# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

The Celebration of Jesus Birth

December 25, 2021

## Gathering

 **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Carol “Angels, From the Realms of Glory” vs. 1, 2 #275**

P: May the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all!

**C: And also with you!**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Responsive Reading**: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7a; 7:14 (Prophecies of the Messiah)

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**C: On those living in the land of the shadow of death, a Light has dawned.**

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders;

**C: He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

###### P: Of the increase of His government and peace, there will be no end. Therefore the Lord Himself will

######  give you a sign:

**C: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son; and you will call Him**

 **Immanuel.**

P: On Christmas Day we light the Christ candle. We celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior,

 Immanuel, which means: God with us. He is the fulfillment of God’s promises.

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord Jesus, You came as a tiny, fragile baby, but also as the Lord of life. You were “God with us”, Immanuel, the One through whom we know the Father. May you be in our hearts this day and every day. And may the lighting of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world. Amen.**

**The Scriptures**

**First Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:1-7

 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Carol “What Child Is This?”** #296

**Second Gospel Lesson:** Luke 2:8-15

 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Video “Some Children See Him”**

**Message “Why Christmas?” Pastor Jim Wilson**

**Carol “O Come, All Ye Faithful”** vs 1, 2, 4 #283

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the**

**power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: What does this mean? (Luther’s Explanation)

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ—true God, Son of the Father in eternity, and also truly a human being, born of the virgin Mary—is my Lord.**

 **At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He paid the price and freed me from sin and death—not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood, and his innocent suffering and death.**

 **He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**After each prayer:** P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his

 power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all

 generations, forever and ever!

**C: Amen**

**Our Lord’s Prayer**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Let us confess our sins before our God who has said, “Let light shine out of darkness” and

 who has shone into our world the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus, His Son.

**C: In Christ you have shone the light of your love into our lives. We confess that we have**

 **not always loved you in return and have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

 **Forgive us.**

P: For God so loved the world that he came into it through His Son who is the atoning sacrifice

 for our sins. And so, for his sake, and through faith in him, your sins are forgiven, in the name

 of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

**Holy Communion**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, “This is my body, given for you.” Again after supper, he took the cup, and after giving thanks to God, he said, “This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**Distribution Carols “Away in a Manger”** #277

 **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** #279

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious Heavenly Father, pour out upon us your Spirit of love and wisdom. Unite us with

 Christ and all his people. And through your Word and this sacrament, by the power of the

 Holy Spirit, may Christ dwell in our hearts through faith. **C: Amen!**

**BENEDICTION**

**Carol “Go Tell It on the Mountain”** #290

### P: Go in the Spirit of Christ to love and serve the Lord!

## C: Sharing God’s Word, Showing God’s Love, Serving God’s World!

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**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Tom Madson Greeters: The Greg Evenson Family

Acolyte: Makenna Kaderabek Ushers: Loren Ulness and Mitchell Kaderabek

Lector: Stefanie Kaderabek Sound Operator and Projection: Kelly, Kai and Sage Meyer

Communion Aides: Stefanie and Makenna Kaderabek

**Last Week** – Sunday: 198 Video: 103 Wednesday: 15 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $9,345.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  Kevin Schultz, Marlene Thomsen, Lynn Burzynski, Ray Rusch, Harry Kwasny, Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Lorraine Reindl, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Doug Wilson, The Andrew Madson Family, Jim Loritz, Ronald Christianson, Elling Jones (brother of Ron Jones), Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen Huske.

**Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the following who are serving in the military:** Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle and Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt, Jeff Konz and Andy Schnell. If there are others we should be remembering, please inform the church office.

**There will be no worship Sunday, December 26 and Wednesday, December 29.**

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