# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 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 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #279**

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: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him**

**with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your**

**daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Scripture Readings**

### First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

1Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 5Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. 9See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

34Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” L:  The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn of Response “Away in a Manger”** #277

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are

declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for

your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus’ baptism you reveal the waters of life.

Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without

access to safe water. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue

between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and

integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

P: Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and

famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal.

Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people.

Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire

synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Elma Castro, Abigail Reinke, Tannor

Wittmus, Marann Schmidt, Susan Jeske, Shannon Jorgenson, Lenka Hougen, Phoebe Cigler, Casen Ott,

Justin Kalies, Paige Neumeyer, Ethan Spindler, Roy Sebo, Kayla Hildebrandt, Ann Reinke, Mya Bast. 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, 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**

**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 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”** #282

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Matt Krogh

Greeters: Earl and Barb Griffin Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Gary and Linda Heeler Lector: Garrett Ulness

Sound Operator: Gage Spindler Communion: Earl Griffin

Projection: Addison Spindler Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

**Last Week** – Sunday: 60 Wednesday: 50 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $2,395.00

**Faith’s Opportunities January 8-15**

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

10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir and Board of Fellowship in Gathering Space

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

6:00 P.M. Board of Lay Ministry

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

5:00 P.M. Board of Stewardship

6:00 P.M. Card Making

6:15 P.M. Worship

7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 11:00 A.M. Memorial Service for Norma Argall

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

9:00 A.M. Worship

10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour and Sunday School, Annual Election & Budget Mtg.

10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

Newsletter info due to church office

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.

Please help yourself to a poinsettia in the Gathering Space.

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.