# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of mercy,

C: **we confess that we are sinners.** **We put our trust in earthly powers and human authority. Fearfully we cling**

 **to false comforts.**

P: God of might,

**C: we confess that we are sinners. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false and worldly**

 **promises.**

P: God in our midst,

**C: we confess that we are sinners. We plead: O Lord, come to us. We look for the birth of mercy in our lives.**

P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

 By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through ☩ Christ Jesus, whose day draws

 near.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “The King Shall Come” vs. 1,2,4,5 #260**

P: The grace of our 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: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of**

 **our sins, and redeem us for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

 **Amen.**

**(Candle is Lit)**

**Advent Hymn “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”** vs. 1 **#240**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

4 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.” L:  The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. L:  The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. P. 151

**Gospel**: Luke 21:25-36 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 25 “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” 29 Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” vs. 1-4 #244**

**The Apostle’s Creed**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion

 for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local

 community and across the world that we mat more fully be One in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and

 moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our**

 **prayer.**

P: God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for

 justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: God of change, you accompany us through life’s transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming

 children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. In times of change, remind us of your

 steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live

 together and to embrace the diversity of people and gifts in our communities. Lord, in your mercy, **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. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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

 Carter Lenzner, Dayton Goehring, JohnMarc Ergas, Jomarie Ergas, Quinten Robley, Carol Nelson, Landen Pinkerton

 and Harley Beckman. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all people grieving in this season. We pray especially for the family of Michele Schmidt as they mourn

 her passing.Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for Gloria Smith, Ruth Torrison,

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

 Dennis O’Leary, Sheila Crochley, Merle Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. Lord, in

 your mercy, **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. Lord, in your mercy,

 **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. Lord, in your mercy, **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 “He Came Down” vs. 1 #253**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these

 gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus

 Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion** P: Come to the table that our Lord has prepared.

**Distribution Hymns “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #254 “My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness” #251**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us,

 for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus,

 and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ☩ bless and keep

 you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Blessed Be the God of Israel” vs. 1-3 #725 WOV**

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: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeter: Audrey Sorenson Acolyte: Grace Sorenson

Ushers: Mark, Jen and Mitchell Zutz Lector: Bob Wigen

Communion Aide: Eliza Wilker Sound Operator: Loren Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Carter Kuenstler Projection: Whitney Ulness

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeter: Marlene Evenson Acolyte: Mitchell Kaderabek

Ushers: Ron and Kaye Jandrey, Tyler Madson Lector: Erin Lenzner

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Projection: Addison Spindler

Video/Live Stream: Carter Kuenstler

Last Week – Sunday: 98 Tuesday: 57 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,625.00

**Join us after worship this morning for** an **Advent Workshop** in the fellowship hall. Some of the great events include a puppet show, Christmas cookie decorating and of course tasting, along with coffee/water being served for fellowship, games, Christmas music, and of course crafts. This event is for all ages.

Please sign the thinking of you cards for our homebound members located in the Gathering Space. They so enjoy hearing from all of you.

Faith’s Opportunities December 1-8

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour, Advent Workshop, NO Sunday School

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

**Monday** 9:00 A.M. Women’s Bible Study

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 6:00 P.M. Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism

**Tuesday** 3:00 and 6:00 P.M. Bible Study

**Wednesday** 9:00 A.M. Jazzercise

 7:00 P.M. Confirmation and Faith on Fire

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

**Saturday** 11:00-1:00 Michele Schmidt visitation 1:00 P.M. funeral

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

 8:50 A.M. Sing along

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir and Sunday School

**Poinsettia orders will be taken through December 11.** The color is red, and they are $10.00 a plant. Please see the table in the Gathering Space to place your order.

Please have all items for this year’s Sharing Tree to church (unwrapped) by Monday, December 2nd.  Any questions can be directed to Julie Endries at 920-973-9881.  Thank you for your support of this outreach project!

Faith on Fire will be having their 2nd Annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser following the Christmas Program on Sunday December 15th! Please drop off any cookie donations before service

(between 8 & 9am). The cookie walk will run from 10-noon in the gathering space. Coffee and milk will be available for fellowship. Come support our youth and stock up on some delicious Christmas treats for your own home!

Donations of baked goods are being accepted for the “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” event, Saturday, December 14 at First Presbyterian Church in Manitowoc. Please see the poster in the gathering space for instructions and to sign up for what you will be donating.

Worship opportunities (lector, greeter, ushers, etc.) are available to assist with the Christmas Eve Services at 3:00, 5:00 and 10:00 pm and Christmas Day Service at 9:00 am. Sheets are available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your help.