# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Christmas Day

December 25, 2024

###### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

 **have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead 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.**

**Opening Hymn** **“What Child Is This” vs. 1-3** **#296**

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.**

**Kyrie Pages 138-139**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray

 to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord,**

 **have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: We offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and**

 **mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your**

 **glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.**

 **And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending**

 **hymn. Amen.**

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 62:6-12 6Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, 7and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. 8The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; 9but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. 10Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples. 11The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion,
“See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” 12They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord“; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”

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

**Second Lesson:** Titus 3:4-7

4When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. 6This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** Luke 2:1-20

1In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3All went to their own towns to be registered. 4Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 8In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 14“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” 15When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn of Response “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs. 1-4 #279**

**Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: The church sings a new song for you, O God. By the water of rebirth, you claim us as your own. Renew all the

 baptized by your Spirit of grace and truth, and embolden us to announce your salvation to all. God of grace,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: From the time of humanity’s fall until that first Christmas morning creation groaned under the weight of sin

 and suffering. We waited impatiently for salvation and then it came in the Christ child. Help us always to

 welcome him. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: In the midst of our personal troubles: illness, poverty, entanglements with money and the world, with complex

 relationships; with the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, help us to know the simplicity of your

 almighty love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: You guard the lives of your faithful ones and rescue them in times of distress. Heed the cries of all who are

 afraid. Comfort the grieving and despairing, the lonely and forgotten, and those who are ill. God of grace,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: Voices and instruments ring out with melodies of praise to you. Bless the music ministries of this congregation

 and all who lead us in making a joyful noise in worship. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for our Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, our presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, our pastor, and for all

 the people of Faith Lutheran Church. We pray for this community of believers, inspire us with your Holy

 Spirit and lead us in your pathways. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Every year is a year with you Lord. We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: William

 Zutz, Susan Wenzel, Marcus Loritz, Daryl Gilbertson, Donald Johnson, Holley Jeske, Colton Wenzel, Seth

 Madson, Warren Wenzel and Bridget Biely. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for Terry Haupt, Gloria

 Smith, Marge Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny,

 Ginger Linsmeier, Dennis O’Leary, Sheila Crochley, Merle Graf, Wayne Allen Huske and Nancy Lyman.

 Lord you are the Great Physician. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We remember all those who are currently serving in the military, especially:Daniel Brandl, Carter

 Hildebrandt, Andy Schnell and Ethan Tienor. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home to

 us. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P:We name now before you, Lord, those in need of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to

 know and firmly believe that you are with them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your

 compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response “Joy to the World” Devin Zahringer and Sue Riesterer**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees,

 the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the

 chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

**C: Amen.**

**Our Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon

 you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

###### **Closing Hymn “Go Tell It on the Mountain” vs. 1-3 #290**

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: Tom Madson

Greeters: Acolyte: Trevor Pinkerton

Ushers: Al Gilbertson, Tyler Madson, Mark Ulness Lector: Stefanie Kaderabek

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

Projection: Whitney Ulness

**Last Week** – Sunday: 91 Wednesday: 32 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,928.00

**Faith’s Opportunities December 26-December 29**

**Thursday** Office Closed

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

*THANK YOU to the following for the poinsettias which make our sanctuary so festive this holiday season:*

In memory of Roland Tonnell by Susan Christel.

In memory of Edward Streckert by Janice Streckert and family.

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