# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God-with-us,

**C: we confess that we have turned away** **those seeking shelter,** **claiming there is no room when we have**

 **plenty.** **We have made power and wealth our idols,** **while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.**

 **We have overlooked the shepherds,** **expecting good news in prettier packaging.** **Too often, we have**

 **valued violence** **instead of your peace.** **Turn us from our ways to your ways.** **Grant us the grace to**

 **begin again.** **Free us from all that keeps us bound,** **and forgive our sin,** **through Jesus Christ, who**

 **gives himself for us.** **Amen.**

P: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, ☩ forgiven in Christ,

 and freed to respond in joy.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” #275**

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 have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace**

 **empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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:** Jeremiah 31:7-14

7 Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” 8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. 9 With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. 10 Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” 11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. 12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. 13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. 14 I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord. L:  The Word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9 he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, 12 so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory. 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**: John 1 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “We Three Kings” #646 WOV**

**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: O God, you reveal yourself in this assembly. In water, wine, and bread, show us again and again your grace

 upon grace, that your church boldly testifies to your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: You reveal yourself in creation. In seedlings and planets, microorganisms and galaxies, awaken us to the cry

 of the earth. As you nourish your people like a watered garden, empower us to nourish our creaturely

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

P: You reveal yourself in every land and in the farthest parts of the earth. Deliver peoples who suffer under

 oppressive rulers. Thwart the foolish plans of unjust leaders. Give wisdom to our elected officials. We thank

 you for the life and ministry of former President Carter. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: You reveal yourself in every human being. Help us recognize your image in our brothers and sisters in

 Christ who are in the strong grip of addiction, depression, anxiety, hopelessness, or other illness. Grant us

 compassion in our care for your people. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: You reveal yourself anew every day. In this new year, renew this congregation and its ministries in our

 witness to the good news of the incarnation. Transform the way we have always done things into your new
 future for us. 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 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, **receive our prayer.**

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

 Kiel, Ginger Linsmeier, Addison Pinkerton, Elma Castro, Abigail Reinke, Tannor Wittmus, Marann

 Schmidt, Susan Jeske, Shannon Jorgenson, Lenka Hougen, Phoebe Cigler and Casen Ott. God of grace,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for Bev Torrison, Tom Behnke, 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, **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 “He Came Down” vs. 1 #253**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” #276 “Love Has Come” vs. 1-3 #292**

**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.**

**Benediction**

P: The God of love, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, show us your path, and increase

 your joy, today and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “I Wonder as I Wander” #642 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: Matt Krogh

Greeters: Brian and Tammy Brill Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Gary & Linda Heeler, John Robley Lector & Communion Aide: Stacy Wilker

Sound Operator & Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

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

Last Week – Sunday: 76 Wednesday: no worship Offerings to the Lord’s work: $21,349.00

Faith’s Opportunities January 5-12

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

 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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 P.M. Confirmation

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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Christmas decoration removal ~ 2nd Saturday Bible Study

**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, 9th grade confirmation

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

January Stewardship ~ Baby Care Kits

2 long or short sleeved gowns (NO FEET)

2 receiving blankets; medium weight, cotton or flannel, crocheted or knit with lightweight yarn, 52” square

1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include a baby hat

2 pair of socks

1 hand towel - DARK colors

3 bath sized bars of gentle soap (4 or 5 oz.)

4 cloth diapers, flat fold

2 diaper pins or large safety pins

2 light weight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)

Clothing size: 6-24 months, new or very gently used - NO STAINS

*Clearly mark items Baby Care and place inside the Stewardship Cabinet across from the church office.* Thank you for your continued support.

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