# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Christmas Eve – The Birth of Our Lord Jesus

December 24, 2024

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

**Call to Worship (3:00 & 5:00) “A Christmas Laudamus” Inspiration** **Choir**

(Latin song with the following meanings): Laudamus - We praise you Benedicimus - We bless you

 Adoramus - We worship you Glorificamus - Glory to God on high

**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** **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**  **#283**

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.**

 **We Light the Christ Candle**

**Special Music** **(3:00)** **“How Quietly” Allison Goehring**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we**

 **may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son,**

 **Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 9:2-7 2The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. 3You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson:** Titus 2:11-14

11The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, 12training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, 13while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. 14He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

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

1In those days a decree went out from Caesar 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 “Angels We Have Heard on High” #289**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Angels sing with praise, and shepherds run with haste. As we glorify and praise you in this place, send us into the world,

 proclaiming the salvation you have revealed this night. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: The seas roar, and the trees of the forest sing for joy. As creation resounds with praise, inspire us with awe, reverence,

 and a renewed care for all creation that you have redeemed. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: The nations declare your glory. Teach the leaders of the earth to pursue your justice and righteousness. Break the rod of

 the oppressor in every land, and bring peace where there is conflict. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: The holy family finds shelter around the animals’ manger. Draw near to persons experiencing homelessness, those who

 are alone this holiday season, and all for whom this world makes no room. Wrap all your children in bands of love and

 mercy. 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 tonight and throughout the new year. 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 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs. 1 #283**

**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.**

### **Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

### **Invitation to Communion** P:Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

**Distribution Hymns “I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” #271 vs. 1-3 “Away in a Manger” #277**

 **“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” #282 vs. 1-2 “Silent Night” #281 vs. 1-3**

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to

 announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

**C: Amen.**

**Candle Lighting:** Please, dip the ***unlit*** candle to your neighbor’s lit candle. The organist will play through Silent Night once or twice while the congregation lights their candles. Please wait to sing along when everyone’s candles are lit.

**Carol** **“Silent Night” #281**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, You made this holy night to shine with the brightness of the one true light. Help us here on earth to walk in the light of Jesus your Son, and on the last day, awaken to the brightness of His glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.** (Extinguish your candles)

**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 “Joy to the World” #267**

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 Christmas Eve @ 3:00 pm**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Matt Krogh Greeters: Dean and Cambria Behnke

Acolyte: Ushers: Bob and Julie Wigen Lector: Jenniffer Zutz

Live Stream/Video: Carter Lenzner Communion Aides: Al Gilbertson and Judy Valleskey

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer Projection: Loren Ulness

**Serving Us Christmas Eve @ 5:00 pm**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Glenn Otto Greeters: Glenn Otto Family

Acolyte: Ushers: Glenn Otto Family Lector: Tiffany Jandrey

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer Projection: Communion Aide: Joan Pritzl

**Serving Us Christmas Eve @ 10:00 pm**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinerston Greeters: Larry & Lynn Burzynski

Acolyte: Landen Pinkerton Ushers: Loren Ulness Family Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Lector: Larry Burzynski Projection: Judy Harris Communion Aide: Larry Burzynski

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

**Faith’s Opportunities December 25-30**

**Wednesday** 9:00 A.M. Christmas Day Worship

**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

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

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