# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Stain Glass Organ Reflection on “How Firm a Foundation” arrangement by Jason D. Payne ~ Devin Zahringer*

**Opening Hymn “How Firm a Foundation” #769**

**Kyrie (sung) Page 203**

**Canticle of Praise “Now the Feast and Celebration” #167**

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58:9b-12

 9b If you remove the yoke from among you,
  the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
 10 if you offer your food to the hungry
  and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
 then your light shall rise in the darkness
  and your gloom be like the noonday.
 11 The Lord will guide you continually
  and satisfy your needs in parched places
  and make your bones strong,
 and you shall be like a watered garden,
  like a spring of water
  whose waters never fail.
 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
  you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
  the restorer of streets to live in.
 L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19 and the

sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 22 But you

have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal

gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits

of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a

better word than the blood of Abel. 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 13:10-17 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

10 Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” 15 But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” vs. 1,2,8 #619**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and

 congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is**

 **great.**

P: You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded

 lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials

 in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the

 weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O

 God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in

 fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. 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: Sage Peterson, Ron

 Torrison, Jill Backus, Charlotte Stalvey, Braeden McCulley, Craig Klessig, Sam Duchow, Ron Jones, Matt Jones,

 Isabel Gordon, Emily Kasbaum and Dan Griepentrog. 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 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” #182**

**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.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,** **God of power and might,** **heav’n and earth are full of your glory.** **Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;**

**you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;**

**you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;**

**eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love

 our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name.

**C: Amen.**

#### 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 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” vs. 1,4,5,6 #632**

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: Joan Pritzl

Acolyte: Peytyn Peterson Lector & Communion Aide: Jenniffer Zutz

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

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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Greeter: Mardell Tienor

Acolyte: Trevor Pinkerton Lector: Ava Ulness

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson Ushers: Earl Griffin and Keith Lippert

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

**Last Week** – Sunday: 46 Wednesday: 31 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,926.10

**Faith’s Opportunities August 24-31**

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

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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

Next week, at the August 31st service (and the previous Wednesday) we will have a Service of Healing, with an opportunity for individual laying on of hands (on your head) with the words, “May the Lord bring you to complete healing.”

Our music ministry will be starting up soon. Good music. Good fellowship.

**New this year… Confirmation Year 1, 2, & 3 will all meet every Wednesday night.**

The Confirmation teachers, as well as the BoCE has worked very hard to improve our Confirmation program for the benefit of our youth! Students in Year 1 & 2 of the program (aka grades 7 & 8) will have their classes as normal every Wednesday. Year 1 will meet with Kathy & Bob Mattern and Year 2 will meet with James Schuessler. Students in Year 3 (aka grade 9) will meet once a month as a large group with their Teacher Larry Burzynski and their Mentor. Mentor & Mentee will meet a 2nd night during the month to dive deeper into the lesson, their faith journey, & get to know each other better. On the other 2 Wednesdays during the month, 9th grade students will be required to attend our Faith on Fire Youth Group. Please watch the mail for calendars and registration forms!

**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”.

**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.



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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.