# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs. 1 & 2 #886**

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.**

**Kyrie**

**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**

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.**

**Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:**

**we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.**

**Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.**

**Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;**

**on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.**

**Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;**

**Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:**

**Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.**

**For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that**

 **bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading**: Isaiah 65:1-9

 1 I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
  to be found by those who did not seek me.
 I said, “Here I am, here I am,”
  to a nation that did not call on my name.
 2 I held out my hands all day long
  to a rebellious people,
 who walk in a way that is not good,
  following their own devices;
 3 a people who provoke me
  to my face continually,
 sacrificing in gardens
  and offering incense on bricks;
 4 who sit inside tombs,
  and spend the night in secret places;
 who eat swine’s flesh,
  with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
 5 who say, “Keep to yourself,
  do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
  a fire that burns all day long.
 6 See, it is written before me:
  I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
 I will indeed repay into their laps
  7 their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,
 says the Lord;
 because they offered incense on the mountains
  and reviled me on the hills,
 I will measure into their laps
  full payment for their actions.
 8 Thus says the Lord:
 As the wine is found in the cluster,
  and they say, “Do not destroy it,
  for there is a blessing in it,”
 so I will do for my servants’ sake,
  and not destroy them all.
 9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
  and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
 my chosen shall inherit it,
  and my servants shall settle there.

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

**Second Reading:** Galatians 3:23-29

23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise. 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 8:26-39 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

26 Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.
32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn**  **“God, Whose Almighty Word” vs. 1-3 #673**

**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: We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of

 Christians across the world and Christians in our community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have

 made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners,

 birdwatchers, nature lovers, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression. Give leaders the will to turn from war

 and violence, and turn to peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for people in need. Teach us how to satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick.

 Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender,

 disability, or any other human distinction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging

 so that we rejoice in each person gathered here. Inspire our witness to how much you have done for us. 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 especially 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: Julie Wigen, Debby

 Otto, Ronald Zutz, Peytyn Peterson and Tiana Schisel. 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 Al Gilbertson, 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 “In Christ There Is No East or West” vs. 1-3 #650**

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!**

**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Mitchell Kaderabek

Acolyte: Ethan Spindler Lector: Don Domrath

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson Ushers:

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Video/Live Stream: Carter Kuenstler

Projection: Addison Spindler

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Greeter: Wayne Huske

Acolyte: Mikaela Spindler Lector: Erin Lenzner

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek

Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Ushers: Keith Lippert, Ron Jones, Dean Behnke

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek Communion Aide: Joan Pritzl

**Last Week** – Sunday: 101 Wednesday: 37 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,274.00

**Faith’s Opportunities June 22-29**

**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

“Put it on your calendar” - 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.

Thanks to everyone who made our Vacation Bible School a great success. We want to especially thank our adult helpers: Marilyn Robley, Sandy Lemberger, Joan Pritzl, Marilyn Schad, Judy Valleskey, Jenn Ott, Julie Endries, Anderia Frank, Carol Schmitz, Kathy Mattern, Alyssa & Trevor Schwoerer, Stephanie Madson, Larry Burzynski, Pastor Dan and Bridget Valleskey. Youth helpers: Carter & Dexter Valleskey, Carter Kuenstler, Makenna Kaderabek, Addison Spindler, Ethan Spindler, Adaline Flood, Zach Lenzner, Dawson Krummel, Liam Cline, Jaxson Dobrzynski, Paden Hougen, Landen Pinkerton and Trevor Pinkerton. Thank you also to the Board of Christian Education and the members of Faith. 61 kids attended VBS this week and had a great time!

**June Stewardship—Quilts**

Valders Faithful Quilters, an ecumenical group, work in the Fellowship Hall Thursday mornings from 8:00AM until 11:30AM. Materials needed: large pieces of new or good used fabric, except fiberglass. Old bed sheets for fillers. Flat sheets sized full, queen or king as well as blankets and batting.  **Clean material only please.**  Donated material should be clearly marked **Quilting** and left downstairs under the coat rack.

**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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