# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Come, Let Us Eat” #491**

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.**

**Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**This is the Feast**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,** **whose blood set us free to be people of God.** **Power and riches and wisdom and strength,** **and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.** **Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God** **and join in the hymn of all creation:** **Blessing and honor and glory and might** **be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** **This is the feast of victory for our God,** **for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.** **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a**

 **knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you**

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

### First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

1Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. 2She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. 3She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, 4“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says, 5“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. 6Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

L:  The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

15Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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. **P. 151**

### Gospel: John 6:51-58 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)

[Jesus said,] 51“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” 52The Judeans then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” 53So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“O Living Bread from Heaven” vs. 1,3,4 #542**

**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: Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to

 grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards,

 vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and

 governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions.

 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this

 time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God.

 Teach us how to take down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at wisdom’s table to

 anyone who comes. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for our Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, our presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, our pastor, and for all

 the people of Faith Lutheran Church. We pray for this community of believers, inspire us with your Holy

 Spirit and lead us in your pathways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

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

 Nicole Zucchi, Gary Exner, Al Gilbertson, Daniel Pederson and Sage Peterson. Merciful God, **receive our**

 **prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for Ruth Torrison, Marge

 Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry

 Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Merle Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician.

 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

 Hildebrandt, Andy Schnell and Ethan Tienor. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home to

 us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

 to know and firmly believe that you are with them. Merciful God, **receive 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.**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and ﬁll to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**Offering**

**Offertory Response “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

 ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your

 love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion** P: Come to the table that our Lord has prepared.

**Distribution Hymns “Lord Be Glorified” vs. 1-2 “Praise and Thanksgiving” #689 vs. 1-4**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished

 us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

#### Benediction

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs. 1-4 #886**

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

Greeters: Richard and Linda Menza Acolyte: Noah Boll

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin, Bob Wigen Lector: Stefanie Kaderabek

Communion Aide: Stefanie Kaderabek Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek

Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Lynda Pautz Acolyte: Ethan Spindler

Ushers: Thomas and Kathy Muench Lector: Erin Lenzner

Sound Operator & Projection: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Michael Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 97 Wednesday: 43 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,715.00

**Flowers** are placed in the altar area in memory of Brian and Glenn Thomsen on their birthday anniversaries by the whole Thomsen Family.

**Faith’s Opportunities August 18-25**

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Board of Stewardship ~ Jazzercise

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at 7 Angels in Chilton

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

**Thursday**  8:00 A.M. Quilting (resumes September 5)

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,700 congregations participating in **“God’s work. Our hands.” on September 8 from 10-12.** Across the country, thousands of members will work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands! Your hands can help with the following: blanket making, exterior & interior clean up, LWR School Kits, Soup for the Souls, Highway cleanup, and Chalk the Walk/Friendship Bracelets for the kids. Please sign up on the sheets available in the Gathering Space. A bag lunch will be provided.

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP ~ SCHOOL KITS

(4) ) 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper 8 x 10 ½. No loose leaf paper.

(1) centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side & 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”.

**Who is Homeless?**

 You will be surprised to find it is often adults working full-time.  Find out more facts about homelessness at a public screening of the movie The Invisible Class. Join us on August 27 at 6 PM at First Presbyterian Church 502 N 8th St, Manitowoc.

  This video explores the homeless crisis in both urban and rural settings. The movie looks at the historical causes and current dilemmas facing communities. This free screening is sponsored by RUTH of Manitowoc County and ESTHER of the Fox Valley, both interfaith justice groups, with the hospitality of the First Presbyterian Church and The Neighborhood of Manitowoc County, Inc. A sixteen-minute video, “HIDDEN**”,** filmed two years ago by Tina and Jason Prigge, about services and housing conditions here in Manitowoc County, will be shown before the Q & A period.  Seeing those interviews with agencies about the needs here, what housing stock was available and what services were offered then, will ground us in the local conditions.

  Donations of dollars, personal travel size toiletries, combs, lip balm, brushes, deodorants, first aid kits etc... are welcomed for The Neighborhood of Manitowoc County, Inc.

**Doors open at 5:30 pm. Please use the glass doors on 8th Street.**