# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship – March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

## Gathering

**Prelude and Bells**

Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship ~ Bell Choir**

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, Son

and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Heavenly Father, 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 hears 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 to the measure of 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 HYMN** “Holy, Holy, Holy” #413

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.**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 95 (selected verses)

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud

to the Rock of our salvation.

**C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and**

**extol him with music and song.**

P: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all

gods.

**C: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

P: Today, hear his voice, “Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness.” God said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.’

**C: Let us come before the Lord our God with**

**thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “We Praise You, O God” #870

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Heavenly Father, it is your glory to always show mercy. You sent your Son to bring back those who have stayed from your ways. Give us faith so that we may trust in your love for us and may accept one another as we have been accept by you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 2:11 – 13; 17:13

*God is saying that even pagan nations remain loyal to their “gods”. But Israel had abandoned their God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, for the worthless idols of other nations.*

“Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols. Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,” declares the Lord.

“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

Lord, you are the hope of Israel; all who forsake you will be put to shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the Lord, the spring of living water.

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

**ANTHEM ~ Bell choir**

**Second Reading**: Romans 5:1 – 8

*Paul has finished his explanation of how we are justified and saved from sin and death through our faith in the atoning work of Jesus on the cross. All have sinned and God, who is just, is the one justifies, that is, counts us righteous through our faith in Jesus Christ.*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

**GOSPEL SONG** “Change My Heart , O God” #801

**The Gospel:** John 4:5 – 42

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Message** “Lost in Sin, Saved by Faith”

Pastor Jim Wilson

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Amazing Grace” #779

P: Let us confess our faith in God who calls us through the Gospel of his Son, and through the Holy Spirit enlightens us and keeps us in true faith.

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.

**Prayers of Intercession:**

People are asked to spontaneously speak aloud petitions that are marked with \*\*

Gracious Heavenly Father, we pray for your whole church on earth. Fill us with your Spirit of truth and love. Where we have sinned, purify us; where we are in error, correct us; where your body is divided Lord Jesus, reunite us in your peace we pray. May our witness to you be beacons of light for the communities in which we serve. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

\*\*We lift up the church and its leaders, that they may continue to proclaim the gospel of God’s love in Jesus Christ to every corner of the earth, so that all may know the hope of eternal life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

\*\* Almighty God, you have given us dominion over the earth. Help us to be good stewards. Give us wisdom and reverence for your world so that generations to come may enjoy the beauty and bounty of all you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

\*\*We lift up the troubled and terrified, the poor and hungry, the abused and the abuser, those who weep, those suffering from various diseases. Ease their suffering, bring healing of body, mind and spirit. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we lift up those who have gone out into the world as missionaries; watch over them and give them courage and protection in trying circumstances. We also lift up to you fellow believers in countries where Christians are persecuted. And we lift up to you all who are oppressed or persecuted for their religious beliefs. You desire love and peace among all peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

P: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever!

**C: Amen**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” vs. 1 #656

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hated, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Let us prepare our hearts for Holy Communion. In the words of institution we hear Jesus promise of forgiveness of sins through his holy and precious blood, and his innocent suffering and death. Let us take a moment to reflect on our need for this forgiveness of our sins.

P: Do you believe that you are forgiven of all your sins

for Jesus sake?

**C: Yes, I do.**

P: You are forgiven as you have believed. And now, Lord Jesus be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread.

**C: Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Distribution**

*“All are welcome at the table, for it is not our invitation, but Christ’s.”* *If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform the usher.*

**Communion Hymns**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #338

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” #351

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may live in him and he in us, so that we may be filled with his light and life. Now send us forth to boldly live and proclaim our faith in him.

**C: 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,

Serving God’s World.

