# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the

 Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness,

 and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

 Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

**C: Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of

 the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Where Charity and Love Prevail” #359**

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Proverbs 25:6-7a

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence or stand in the place of the great, 7a for it is better to be told, “Come

up here,” than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 13:2-6

2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them,

those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let

the marriage bed be kept undefiled,

for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

5 Keep your lives free from the love of

money, and be content with what you have,

for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

6 So we can say with confidence,
 “The Lord is my helper;
  I will not be afraid.
 What can anyone do to me?”

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

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**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 14:1, 7-14 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “Jesus Loves Me!” #595**

**Healing Prayers**

P: Let us pray for all who suffer.

**C: Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in him strength and**

 **peace, so that our trust in your promises may be renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**.

P: Let us pray for recovery from sickness.

**C: O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your**

 **servants the help of your power, that our sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through**

 **Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who minister in healing.

**C: Almighty God, source of human knowledge and skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called**

 **to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that, by their ministries, the health of**

 **all people may be promoted and your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who desire our prayers.

**C: Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit and who**

 **desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your**

 **strong arms around them. Touch them with your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in you and**

 **glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power.

**C: Blessed be God.** **Amen.**

**Laying of Hands** -Each of you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing: hands laid on your head with the words,

 "May the Lord bring you to complete healing."

**Nicene Creed**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: We pray for our bishop, Anne Edison-Albright, our 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: Emily Kasbaum,

 Dan Griepentrog, Ann Jeske, Jeanette Schuessler, Karen Voss, Gary Heeler, Chad Junk, Cindy Kwasny, Caleb Madson,

 Ken Popp and Ethan Halverson. 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 Roger Sorenson, 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 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #885**

**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.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

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 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Tyler Madson

Acolyte: Noah Boll Lector: Lynn Merino

Communion Aide: Al Gilbertson Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner

Projection: Zach Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Michael Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 107 Wednesday: 34 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,670.00

**Faith’s Opportunities August 31-September 7**

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

**Monday** Office Closed ~ Labor Day

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 6:30 P.M. Board of Christian Education

**Thursday** 8:00 A.M. Quilting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

**Don’t Forget!** Please sign the Thinking of You cards in the Gathering Space for our homebound members. They appreciate hearing from you.

**Blessing of the Backpacks! Students bring your school bag to church with you for a special blessing during worship on Sunday, September 7 at 9am.**

**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.

Also, on September 7 we look forward to the baptism of Forrest John Newberg.

**Sunday School** begins September 14 at 10:00 am. **Bible distribution** for 3k, 3rd and 7th grades is Sunday September 14 at the 9:00 am service.

**September Stewardship:** Please bring in new bars of gentle soap (Dove, Ivory) and place them in the containers 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 is **$18,250**, and we have currently raised **$11,298.00, leaving $6,952.00.** 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.

**With school starting soon, September’s pantry attendance will be up so that means the pantry needs the following.** Lunch items for lunch: juice boxes or juice packs, snacks, pudding, fruit, apple sauce cups, Rice Krispie bars, granola bars, individual packaged cookies, soup cups, Mac n cheese cups, jam or jelly. Soups, we are very short on soups and please do assorted flavors. Green beans, corn, peas, canned potatoes, carrots, mixed veggies, brown beans. Canned tomato items (whole, strewed, crushes, paste, diced, paste, sauce).  We are out of canned fruit and apple sauce. Canned meals are needed as well as beef stew, chicken ala king, canned chicken, canned tomato, spam. Hamburger Helper, Minute Rice, bagged noodles, boxed noodles, spaghetti sauce, cereal, pancake mixes, syrup. Also, raisins, cake mixes, brownie mixes, frosting. Bread flour, AP flour, sugar (white, brown, powder), dessert mixes, cookies, spices. Instant coffee, hot cocoa. Taco kits, pizza kits, box potatoes (assorted flavors), instant potatoes, stuffing. Personal care items: shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, body wash, toilet paper, paper towel, diapers size 6 (or size for a 2-year-old), wipes, laundry soap, dish soap, cleaning supplies. The pantry is open on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 until 10:00 AM. Thank you very much for all your continued support of Faith’s Open Pantry.

**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.

 *Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be here Tuesday, September 9 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.  To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today.  There is no time like the present to take action!*

**Three ways to register:**

•       **Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001**

•       **Online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC**

•       **Text:** the word **circle** to **216-279-1607**