# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” #771**

**Kyrie (sung) Page 203**

**Canticle of Praise “Glory be to God” Page 204**

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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of**

 **your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and**

 **Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:1-6

1 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” 5 He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6 And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. L: The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 33:12-22 (sung responsively)**

 12 Happy is the nation whose God | is the Lord!
  Happy the people chosen to | be God’s heritage!
 13 **The Lord looks | down from heaven,**
  **and sees all | humankind.**
 14 God sits firmly en- | throned and watches
  all who dwell | on the earth.
 15 **God fashions | all their hearts**
  **and observes | all their deeds.**
 16 A king is not saved by the size | of the army,
  nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
 17 **The horse gives vain | hope for victory;**
  **despite its great strength it | cannot save.**
 18 Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O Lord,
  upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
 19 **to deliver their | lives from death,**
  **and to keep them alive in | time of famine.**
 20 Our innermost being waits for | you, O Lord,
  our helper | and our shield.
 21 **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,**
  **for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
 22 Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,
  even as we place our | hope in you.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
  8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” 13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation Page 205**

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**Gospel**: Luke 12:32-40 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“Have No Fear, Little Flock” #764**

#### The Apostle’s Creed

**Passing of the Peace** P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ’s call at any time or place,

 your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially in this our homeland and

 in our community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: You know the actions and deeds of all peoples. Turn us away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the

 hearts of our leaders to work for peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your

 promises are sure. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, like Abraham and Sarah not knowing where they go. Provide

 shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support

 and advocacy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for our bishop, Anne Edison Albright, our new presiding bishop Yehiel Curry, our pastor and for all the

 members of Faith Lutheran Church and the greater Valders community. O Lord, inspire us with your Holy Spirit and

 lead us in your pathways.God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Every year is a year with you Lord. We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Cheryl Domrath,

 Kylee Tuschel, Matthew Brill, Kylee Griffin, Edyn Peterson, Gloria Giese, James Jandrey, Courtney Platten, Janice

 Pingel, Talon Meyer, Jeff Wittmus, Julie Hartman, Levi Wenzel, Tara Rutherford, Hunter Popp, Lauren Pritzl, Bridget

 Valleskey, Julie Endries and Bailey Koehler. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for the family of Ronnie Schmude.

 And for Bob Argall, Char Manke, Ted Jeske, Mitchell Zutz, Bertha Kulnick, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson,

 Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Ilan Walny, Todd Streckert, Dennis O’Leary, Merle Graf,

 Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P:We name now before you, Lord, those in need of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to know your

 abundant blessings and healing touch. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your

 compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #885**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table

 with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### Benediction

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless

 you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Blessed Assurance” #638**

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: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Mary Thomsen

Acolyte: Eliza Wilker Lector: Joan Pritzl

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson Ushers: Richard Menza and Loren Ulness

Sound Operator & Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner Projection: Rod Merino

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Greeter: John Robley

Acolyte: Skyler Schuler Lector: Brian Ulness

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson Ushers: Ethan Ulness and Matt Krogh

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness Projection: Whitney Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Michael Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 72 Wednesday: 29 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,098.00

**Faith’s Opportunities August 10-17**

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

**Monday** 9:00 A.M. Women’s Bible Study

**Tuesday** 6:00 P.M. Card making

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

**Friday** Newsletter info due

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Open Pantry

**Sunday** 9:00 A.M. Worship (30 minutes)

**Dark hand towels are needed for LWR baby kits.** Please place them in the stewardship cabinet across from the church office. Thank you.

**On Saturday, August 23 at 11:00 am, Pastor Lyman will be holding the memorial service for his mother, Nancy Joan Lyman.** You are invited to attend. There will be a family only reception afterward.

Our music ministry will be starting up soon. This should be the year you come back to the choir or the praise band. You love the music. You can make the music too!

**AUGUST STEWARDSHIP ~ SCHOOL KITS**

(4) ) 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper 8 x 10 1/2 No loose leaf paper.

(1) centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.

(1) pencil sharpener

(5) unsharpened #2 pencils (no mechanical) No pre-sharpened pencils

(1) box of 24 crayons

(5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel or click pens)

(1) blunt scissors No pointed please

(1) 2 1/2” eraser (no smaller than 2 1/2”)

Please buy only the items listed. Place items in the stewardship cabinet near the church office labeled “school kits”.

**Faith’s Pantry needs the following items before our next open pantry.** Mac n cheese, ketchup (no mustard), instant coffee, jam/jelly, peanut butter, corn, peas, green beans only, Ramen soups, canned meals, granola bars,

juice boxes, panty liners/pads, shampoo, laundry soap, dish soap, Kleenex, snack items. We have bags with this list attached. Take a bag to remind you!

We are replacing our current 10-year-old set of cameras and associated panels with a new set. The total cost of the upgrade will be $18,250. If you would like to contribute to this improvement, please contribute for the “camera fund” by bringing in your donation to the church office or putting it in the offering plate. White envelopes are available in the pews for your use.

On August 17, we are having a brief 9AM service at Faith and then attending a 10 AM ecumenical service at Union Park (behind First Lutheran Church) and followed by a picnic. Special preaching. Special music and good picnic food with at least 5 other congregations in Manitowoc! Mark your calendars.

**Faith Lutheran has apparel available. Pastor Dan just received his jacket and will be modeling it in today’s service.** There are 2 options for logo wear to pick from with 18 different types of apparel with different color options. The Lakeshore Screen Printing Webstore is providing us with these options and can be found at https://designersloungeco.com/product-category/faith-lutheran-church/. Go to their website, find the link for Faith Lutheran, and place your order. The store will be closing in October. Orders will be completed as they receive them and can be picked up at church when they are complete. For more information, please talk with Julie Hartman or give her a call at 920-758-2317.

At the recent churchwide assembly of the ELCA, our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton’s term as Presiding Bishop came to an end, and we elected a new head of the whole ELCA: The Rev. Yehiel Curry. Bishop Curry was previously the Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. He is a native Chicagoan. So now the Roman Catholic Pope and the head of ELCA are both Chicagoans. I think it means we will all be getting things done, big things.



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