# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

## Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** “People Look East” Bell Choir

(Please stand)

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

P: Let us confess our sins to God as we prepare our hearts for worship. “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:8, 9).

P: Most Merciful God,

**C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: 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.**

**Opening Hymn** **“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”** #244

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with

you all.

**C: And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

P: The Advent wreath started in Germany as a Lutheran family tradition. Advent wreaths were originally used in the home as a preparation for Christmas, a way for parents to share about the meaning of the Christmas season. It wasn’t until the mid-20th Century that it became a common part of Lutheran worship in America. Today we light the candle of Hope.

**Responsive Reading:** Isaiah 42:1 – 4

P: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

**C: He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.**

P: In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice

on earth.

**C: In his teaching the islands will put their hope.**

P: I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand.

**C: I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to set the captives free, and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.**

**We Light the Candle of Hope**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to yourself. By his coming you give us the hope of eternal life. Shed Christ’s light into our hearts so that we may grow in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Advent Hymn “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”** vs. 1 #240

**The Scriptures**

### **First Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5

1The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 3Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**: Romans 13:11-14

11Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

### **The Gospel:** Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] 36“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Message** Pastor Dan Lyman

(Please stand)

**Hymn of Response “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”** vs. 1, 2 #436

P: Let us pray together the prayer of St. Francis.

**C: Lord, Make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hated, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

God of wonder, the earth’s beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (*especially*). Lord in your mercy, h**ear our prayer.**

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We prayer for healing for: Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Ilan Walny, Matt Kerkhoff, Tom Titzkowski, Henry Holzer, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen Huske. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who are currently serving in the military:Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle and

Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt and Andy Schnell. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our**

**prayer.**

We pray for Dennis Gordon, Henry Bubolz, Bjorn Kalies, Abbey Zutz, Paisley Loucks, Gary Olson and Carter Lenzner who are celebrating their birthday this week. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them

with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering & Offertory** “The World in Solemn Stillness Lay” Bell Choir

**Benediction**

**Hymn “Hark, the Glad Sound!”** #239

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: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Audrey Sorenson Acolyte: Makenna Kaderabek

Ushers: Tom and Kathy Muench Lector: Bob Wigen

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek Projection: Judy Harris

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeter: Audrey Sorenson Acolyte: Landen Pinkerton

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin Lector: Jenniffer Zutz

Communion Aide: Jenniffer Zutz Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Projection: Stefanie Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 102 Tuesday: Offerings to the Lord’s work: $7,249.00

**Faith’s Opportunities November 27-December 4**

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

10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

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

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

6:15 P.M. Worship

7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

NO Worship or Confirmation

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

6:00 P.M. Board of Lay Ministry

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Christmas Decorating

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

8:50 A.M. Christmas Sing a long

9:00 A.M. Worship

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

10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

We have a new security system in place at the north door on the upper level. To gain access, please press or tap the doorbell icon on the screen and the office will answer to let you in. If the screen is black, tap it to find the blue doorbell icon.

The 2023 offering envelopes are arranged alphabetically on tables in the Gathering Space. Please secure yours today. If you can take envelopes for another family member or friend, please do so. This will save on mailing costs. Thank you.

Worship Opportunities (lector, greeter, ushers, etc.) are available for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Space on the Information Desk. Thank you for your help.

**Join us Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m. for decorating the church for Christmas.**

**Poinsettia Orders will be taken December 4-14. Plants are red in color and are $10.00 a plant. Please see the table in the Gathering Space to place your order.**