needed items; Mission Quilts and Kits for families who fled their homes; and medicine and supplies for clinics. Gifts will be matched through March 15. You can give online at [www.lwr.org/match](https://ecsw.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=adc7611e5cadb04ccc1a934a3&id=c6e12f8494&e=04b73f43b9) or by mailing to LWR, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write “Ukraine Match” in the memo line.

**Heifer International Project by Mitchell Zutz**

Heifer International helps people in poor countries by providing farm animals and farming skills training. This helps raise their standard of living and helps them become more independent. Mitchell’s goal is to raise $650 so we can **provide one heifer and one pig** to a community in need.

**Piggy Banks** are available in the gathering area so you can collect your loose change and dollars during Lent. Let’s support this great project!