# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2023

## Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

 *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of life,

**C: you promise good news of great joy for all people,** **and call us to be messengers of your peace.** **We**

 **confess that too often we hoard our joy,** **our resources, and our security.** **We nurture conflict and**

 **build barriers.** **We neglect the needs of our neighbors** **and ignore the groaning of creation.** **Have**

 **mercy on us.** **Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.** **Where we are reluctant, give us courage.**

 **Where we are cynical, restore our trust.** **Renew us with your grace** **and give us again the hope of**

 **eternal life in you.** **Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God’s promises through the outpouring of the

 Holy Spirit. In ☩ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know

 the salvation of God.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Carol “Angels from the Realms of Glory” vs. 1, 4 #275**

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: Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant**

 **in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you**

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

**Lessons and Carols**

**God’s Plan from the Beginning:**  John 1:1-5; 14-18

**Carol “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” vs. 1, 2 #295**

**The Curse of Sin:** Genesis 3:1-19

**Carol “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”** (Tune #631) **#254**

**God’s Promise to David:** 2 Samuel 7:8-9, 12-16; Isaiah 11:1-6

**Carol “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs.1, 4, 5 #257**

**God Speaks Through the Prophets:** Isaiah 7:13-14; 9:2-6; Micah 5:2

**Carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs. 1, 4 #279**

**God Keeps His Promise:** Luke 1:26-38

**The Messiah Is Born:** Luke 2:1 – 20

**Carol “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” vs. 1, 2, 4 #282**

**The Magi come to Bethlehem:** Matthew 2:1 – 12

**Carol “What Child Is This?” #296**

P: Holy God, you have given the church the holy name of Jesus, and in him we are your beloved children.

 Unite us in mission through the power of his Spirit. Make us worthy of the name we bear, the name in which

 we pray. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Renewing God, restore your glory to the earth. Awaken humanity to our kinship with all living things that

 depend on your provision. Teach us to care for the earth and safeguard its treasures for those who come after

 us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Peacemaking God, reconcile the nations. Lead those in conflict into negotiation, especially in areas of

 religious or ethnic strife. End acts of aggression and violence carried out in your name. God of grace,

 **hear our prayer.**

P: Delivering God, rescue our siblings in any danger, especially in communities where disaster and disease

 threaten. Move those in authority to respond with speed and compassion. We pray for the safety of first

 responders, health care workers, and all who protect us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Healing God, raise up any who are bowed down with illness or sorrow. Deepen our care and concern for one

 another. We lift to you all who are undergoing transition in relationships, occupation, living situation, or

 health condition. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Breckin Franz, Marcus Simon, Esther

 Halverson, Kimora Williams, Wayne Huske, Jo Jones, Jennifer Kiel, Bob Klessig, Ginger Linsmeier,

 Addison Pinkerton. God, in your mercy, **hear 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, Eliza Dekker,

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

 Huske. God, in your mercy, **hear 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. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Offering**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Invitation to Communion** P: Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

**Distribution Hymns**

### Prayer after Communion

P: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us

 in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to

 us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**The Blessing**

P: God bless you and keep you, ☩ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,

 now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Carol “Joy to the World” #267**

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: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeter: Cheryl Domrath Acolyte: Kolten Schisel

Ushers: Al Gilbertson and John Robley Lectors: Joan Pritzl and Judy Harris

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Communion: Judy Harris

Projection: DJ Schisel Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeters: Pat Christianson and Ralph Christianson Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Don and Deb Schreiner Lector: Erin Lenzner

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Projection: Makenna Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Last Week** – Christmas Eve: 313 Christmas Day: 76 Wednesday: 28

Offerings to the Lord’s work: $15,211.00

**Faith’s Opportunities January 1-January 8**

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

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

**Tuesday** 6:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Take down Christmas decorations

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir ~ Bds. Christian Education and Youth

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School

Please join us for fellowship hour after worship in the Gathering Space. Today, we honor Peggy Madson who has been our organist for more than 30 years. Peggy has decided to spend more time with her family and is retiring from playing organ. We will miss you Peggy!

The Annual Budget and Election Meeting of Faith Lutheran Church will be Sunday, January 15 at 10:15 a.m. We encourage you to attend and vote on our 2023 budget and those being elected to board positions in the congregation. 2023 Budget sheets are available in the Gathering Space on the Information Desk. Snow Date: January 22.

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.

FREE!

We have available a piano for anyone who would like it. It is located in the music room. Please call the church office at 920-775-4141 if interested. You will need to pick it up.