# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #759**

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, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us**

 **courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to**

 **look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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**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 12:49-56 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 49 “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided:
 father against son
  and son against father,
 mother against daughter
  and daughter against mother,
 mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
  and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”
  54 He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment,

 as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all those suffering from recent flooding, especially those near to our community. Lord we ask for moderate

 rain as needed by our crops and wilderness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Lord inspire us. Inspire us to do your will on earth as it is in heaven. Give us insight into the puzzle of modern life.

 Show us how to be stewards of your world, evangelists for your Gospel, and witnesses to the resurrection. Hear us, O

 God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year

 ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for our work together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.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: Steven Tracy,

 Abigail Beckman, Kari Schisel, Carter Kuenstler, Greg Evenson, Lilliona Loucks, Caroline Alfson, Carol Zutz, Nicole

 Zucchi, Gary Exner, Alan Gilbertson and Daniel Pederson. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray for Mike Shimek, 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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

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 “Rise Up, O Saints of God!” vs. 1,3,5 #669**

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: John Robley

Acolyte: Skyler Schuler Lector: none needed

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

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness Projection: Whitney Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Michael Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Joan Pritzl

Acolyte: Peytyn Peterson Lector: Joan Pritzl

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson Ushers: Marcus Galien, Stetson McCulley, Bob Wigen

Sound Operator & Projection: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

**Last Week** – Sunday: 81 Wednesday: 34 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,580.51

**Faith’s Opportunities August 18-24**

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

 2:00-6:00 P.M. Blood Drive

 5:30 P.M. Board of Stewardship

 6:30 P.M. Council

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

**Thursday** 8:00 A.M. Quilting (resumes September 4)

**Saturday** 11:00 A.M. Nancy Lyman Funeral (10:00 visitation)

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

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 on the table by the God’s Work. Our Hands. display in the Gathering Space. Take a bag to remind you!

**Sunday, September 7 is “God’s Work. Our Hands.”** On this day we will come together to help others in our community. We have the following projects for you to choose from: washing church windows, LWR kit packing, Soup for the Souls, yard clean up, Random Acts of Kindness, fleece blankets, highway cleanup, any other projects? We will start right after service and conclude with a light lunch. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.

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.

**Faith Lutheran has apparel available.** 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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Jazzercise will be resuming Thursday, September 4 in fellowship hall. What if your workout left you feeling strong, confident and unstoppable. Your fresh start is waiting…get 14 days free. Offer ends September 30th. You can find us at jazzercise.com. Add a single class to your cart with code CLASSWITHFRIENDS and we’ll adjust your pass on our end. Jazzercise is held Mondays and Thursdays weekly at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Questions? Call Maria at 920-905-0254 or email at msieg325@gmail.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Manitowoc County Habitat for Humanity is taking applications from low income families who are interested in partnering with our affiliate in 2025. The affiliate has a two bedroom house in Manitowoc that Habitat will begin renovating in early September.

Manitowoc County Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian housing ministry that seeks to build or renovate affordable housing for low income families. Participants are chosen based on their need for housing, the ability to pay the no-interest loan, and their willingness to partner with Habitat.

Applications can be obtained by calling the Habitat office at 920-683-8466, visiting the office located at 1209 South 41st Street in Manitowoc, or going on the Habitat website for applying for a home: [www.manitowochabitat.org/home-ownership](http://www.manitowochabitat.org/home-ownership) . Please submit the application by August 25, 2025.