# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Temple Talk – Sue Riesterer**

**Opening Hymn “Just As I Am, without One Plea” #592**

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: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son**

 **to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through**

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

### First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

1Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. 6And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—7these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. 8Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] 1I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2aGod has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. 29For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. 32For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. 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 15:21-28**

21Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” 23But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” 24He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 27She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” #597**

**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: O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized, newly ordained and new believers in the

 proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries

 throughout the globe. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide

 nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on your world. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm’s way,

 deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to

 those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for those who suffer from mental

 illnesses. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference. Heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice.

 Shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: O God, you journey with us in all of life’s transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, child birth and

 retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. 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: Brian Thomsen,

 Greg Evenson, Jim Giese, Lilliona Loucks, Caroline Alfson, Carol Zutz, Nicole Zucchi, Gary Exner, Al Gilbertson, Dan

 Pederson, Sage Peterson, Ron Torrison, Jill Backus and Charlotte Stalvey. 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.**

**Great Thanksgiving Page 144**

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

 almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his

 glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on

 earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.**

 **Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Blessed Assurance” vs. 1-3 #638 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #773**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your

 generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### 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 “Jesus Loves Me!” #595**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Ron Jandrey Acolyte: Tristan Teuke

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Lector: Erin Lenzner

Sound Operator & Projection: Terry Huske Video/Live Stream:

**Last Week** – Sunday: 75 Wednesday: 38 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,240.00

**Faith’s Opportunities August 20-27**

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

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

 6:30 P.M. Council

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**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, rock painting, filling the piggy banks and chalk the walk for the kids. Please sign up on the sheets available in the Gathering Space.

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.

Sign up at the Information Desk for Pastor Dan’s Installation Service and luncheon Sunday, September 17 at 3:00 p.m.

 **Attention all choir members and those that would like to join the choir this fall.** The new name we have chosen for the choir is “Inspiration Choir”, formally known at the Mixed Choir. Our first rehearsal will be September 10th (this was changed from the 17th). We will again rehearse in the Music Room across from the Library and this year we will be singing in the balcony. We will again try to meet each Sunday at 10:15. You are always welcomed to bring your coffee with you. Our goal will be to sing at one of the 9:00 services once a month.

  Our first event will be Sunday, September 17th when we have been asked to sing at Pastor Dan's Installation Service at 3:00 P.M. We will rotate with the Bell Choir that day from the balcony. Please encourage others to join us this year and I understand if you cannot make every rehearsal. All are welcome and you don't have to audition. If you have questions, please give me a call at 920-905-9047. I am looking forward to another year of praising our Lord with songs. — Don Domrath

**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.