# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “I Know That My Redeemer Lives! #619**

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: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people**

 **from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son,**

 **Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

9At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 10He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” 11He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 14He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” 15Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 17Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

5Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” 6But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) 7“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” 12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
 14But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? 15And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Amen.L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Page 142**

**Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

22[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.23And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. 27But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” 28Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” 29He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Solo “How Long Has It Been” Mike Siewert**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult” #696**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness is given to us through

 Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings, on street

 corners and in every corner of the earth; in person and through digital means. We pray especially for those

 who join our worship online and for those who find us on Facebook. Help us reach the world with your

 good news. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of all

 who care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **Your**

 **mercy is great.**

P: God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in

 local, regional, national, and global leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or

 fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Continue to bless our plans for

 our Health Day October 14th. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick. Hear us, O God. **Your**

 **mercy is great.**

P: God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for

 a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest.

 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

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

 Valleskey, Julie Endries, Bailey Koehler, Steven Tracy, Abigail Beckman, Kari Schisel and Carter

 Kuenstler. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Carol Nelson, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy

 Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Ginger Linsmeier,

 Larry Broich, Neil Meissner, Eliza Dekker, Jim Loritz, Merle Butch” Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. Lord

 you are the Great Physician. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We remember all those who are currently serving in the military, especially:Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill,

 Kyle Conrad, Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt and Andy Schnell. Be their constant

 companion and bring them safely home to us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1 #686**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your

 creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus

 Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. **C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” #756**

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: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Liam Cline Acolyte: Keagan Hougen

Ushers: Mark and Jen Zutz Family Lector: Garrett Ulness

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer Projection: Judy Harris

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

 **Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeters: Sherrie Pinkerton Acolyte: Landen Pinkerton

Ushers: Marcus Galien and Ethan Ulness Lector & Communion: Stefanie Kaderabek

Sound Operator & Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Last Week** – Sunday: 82 Wednesday: 24 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,232.00

Flowers are placed in the altar area in memory of Norma Argall for her and Bob’s wedding anniversary August 10th.

**Faith’s Opportunities August 13-20**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour (Fellowship Bd. meets after in library)

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

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Perkins

 Newsletter info due

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

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

**Sunday** 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**Now is your chance to experience the greatness of music!**

 “Sweet Sounds” from New Holstein is offering Beginner Piano and/or Guitar lessons to those who are interested. The lessons will be given at Faith starting in September, given in half hour increments for 12 weeks. All ages are invited! Lessons will be given by Samantha Henschel who has been playing piano for 18 years and guitar for 13 years. Cost per person is $25.00 per lesson and there needs to be at least 4 students signed up to compensate for her travel time. Lessons would begin at 3:30 pm on Tuesday or Wednesday (day of the week to be determined according to interest). This way if any school student is interested, they could come after school. All monies will be handled by Samantha, including book fees. Students need to have own guitar. Lessons will be given in Faith’s music room across from the library since there is a Clavinova already in that room. There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Space along with an information sheet for your viewing. When you sign up please indicate on the sheet piano or guitar lessons. **Deadline is Saturday August 26.** Feel free to ask Sue Riesterer any questions that you may have. 920-901-0083 or sueriesterer@gmail.com.

Do you have a musical talent that you would like to share with the congregation this summer? Perhaps singing a solo or playing an instrument? We would like to hear you! Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Space. Dates are available through the end of August.

**God’s Work. Our Hands. is Sunday, September 10.** This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. Your hands can help with the following: blanket making, yard work, LWR School Kits, Soup for the Souls, filling the piggy banks and sidewalk chalk for the kids. Please sign up on the sheets available in the Gathering Space.

**AUGUST STEWARDSHIP ~ SCHOOL KITS**

(4) 70-SHEET NOTEBOOKS OF WIDE OR COLLEGE RULED PAPER 8 X 10 ½, NO LOOSE

 LEAF PAPER.

(1) 30 CENTIMETER RULER, OR A RULER WITH CENTIMETERS ON ONE SIDE & INCHES

 ON THE OTHER.

(1) PENCIL SHARPENER

(1) BOX OF 24 CRAYONS

(5) BLACK OR BLUE BALLPOINT PENS (NO GEL OR CLICK PENS)

(1) BLUNT SCISSORS

(1) 2 ½” ERASER (no smaller than 2 ½”)

PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE STEWARDSHIP CABINET NEAR THE CHURCH OFFICE LABELED “SCHOOL KITS”.

The **Bell Choir** will be starting up again in September with practice at 8:00am on Sunday, September 10th & 8:00am Sunday, September 17th. We will then play for Pastor Dan’s installation at 3:00pm on Sunday, September 17th. If you’re interested in joining this group contact Bonnie Gordon, Sue Riesterer, or any member of the Bell Choir. All are welcome to join!

Please sign up at the Information Desk for the **Bible Study classes** to be held Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. starting September 19.