# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022

## Gathering

 **Welcome and Announcements**

L: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

 Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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

 God shines into our hearts with the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of

 Jesus Christ, his Son, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,**

 **and deed. We are a people who have walked in darkness, but in Jesus we have**

 **seen your life and light. Lord God, let that light shine upon us, and forgive us**

 **for Jesus sake.**

L: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who

 believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us lift up our hearts in praise of God’s love for us in Jesus Christ.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

L: 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.**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Lord God, as we remember your great love for us that you demonstrated by coming in the person of your Son, Jesus, may we be filled with hope, peace, and joy, and may your truth and love be in our hearts this Christmas season, and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

**Video “Breath of Heaven”**

**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**

**Second Article of the Apostle’s Creed**

L: 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

L: What does this mean? (Luther’s Small Catechism)

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the virgin Mary – is my Lord.**

 **At great cost He has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

 **All this He has done that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving- kindness shown to us and to your whole creation. We praise you for all the blessings of life, but above all, for your immeasurable love for the world that we have in Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us such an awareness of your love that with truly thankful hearts we may give of ourselves sacrificially to your service, and walk in your ways all of our days. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

Most Loving God, we ask you to hear the prayers of your people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Blessing:** Romans 15:13

L: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power

 of the Holy Spirit you may abound in faith, hope, and love.

**C: Amen.**

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

L: 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.**

**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeters: Ron and Jo Jones Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Ron and Kaye Jandrey

Lectors: Joan Pritzl, Carol Ulness and Makenna Kaderabek

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness

Projection: Whitney Ulness Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeters: Keith and Audrey Lippert Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin Lector: Stacy Wilker

Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner Projection: Makenna Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen Communion Aide: Stacy Wilker

**Last Week** – Christmas Eve: 368 Christmas Day: 70 Video: 88

Offerings to the Lord’s work: $17,745.00

**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.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m. Join us and give us a helping hand.

**NEW BABY CARE KITS FOR 2022**

We are going to try something new. All kits will stay locally to help families here at home.

 Onezies or Cotton T-shirts, Size Newborn -2t

 Sleepers (With Feet), Size Newborn – 2t

 Receiving Blankets

 Disposable Diapers, Size Newborn – 2/3

 Sweatshirt or Sweater

 Socks, Size Newborn – 2t

 Bath Soap – Liquid or Bar (4-5 Oz)

Donated items should be new. Clearly mark Baby Care and place inside the Stewardship Cabinet at the top of the stairs near the church office.