# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,** **and cannot free ourselves.** **We have not practiced your**

**righteousness.** **Our hearts have turned away from you.** **For the sake of the world you so love,**

**forgive us,** **that we may be reconciled to one another** **for the glory of your holy name.** **Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy

makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “In the Bleak Midwinter” #294**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Kyrie** Pages 138-139

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray

to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord,**

**have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we**

**may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our**

**Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings**

### First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

1Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. 2He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. 3And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” 4But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.” 5And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—6he says,  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” 7Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.” L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel: John 1:29-42

29[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ 31I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” 35The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” 37The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). 42He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter). P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn of Response “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”** #284

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the

good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world’s waters: protect them from pollution,

support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting

local waterways and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations.

Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and

compassion. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence,

injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness

to all in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you.

Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance

and racial justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Janelle Schisel, Kathy Muench, Lucas

Spindler, Dick Halverson, Ric Schultz, Randy Neumeyer, Chase Wilker, Nicolle Behnke, Libby Olson.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are in need of healing: Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,

Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Don and Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Neil Meissner,

Eliza Dekker, Ilan Walny, Matt Kerkhoff, Tom Titzkowski, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen

Huske. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P:Confident that you not only hear our prayers, but listen to them, you not only listen, but care. You not only

care, but act with Almighty Love. Confident in your Almighty Love, we name now before you those in need

of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to know that our prayers are with them and you are

with them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**Offering**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

### Invitation to Communion

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

**Distribution Hymns:** **“What Child Is This?” #296 “The First Noel” #300**

### Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to

do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**C: Amen.**

**The Blessing**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod ☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold

you, today and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “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, and Serving God’s World.**

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**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeters: Earl and Barb Griffin Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Lector: Garrett Ulness

Sound Operator: Gage Spindler Communion: Earl Griffin

Projection: Addison Spindler Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeters: Ron and Jo Jones Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Brian and Mary Thomsen Lector: Angie Ulness

Sound Operator & Projection: Erin Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 91 Wednesday: 64 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $2,656.00

**Faith’s Opportunities January 15-22**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour, Sunday school, Annual Election & Budget Mtg.

10:15 A.M. 9th grade confirmation

Newsletter info due to church office

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

6:30 P.M. Council meets

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Fork and Knife

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

5:00 P.M. Board of Stewardship (rescheduled from last week)

6:15 P.M. Worship

7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. Open Pantry

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

9:00 A.M. Worship

10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

Join us at the **Altar Guild** meeting, **Saturday, January 28 at 9:00 am** in the Gathering Space. Please come and share your ideas, questions and concerns.

BABY CARE KITS

2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (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 pairs of socks

1 hand towel (dark color)

2 bath size bars of gentle soap (4 or 5 oz.)

4 cloth diapers (flat fold) \*\* Diapers are especially needed this year.

2 diaper pins or large safety pins

2 light weight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)

Clothing sizes:6-24 months

*Donated items should be new**or very gently used and not stained. Clearly mark items Baby Care and place inside the Stewardship Cabinet at the top of the stairs near the church office.* Any monetary donations can be left in the church office. Thank you for your continued support. \* A good place to look for items is at summer rummage sales, Goodwill, etc.