# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “This Is My Father’s World”** #824

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, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. He died on the cross for our forgiveness and was resurrected so that we would have the living hope of eternal life. Help us to forgive others with the steadfast love you have shown us in Christ. Pour into our hearts the faith and love you desire through our Lord Jesus, the living Word, and your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**Old Testament Reading:** Habakkuk 1:2 – 4, 10 – 13

How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

They mock kings and scoff at rulers. They laugh at all fortified cities; by building earthen ramps they capture them. Then they sweep past like the wind and go on—guilty people, whose own strength is their god.”…

LORD, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, you will never die. You, LORD, have appointed them to execute judgment; you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish. Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

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

**New Testament Reading:** Romans 8:28, 35 – 39

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose…

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**Gospel Song “O Word of God Incarnate”** vs. 1 #514

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 13:1 – 5

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

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

**Message “God and Evil”**

**Hymn “When Peace Like a River”**  #785

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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

**We lift our prayers** to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**OFFERING**

**Offertory “We Give Thee But Thine Own”** vs. 1, 2 #686

**Prayer of Dedication**

**C: Gracious God, Creator of all that exists, and the giver of the gift of life, help us not to think of this time in the service as taking a collection for the needs of the church, but as our offering to You. And may this offering remind us that first, and foremost, we need to offer ourselves to you. We ask this in the name of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

P: Let us prepare our hearts for communion by confessing our sins. Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Distribution Hymns: “Just As I Am”** #592 **“Rock of Ages”** #623

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious Heavenly Father, pour out upon us your Spirit of love and wisdom. Unite us with Christ and all his people. And through your Word and this sacrament, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may Christ dwell in our hearts through faith.

**C: Amen!**

**BENEDICTION**

**Closing Song “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** #886

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Mitchell Zutz Acolyte: Libby Olson

Ushers: Jim Ahrens and Keith Lippert Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operator: Carter Lenzner Projection: Luke Evenson

Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 67 Video: 50 Wednesday: 89 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,881.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  the family of Raphael Rusch whose funeral was held here Thursday, Pastor Jim Wilson and family upon the passing of his mother, Lois, 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.

*Soup for the Souls* had a nice group of cooks in the kitchen on Monday February 28 at 8:30 making chicken and rice soup. It was nice to see Frank Griffin with all his cutlery, cutting board, and butchering expertise, and jokes, as well as Betsy Salm, Sue Riesterer, Marilyn and John Robley, and Cheryl Domrath.  Each person had a task to perform, gave seasoning hints and we were done before 10:30.  We hope to see them again on future soup making days.   Thank you for coming.

**Faith’s Opportunities March 20-27**

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

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

6:30 P.M. Council

**Tuesday** 6:30 P.M. Lions Club in Community Room

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

6:15 P.M. Worship

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

6:00 P.M. Jazzercise

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

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

Orders for Easter flowers are being taken today through March 30. Lilies, tulips and daffodils are available. Please see the table in the Gathering Space to place your order. All orders must be in by Wednesday, March 30.

If you are discerning where to give to support Ukraine, please consider Lutheran World Relief. The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish has extended the match first made by Nelsonville and is matching all donations up to $258,000 and the matching challenge number keeps going up! At our last update it was up to as much as $340,000. Individual gifts count just as much as gifts from congregations. The match has been extended to April 25 to allow you to receive donations through Easter Sunday.  
  
The love of your congregations will be doubled and reach refugees in and around Ukraine. Lutheran World Relief is also airlifting Mission Quilts and Personal Care Kits that your congregations have already made from our Dubai warehouse as part of our first response.  
  
Mail gifts to LWR, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. Write “Ukraine Match” in the memo line. Or give at [www.lwr.org/match](https://ecsw.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=adc7611e5cadb04ccc1a934a3&id=9ef5be02cc&e=04b73f43b9). This link can be used for your congregational gift or by your individual members. All gifts will be matched, up to $258,000!  
  
Thank you Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish for inspiring us to follow your example of generosity!

**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!