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**Serving Us Today**

Greeters: Dominic Hernandez and Pat Christianson

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin, Lori Propson

Acolyte: DJ Schisel

Lector: Clarissa Ulness

Sound Operator: Cheryl Domrath

Video Operator: Don Domrath

Projection: Judy Harris

Communion: Clarissa and Garrett Ulness

**Serving Us Next Week**

Greeters: Bob and Julie Wigen

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Ushers: Tom and Kathy Muench, Larry Naidl

Acolyte: Makenna Kaderabek

Lector: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer

Video Operator: Jake Kaderabek

Projection: Bill Riesterer

Communion: Dominic Hernandez and Joan Pritzl

**Last Week** - Sunday: 101 Wednesday: 104

Offerings to the Lord’s work: $7,166.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Joyce Loritz,Rose Behnke,Ginger Linsmeier,Bob Klessig,Bill Fischer (brother in-law of Cheryl and Delton Duchow),Jim Broich (brother of Lynn Burzynski),Ray Keil, John Ryan (nephew of Elaine Zutz),Betty Pritzl (friend of Joyce Sorenson), Paul Haupt (brother of David and Joan),Merle “Butch” Graf, (son in-law of Don and Delores Johnson), Sue Bellin (sister of Steve, Jeff and Jim Ahrens), Wayne Allen Huske (son of Wayne and Terry Huske).

**Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the following who are serving in the military:** Darcie Bauknecht, Daniel Brandl, Corey Evenson, Mitchell Hazelwood, Carter Hildebrandt, Gary Hildebrandt, Jeff Konz, Justin Mertzig, Chad Pohl, Steven Schmude, and Andy Schnell. If there are others we should be remembering, please inform the church office.

**Faith’s Opportunities March 15-22**

**Sunday** 10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Fellowship Hour

NEWSLETTER INFO DUE TO OFFICE

**Monday** 5:00-7:00 P.M. Jazzercise

6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

6:30 P.M. Council

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel

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

5:00 P.M. Soup and Sandwich Supper

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

5:00-7:00 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 8:00-9:00 A.M. Jazzercise

9:00 A.M. Open Pantry

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

10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Fellowship Hour

**Kids -- join us this morning** from11:15 to 2:00 pm for a fun event!All ages are welcome. We will be painting a plant holder to decorate the tables for Easter breakfast, having an Easter message, playing games and eating lunch. Cost is $5.00 per family.

Our new website will be up and running very soon!  Our website address of faithlutheranchurchvalders.org will remain the same.  The website was redesigned with two very important purposes in mind:  to inform current members and attract prospective members.  When you visit for the first time, do not be afraid to click a few buttons and check things out.  Improved features will include quick links to publications (Faith Matters and bulletins), an interactive calendar, direct Facebook feed as well as "call to action" buttons for first time visitors, contact and giving options.

You will notice that the website is still a work in progress as the Members Database and Media housing sections of the website remain undeveloped.  For now, explore and enjoy.  If you have ideas for information that might be useful on the website, feel free to contact us through the "Contact Us" section of the website.

Scholarship Applications are available in the Gathering Space at the Information Desk.

Orders for Easter flowers (tulips, daffodils and Easter lilies) will be taken March 22, 25, 29 and April 1. All flowers are in a 6” pot and sell for $8.00 apiece. See the table in the Gathering Space for ordering.

**UPCOMING EVENT**

Valders Fish Boil

Friday, March 27 from 4-8PM

Valders Fire Station

103 Eisenhower Street

$11 in advance $12.00 at the door

$5 for children ages 5-12

Under 5 are free

Dine in or carry out

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Friends don’t let friends miss out! Today (3/15) is the final day to receive the Early Bird pricing on Crossways Summer Camp programs. Programs are filling for what is sure to be the best summer yet! Visit CrosswaysCamps.org for program information and registration.

**Women's Spring Event April 18**

Yes, even in Wisconsin, spring will eventually arrive! Come celebrate the “Beauty of the Earth” on Saturday, April 18 at Peace Lutheran (west of Green Bay). It will be a time to grow in faith and enjoy fellowship as we learn. Keynote speaker Venice Williams is a frequent contributor to *Gather* magazine and the Executive Director of Alice's Garden Urban Farm in Milwaukee. She has a wonderful way of sharing how gardening and food feed both our souls and our bodies. In kind gifts will go to Brown County Community Gardens Program to help fight food insecurity. The event is open to all women and childcare will be provided. For registration or more information, check the bulletin board across from the church office or contact Shirley at spaulson1949@gmail.com.