# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over

 the waters.

**C: Amen.**

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

 *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you.** **We have known you but have not always loved you.** **We have**

 **wounded one another** **and sinned against you.** **We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**

 **dwelling in each of us.** **Remember your covenant.** **Renew your creation.** **Restore us,** **that we might**

 **proclaim your good news to all.** **Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of

 God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God’s beloved.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Let All Things Now Living” #881**

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: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in**

 **your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our**

 **Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

 **Amen.**

### First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

1In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

1While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 2He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” 3Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” 4Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—7altogether there were about twelve of them. 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. Page 151

### Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” 9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And 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 “Oh, Love, How Deep” vs. 1, 5, 7 #322**

**Recognition of Baptism:** Caroline Bratt, Xander Erskine, Brady Glaeser, Kinsley Wittmus, Emery Ewen,

 Lenny Klessig, Legend Bast and Charlie Saunders.

**The Apostle’s Creed**

**Passing of the Peace** *(We are conscious of the returning flu season. You may shake hands, but feel free to offer*

 *your elbow for social distancing. There is sanitizer available in each pew. )*

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Lift up leaders to share the

 truth of your word in our community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice

 and mercy and peace in all the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family

 or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect

 those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering. God of grace,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from,

 and serving our neighbors. Guide us in following the example of Jesus. 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 leaders 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: Ginger

 Linsmeier, Addison Pinkerton, Elma Castro, Abigail Reinke, Tannor Wittmus, Marann Schmidt, Susan

 Jeske, Shannon Jorgenson, Lenka Hougen, Phoebe Cigler, Casen Ott, Justin Kalies, Paige Neumeyer and

 Ethan Spindler. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Jill Backus, Marge Klessig, Bev Hildebrandt,

 Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger

 Linsmeier, Sharon Evenson, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. 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, Matthew Brill,

 Dylan Conrad, Carter Hildebrandt and Andy Schnell. 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 us to show

 and help them to know 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 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #884**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

 Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Here Is Bread” #483 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” #461**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for

 the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ☩ bless you and

 remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “In Christ There Is No East or West” #650**

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: Noah Boll Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Ron & Kaye Jandrey, Jim Ahrens Projection: Judy Harris & Liam Cline

Sound Operators: Makenna and Mitchell Kaderabek Lector and Communion Aide: Brian Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Noah Boll Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Alan Gilbertson and Loren Ulness Lector: Don Domrath

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer

Projection: Bill Riesterer and Mikaela Spindler Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen/Gage Spindler Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner **Serving Us Next Week**

**Last Week** – Sunday: 67 Wednesday: 50 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $2,601.00

**Faith’s Opportunities January 7-14**

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

 10:15 A.M. Sunday school

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

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

**Tuesday** 3:00 and 6:30 P.M. Bible Study

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

 5:00 P.M. Board of Stewardship

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 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. 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 and 9th grade Confirmation

The Annual Budget and Election Meeting of Faith Lutheran Church is Sunday, January 21 at 10:15 a.m. We encourage you to attend and vote on our 2024 budget and those being elected to board positions in the congregation. 2024 Budget sheets are available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. Snow Date: January 28.

If you have been approached by the Nominating Committee to serve here at Faith, please say yes. And if the Lord is prompting you to serve please let us know.

Interested in purchasing a new FLC Photo Directory? The cost is $15.83 and forms can be found on the table in the Gathering Space. Place your order form and money in the envelope provided and put in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

**Directory Activity Pages**

Now that we have completed the smiling faces portion of our new directory, we need to work on the Activity Pages.  I need your help collecting pictures of all of Faith's activities that have occurred in the last 3-5 years.  This would include all youth events (VBS, Christmas programs, Kids Nights Out, Faith on Fire), all fellowship & special events (Senior breakfasts, chili cook-off, Advent event, annual meetings, etc.), quilting & all other missions of Faith, God's Work, Our Hands, small group pictures, altar decor, or basically anything that goes on at Faith.  Even some funny candids would be great.  Please send any pictures you have to my email address, along with the name of the event: **cjpritzl3@gmail.com**, or text them to me at (920) 905-9791. Thank you, Joan Pritzl

January Stewardship – Baby Care Kits

We sent out 7 baby kits to LWR in 2022.  I would like to see if we can do 15 (if that's doable).  So I will need:

30 long or short sleeved gowns (NO FEET) Rummage sales, Good Will, (online: gerberchildrenswear.com)

30 receiving blankets

15 jackets/sweaters/sweatshirts with/without hoods

15 hats (if jacket/sweater/sweatshirts have no hood)

30 pairs of socks

15 hand towels - DARK colors

30 bath size bars of gentle soap (5 oz.)

60 cloth diapers, flat fold

30 diaper pins (15 pairs)

30 light weight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)

Clothing size: 6-24 months, new or 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.