# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements ~ Happy Father’s Day!**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

 *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us.** **We find it difficult to believe that there is enough to share.** **We question your ways when they**

 **differ from the ways** **of the world.** **We turn to our own understanding** **rather than trusting in**

 **you.** **We take offense at your teachings and your ways.** **Turn us again to you.** **Where else can we turn?**

 **Share with us the words of eternal life.** **Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker

 of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God’s

 mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “This Is My Father’s World” #824**

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 are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our**

 **growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and**

 **Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

22Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 23On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. 24All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

6So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—7for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [11Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. 12We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. 13For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] 14For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. 16From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!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: Mark 4:26-34 C: Glory to you O Lord.

26[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,27and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” 30He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” 33With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Special Music “God Moves In A Mysterious Way” Daniel C. Lyman

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“Faith of Our Fathers” #812**

**Reception of New Member ~ Welcome Jeffrey Johnson**

**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: Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and

 interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding

 the reach of your love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation:

 days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure

 us of your constancy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of discrimination and

 hate. Remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Instead, open our hearts to mutual love, respect,

 and appreciation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises.

 Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns,

 and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive

 fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Bless all who have parental roles.

 Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. 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: Megan

 Valleskey, Dustin Eisenschink Jr., Kyle Christianson, Jasmine Koehler, Gabriella Platten, Tina Wenzel, Brad

 Fahley, Callie Olson, Bryce Madson, Elijah Platten, Mathew Krogh, Deborah Goehring and Julie Wigen.

 Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Marge Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy

 Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, 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, Dylan Conrad,

 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 “Take My Life, That I May Be” #685**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather

 what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your

 body for the life of the world.

**C: Amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion** P: Come to the table that our Lord has prepared.

**Distribution Hymns “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #759 “Blessed Assurance” #638**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished

 us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

#### 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 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” #547**

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: Julie Hartman Acolyte: Logan Bratt

Ushers: Ron and Kaye Jandrey Lector & Communion: Lynn Merino

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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Ralph Christianson Acolyte: Liam Cline

Ushers: Richard and Linda Menza Lector: needed

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Loren Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

**Last Week** – Sunday: 102 Wednesday: 36 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,545.00

**Faith’s Opportunities June 16-23**

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

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

 12:30-4:00 P.M. Vacation Bible School

 5:30 P.M. Board of Stewardship

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

**Tuesday** 9:00A.M. Senior Christians at Manitowoc Coffee**,** 706 York St. Manitowoc

12:30-4:00 P.M. Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday** 12:30-4:00 P.M. Vacation Bible School

 6:15 P.M. Worship

**Thursday**  12:30-4:00 P.M. Vacation Bible School

**Friday** 8:00 P.M. VBS Campfire/Family Night

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**This morning we welcome Jeffrey Johnson into Faith’s membership and congregation.** Please greet him today. Welcome to Faith!

**Flowers** are placed in the altar area in honor of Robert and Brenda Pautz’s wedding this past Wednesday. May God bless your union together.

**Faith’s pantry is in need of the following items before next month’s open pantry:** Tuna, canned meals, peas, canned potatoes, mixed veggies, brown beans (no green beans or corn please), soup (no chicken noodle), fruit (no fruit cocktail), tomato/spaghetti sauce, bagged noodles (no other noodles besides the bagged), boxed mashed potatoes, dressing, Hamburger Helper, cookies, snack items, granola bars, pop tarts, instant coffee, juice boxes, fruit cups, pudding cups, ice cream cones, ice pops, cleaning supplies, baggies, tin foil, garbage bags, shampoo, laundry and dish soap.

Items can be placed in the gathering space in the indicated bins marked Faith’s Pantry at the information desk. Thank you. We are still collecting egg cartons but do not want the Styrofoam cartons. Also brown bags that are clean and free of dirt/bugs. Please don’t bring items that have been opened or half used! We are not the garbage department. Thank you very much for your continued support!!! -- *Sandy Halverson*

**June Stewardship—Quilts**

Valders Faithful Quilters, an ecumenical group, work in the Fellowship Hall Thursday mornings from 8:00AM until 11:30AM. The ladies rip, trim, iron, sew pieces together, pin sides together, sew around and tie with yarn to complete the quilts. You do not need any sewing abilities to help. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Cheryl Domrath, Marlene Evenson or Kayleen Halderson. Any help is appreciated. Materials needed: large pieces of new or good used fabric, except fiberglass. Old bed sheets for fillers. **Clean material only please.** Thread for machine sewing, white polyester (Wal-Mart works best). Bright colored yarn. Donated material should be clearly marked **Quilting** and left downstairs under the coat rack.

# Camp Senior

Embark on an adventure-filled day at Waypost Camp in Hatley, WI! Join us for Camp Senior, a day with laughter, camaraderie, and memory-making. From outdoor activities to cozy bible study chats, there's something for everyone. Embrace the spirit of youthfulness, reconnect with nature, and make new friends. Come experience the joy of Camp Senior at Waypost!

**Program Includes:** Camp Style Worship, Engaging Bible Study, Lunch, Camp Activities: Arts & Crafts,

 Pontoon, Nature Exploration, Campfire Sing-a-Long.

* **Date:** Wednesday, June 26th
* **Time:** 9:30am - 3:00pm
* **Cost:** $25/Participant
* **Location:** Waypost Camp, 210608 Crooked Lake Rd. Hatley, WI 54440

**Registration**: Register online or call (920) 882-0023 to request a paper registration.

**Companion:** Seniors are invited to bring an adult companion of any age to assist or accompany them for an

 additional $25/each.

**Accessibility:** Waypost Camp contains gravel paths, uneven terrains, and some spaces are limited by stair

 access only. Our Camp staff are prepared to assist as able.

**Weather:** Event may be rescheduled due to inclement weather due to limited indoor locations.