# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Righteous God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned.** **We have failed to be honest.** **We have lacked the courage to speak.** **We**

 **have spoken falsely.** **In the name of Jesus,** **forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God’s

 mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” #527**

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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong**

 **foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through**

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

### First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

1Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. 3For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. 4Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. 5I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. 6Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

1I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. 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 16:13-20**

13Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 17And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

**Solo “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” #775**

**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: God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your

 compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Inspire us to

 protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low,

 keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy**

 **is great.**

P: Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation’s

 leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace.

 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: Craig

 Klessig, Sam Duchow, Isabel Gordon, Ron Jones, Matthew Jones, Emily Kasbaum, Dan Griepentrog, Ann

 Jeske, Karen Voss, Jeanette Schuessler. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: the family of Peggy Madson, Carol Nelson, Larry

 and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald

 Tienor, Ginger Linsmeier, Pastor Dean Desilet, 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (You are encouraged to speak aloud the names and circumstances in

 need of God’s 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.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### 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 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” #789**

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

Greeter: Ron Jandrey Acolyte: Tristan Teuke

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Lector: Erin Lenzner

Sound Operator & Projection: Terry Huske Video/Live Stream: Mike/Carter Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeters: Clarissa and Garrett Ulness Acolyte: Kolten Schisel

Ushers: Dennis and Bonnie Gordon, Joan Pritzl Lector & Communion: Brian Ulness

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: DJ Schisel Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Last Week** – Sunday: 65 Wednesday: 26 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,854.00

**Faith’s Opportunities August 27-September 3**

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

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

**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, chalk the walk for the kids and a highway cleanup. Please sign up on the sheets available in the Gathering Space. **Piggy bank donations to LWR are due back by September 10th.**

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. so we have an idea for attendance, please.

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!

**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**”. 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

Thank you to all the workers who helped build our new shed. Thank you for your tireless working hands. It looks very nice!