# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies” vs. 1-4 #853**

**Kyrie (sung) Page 203**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.**

**We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.**

**Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.**

**Renew us with your saving pow’r; create in us new hearts!**

**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: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading**: Genesis 18:1-10a

1 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” 7 Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” 10a Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” L: The word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:15-28

15 [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, 23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. 24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25 I became its minister according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 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 10:38-42 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

38 Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” 41 But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, 42 but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“Give Me Jesus” vs. 1,2,3,5 #770**

**The 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: Inspire your church, like Sarah and Abraham, Mary and Martha, to listen with eager longing for your words of life.

 Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of

 grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and

 life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,

 **hear our prayer.**

P: Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair. Bring honor to any who

 experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Enliven and uphold the whole family of Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone,

 without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are currently serving in the military, especially:Daniel Brandl, Carter Hildebrandt, Andy

 Schnell and Jacob Tienor. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home to us. God of grace, **hear 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. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit and lead us in your pathways. God of grace,

 **hear our prayer.**

P: Every year is a year with you Lord. We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Eric Nelson, Jared

 Zutz, Isaac Petska, Tyler Miller, Ariana Herrick, Susan Christel, Richard Lodel, Mardell Tienor, Ben Stalvey and

 Macy McDonald. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we look forward to events in our community. Teach us how to be deeply in and of community for the sake of the

 kingdom. Teach us how to be God hands for God’s work here. Teach us how to celebrate our heritage and share the

 treasure we have received in our lives. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: As we celebrate the 175th birthday of Faith Lutheran Church remind us to give thanks for the faith of our ancestors who

 have been faithful witnesses to us. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit that we might be faithful witnesses today and all

 our days. Teach us how to keep faith strong and our hope alive for the generations to come. God of grace, **hear our**

 **prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray for Bob Argall, Char Manke, Ted Jeske,

 Mitchell Zutz, Bertha Kulnick, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny,

 Ginger Linsmeier, Todd Streckert, Dennis O’Leary, Merle Graf, Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great

 Physician. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. God of grace, **hear 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 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” #182**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and

 fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus

 Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 “Be Thou My Vision” #793**

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: Scott Reinertson

Acolyte: Mitchell Kaderabek Lector & Communion Aide: Stefanie Kaderabek

Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson Ushers: Tyler Madson, Jim Ahrens, Lori Propson

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

Projection: Mollie Junk

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Greeters: Richard and Linda Menza

Acolyte: Carter Kuenstler Lector: Kaye Jandrey

Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson Ushers: Bonnie Gordon and John Robley

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

**Last Week** – Sunday: 91 Wednesday: 24 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,173.00

**Faith’s Opportunities July 20-27**

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Board of Stewardship

 6:30 P.M. Council meeting

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**Dark hand towels are needed for LWR baby kits.** Please place them in the stewardship cabinet across from the church office. Thank you.

Do you have an hour to spare a week, every other week, or even monthly to spread God’s Word?  The Board of Christian Education is in the process of planning this upcoming school year.  We are looking for volunteers to fill various roles!  No experience needed, all teacher/leader roles will have you partnering with members with experience.   Parents/ grandparents, please consider teaching Sunday School!

\*Pre/K Sunday School teacher(s)/aid

\*K-2nd & 3rd-4th co-teacher role

\*5th-6th grade Sunday School teacher(s)

\*Substitute teachers for Sunday School & Wednesday Confirmation class.

\*We are also looking for young adults (college or recent graduates) who are interested in joining our Faith on Fire as part of our mentor/leader team for our HS students.

Faith on Fire plans to meet 2 times/ month.

Please contact our youth coordinator valleskeyb@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in joining our team!

**Calling All Musicians!**

Do you play an instrument, or enjoy singing or ring bells? We want you to join Faith’s music family! From percussionists to bassoonists and every instrument in between, we need you! Haven’t pulled that flute out of the attic in ages? No worries, we can tailor duets or descants to your abilities and have so much fun doing it! Those who might be interested in contributing their talents, please see our organist, Devin Zahringer. He also can be reached by phone or text: (920) 973-5542. Seriously… has anyone ever heard an organ and percussion duet? (Spoiler alert) It’s a new type of AMAZING!

At several council meetings we have heard about the technical problems of our video streaming system. We have been fortunate so far to “patch” the problems in a timely way. At the last council meeting we voted to replace 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.

A few members of Faith have suggested that we take a shoreline cruise on the Badger car ferry as a group. Friends are welcome to join you. We would go Saturday, August 16 from 1-6pm. Cost is $60.00 per person. The cruise includes an all-you-can-eat buffet including soft drinks, coffee and dessert. A cash bar is available (2 drink limit). All we need at this time is a list of names (including birth date) for those possibly interested. The cost of the tickets will be collected between July 20 and 27 by contacting Ralph Christianson at 920-876-3455.

On August 17, we are having a short service at Faith and then attending an ecumenical service at Union Park (behind First Lutheran Church) and picnic. Special preaching. Special music and good picnic food with at least 5 other congregations in Manitowoc! Mark your calendars.

**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 open for 6 months. 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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