# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “A Joyful Ring” Bell Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.** **Forgive us for the ways we act** **with judgment,**

 **cruelty, or indifference.** **We ignore the needs of our neighbors;** **we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

 **we surrender to scarcity and fear;** **we assume the worst about one another.** **Cleanse us from our sins**

 **and release us from their grasp.** **Show us your lovingkindness.** **Restore our hearts and repair your**

 **world,** **that we may live in the ways of Christ.** **Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name.

 You are mine.” In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of

 baptism, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” vs. 1,2,4 #310**

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: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your**

 **beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may**

 **rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns**

 **with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

1 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. 5 Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; 6 I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” L:  The Word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29 (Sung responsively)**

P:1 Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.
**C: 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God’s name; worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness.**P: 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; the Lord is upon the | mighty waters.
**C: 4 The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.**P:5 The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees; the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
**C: 6 the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**P:7 The voice | of the Lord bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
**C: 8 The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**P:9 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord

 all are | crying, “Glory!”
**C: 10 The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**P:11 O Lord, give strength | to your people; give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace.

**Second Reading:**Acts 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 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. Alleluia P. 142

**Gospel**: Luke 3:15-17,21-22 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” 21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “Thy Strong Word” vs. 1,3,5 #511**

**Celebration of Baptism**

**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: You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip

 people sent to proclaim the good news. Bless the newly baptized of Faith Lutheran Church that their parents

 and sponsors may be true witnesses to the good news in Jesus Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans.

 Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,

 **hear our prayer.**

P: You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide bodies of international

 cooperation, federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve

 to serve all in need. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: You are with us in these challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering

 from surgery. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges.

 Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of reconciliation. Nurture work on behalf of

 immigrants and refugees and equip each of us to use our gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of

 grace, **hear 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, **hear 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 the East Central Synod of Wisconsin and the Evangelical

 Lutheran Church in America. We pray for this community of believers, inspire us with your Holy

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

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

 Kalies, Paige Neumeyer, Ethan Spindler, Roy Sebo, Kayla Hildebrandt, Ann Reinke, Mya Bast, Janelle

 Schisel, Beau Fuller, Kathy Muench, Lucas Spindler and Dick Halverson. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for the family of Tom

 Behnke, Bev Torrison, Bev Hildebrandt, 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. Lord you are the Great Physician. God of grace, **hear 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, **hear 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 “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1 #686**

**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.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” #509**

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: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Bob and Julie Wigen Acolyte: Sage Trepasso

Ushers: Marcus Galien, Steve & Ginny Schwoerer Lector: Deb Schreiner

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness Projection: Whitney Ulness Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

Serving Us Next Week

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeters: Ben Cigler, Audrey or Grace Sorenson Acolyte: Garrett Jeske

Ushers: Austin & Stetson McCulley, Ethan Ulness Lector & Communion Aide: Judy Harris

Sound Operator & Projection: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Carter Kuenstler

Last Week – Sunday: 97 Wednesday: 40 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,799.00

Faith’s Opportunities January 12-19

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

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Inspiration Choir, 9th grade confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Tuesday** 3:00 and 6:00 Bible Study

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 P.M. Confirmation

 Newsletter info due to office

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Open Pantry

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

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Inspiration Choir, Annual Election & Budget Mtg.

Flowers are placed in the altar area in memory of Nancy Lyman, Pastor Dan’s mother who passed away last week. May God’s loving arms surround you and Sheryle during this time.

**Visitation for Tom Behnke** will be tomorrow, Monday, January 13 from 9:00-12:00. Service at 12:00 with a meal to follow in fellowship hall.

**We hold in prayer The Jandrey Family** who lost a brother recently. The service for Larry Jandrey will be Monday, January 20 at 11:00 am with a fellowship after in the gathering space.

This morning, we celebrate our children who have been baptized at Faith this past year: Ritta Rose Peterson, Lainey Lynn Zutz, Colin Joseph Stalvey, Harley Rose Beckman, Everett Alan Wenzel, Addison Lynn Voss, Zayden Gregory Mittnacht, Jameson James Hetland, Cash Jacob Zutz, Beau Michael Fuller, Hayes Michael Sabourin and Braeden Mitchell McCulley.

The 2025 proposed budget sheets are in the Gathering Space for your viewing. Our Annual Budget and Election Meeting is Sunday, January 19 after worship.

Faith’s Open Pantry is in desperate need of clean brown paper bags asap! At least 200 plus bags! Drop off in gathering space in the open pantry bins provided or place outside pantry door lower level. Also, NO egg cartons are needed until further notice! So please keep saving them until I need them or contact Cindy Pederson! Thank you! – Sandy Halverson



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