# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Now Thank We All Our God” #839**

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: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in**

 **your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ,**

 **our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

1Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2aAnd Joshua said to all the people, 14“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” 16Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

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

### Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

10Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. 19Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 6:56-69 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)

[Jesus said,] 56“Those 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.” 59He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.
 60When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” 61But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? 62Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. 65And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” 66Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. 67So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” 68Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“For the Beauty of the Earth” vs. 1,3,4,5 #879**

**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: Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word.

 Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our

 connection to all living things. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of

 the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit.

 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of

 comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Move us to do all that is necessary to

 ensure a safe future for our children. 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: Ron

 Torrison, Jill Backus, Charlotte Stalvey, Craig Klessig, Sam Duchow, Ron Jones, Matthew Jones, Isabel

 Gordon, Emily Kasbaum and Daniel Griepentrog. 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, Ryan Borgwardt and family, 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.**

**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.**

**Lord’s Prayer played by the Bell Choir**

#### 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 “Onward, Christian Soldiers” vs. 1,3,4 LBW #509**

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 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeter: Mardell Tienor Acolyte: Sage Trepasso

Ushers: Steve Ahrens, Loren Ulness, Al Gilbertson Lector: Kaye Jandrey

Communion Aide: Nancy Christianson Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer

Projection: Libby Olson Video/Live Bill Riesterer

**Last Week** – Sunday: 69 Wednesday: 37 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,031.00

**Faith’s Opportunities August 25-September 1**

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**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

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**Faith’s Open Pantry is running low on several items for September.** Our wish list of items includes REGULAR SIZE boxes of Minute Rice, variety of salad dressings, ketchup, boxed mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, BBQ sauce, Ramen noodles, canned fruit/applesauce, Mac & Cheese, cake, cookie, brownie and dessert mixes, canned frosting, instant coffee, juice boxes, pudding, fruit, Jello cups and canned meals. Please drop off before the 3rd Saturday of September!

Thank you! Sandy Halverson

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.

The **Inspiration Choir** will start practice on Sunday, September 8 at 10:15 am in the balcony. We have a new choir director: Bonnie Gordon. Thanks, Bonnie, for stepping up as Don Domrath has retired from this position. We thank Don for his leadership over the years. Great job Don!

**Sunday, September 8** bring your school bag for **Blessing of the Backpacks at the 9am service!** Sunday School will take place from **10:15-11am**.  With it being God’s work. Our hands. Sunday, the Sunday School teachers and children will be making cards to be delivered to our homebound members and also for our young members of Faith who serve in our military.

**Bible Presentation Sunday will take place on September 15th**

Children in grades 3k-4k, 3rd, and 7th will be receiving a Bible during the 9am service. Faith Lutheran considers receiving his/her own Bible to be a significant milestone in a child's life. We feel it is important for parents and children to be in attendance for this special service.

**Ever consider being a Mentor?** We are looking for adult men and women of Faith Lutheran who would consider being a Confirmation Mentor for the upcoming school year. The 9th grade confirmation class will meet one Sunday during the months of Sept-May. If you are interested, please contact Bridget, Larry, or Pastor Dan.

**SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP - CLOTH DIAPERS**

**Cloth diapers, flat fold**

There will be envelopes in the pews for September labeled "Dollars for Diapers". These can be placed in the offering plates/box, which will be given to church office and donated monies will be used to buy the Baby Kits. There should be 10 diapers per pack, 4 diapers are needed for each kit.  Also needed in the kit are 4 large diaper pins. Diapers can also be purchased and placed in the Stewardship Cabinet across from the church office.

Thank you for your continued support. — *Terry Haupt*