# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 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 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” #310**

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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C:** Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and

direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior

and Lord. **Amen.**

**Scripture Readings**

### First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

1There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. 3You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. 11For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” 13Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

2Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—16the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” 17From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 18As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 19And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” 20Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. 23Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn of Response “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” #288**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across

differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran

World Federation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in

the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep

the earth sustainably. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation.

Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden

those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for

neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. Merciful God, **receive our**

**prayer.**

P: Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation’s

unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Marilyn Schad, Jeff Evenson, Sue Pederson,

Ken Evenson, Rae Madson, Jody Koehler, Jacob Halverson and Audrey Lippert. Merciful God, **receive our**

**prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are in need of healing: Sharon Naidl, 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.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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 “What Child Is This?” #296**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeter: Audrey Sorenson Acolyte: DJ Schisel

Ushers: Dennis and Bonnie Gordon Lector: Ron Jones

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness

Projection: Luke Evenson Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 97 Wednesday: 64 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,990.10

**Faith’s Opportunities January 22-29**

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

10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

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

**Tuesday** 6:30 P.M. Lions Club

**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. Altar Guild Meeting

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

9:00 A.M. Worship

10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour, Sunday school

10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

**PINE HAVEN MEN'S CHORUS**

at Faith

**Sunday, February 12 for worship**

Come and listen to the melodic voices of this chorus. A free will offering will be taken this day and given to the Pine Haven Christian Home.

**A Chili Cook-Off is being planned for Sunday, February 19th**

**in Fellowship Hall following the worship service.**

We are looking for Chili Cook-Off teams.  A Chili Cook-Off Team can be a church group (such as a board or committee), or a group of friends and family members.

Teams create a theme, and provide about 5 quarts of chili along with the desired condiments. Teams will be judged by congregational members on the taste of their chili and the creativeness of their theme. More information and an opportunity to sign up a team is located in the Gathering Space.

The Mixed Choir continues to meet each Sunday at 10:15 in the Music Room across from the Library. We encourage anyone who enjoys singing to join us. We try to keep the music simple and familiar so please consider partaking in this group. It's a good way to meet other members and to share your talents with our congregation. We plan to sing once a month until Memorial Day. Take time to get a cup of coffee and a snack and bring them with you. During Lent we plan on singing one song “with” the Sunday school children. This should be a fun experience for both groups.

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.