# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #742**

**Kyrie (sung) Page 203**

**Canticle of Praise “Glory be to God” #204**

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading**: Genesis 18:20-32

20 Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! 21 I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know.”
 22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. 23 Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” 26 And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” 27 Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” 29 Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” 30 Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” 31 He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” 32 Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” L: The word of the Lord. **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Colossians 2:6-15

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. 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 11:1-13 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

1 [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”2 So he said to them, “When you pray, say:
 Father, may your name be revered as holy.
  May your kingdom come.
  3 Give us each day our daily bread.
  4 And forgive us our sins,
   for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
  And do not bring us to the time of trial.”
  5 And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ 7 And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9 “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? 13 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“Lord, Be Glorified” #744**

#### Holy Baptism – Molly May Miller

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

 **suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he**

 **rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living**

 **and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the**

 **resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace** P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Inspire your people to turn to you and seek

 you in persistent prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct

 the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: To all whose prayers are cries for help, inspire us to share the abundant blessings with which you have entrusted us.

 Gather us to your constant, loving presence, that we may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace, **hear our**

 **prayer.**

P: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being

 ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships.

 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: Brian Ulness,

 Cheyenne Saunders, Trevor Wittmus, Luke Evenson, Michelle Koehler, Alyse Fuller, Tyler Madson, Samantha

 Hammel, James Schuh, Dane Ott, Rolyn Jorgenson, Nancy Christianson, Kerry Schnell, Brynlee Meidl, Cathy Luckow,

 Matthew Berge and Caleb Boll. 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 “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 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” #756**

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 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Lynda Pautz

Acolyte: Garrett Jeske Lector & Communion Aide: Stacy Wilker

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson Ushers: Joan Pritzl, Mary Thomsen, Wayne Huske

Sound Operator & Projection: Erin Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 78 Wednesday: 37 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3.622.00

**This morning, we welcome Molly May Miller into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism.** Molly was born to Tyler and Kiara Miller April 11, and her baptismal sponsors are Jesse Miller, Zach Miller, Melissa Voss, and Amanda Sukowaty. Grandparents are Matt and Kelly Krogh, Kayla and the late Peter Miller. We rejoice at Molly’s rebirth through water and the Word!

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

On Saturday, August 23 at 11:00 am, Pastor Lyman will be holding the memorial service for his mother, Nancy Joan Lyman. You are invited to attend. There will be a family only reception afterward.

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

**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

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

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 by July 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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