# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” vs. 1-3 #774**

L: 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**

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the

 Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Canticle of Praise “Blessed are They” vs. 1-2 #728**

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Dear Heavenly Father, I come before you with a passionate desire to fulfill the Great Commission and make**

 **disciples. Grant me the wisdom to know when and how to share your gospel effectively. Remove any fear or**

 **doubt that hinders me from boldly proclaiming the truth. Amen. (Please be seated.)**

**Skit ~ “Twelve Ordinary Men”**

**First Reading**: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

15 Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”
  19 So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20 He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” 21 He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
  13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation ~ Ancient Words**

**Gospel**: Luke 9:51-62 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

51 When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53 but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 Then they went on to another village. 57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” 59 To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 60 But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 61 Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” 62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message “The Journey of Radical Discipleship – No Turning Back”**  **Don Domrath**

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

**The Apostle’s Creed**

**Passing of the Peace**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Hymn “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

**Prayers of Intercession**

L: Prayer is a powerful tool that can strengthen and guide us in our journey of discipleship. Prayer expresses a unique plea

 for God’s wisdom, courage and guidance in the process of making disciples. Hear us oh God. **Your mercy is great.**

L: Grant me the perseverance and patience to walk alongside new believers, nurturing them in their faith. Give me the

 words to speak, the wisdom to guide, and the humility to learn from them as well. Hear us oh God. **Your mercy is**

 **great.**

L: Father, I ask for divine wisdom in identifying potential disciples, those who are ready to embark on a journey of

 faith. Open their hearts to receive your truth and to surrender their lives to you. Give me the gentleness to walk

 alongside them, offering support and guidance. Hear us oh God. **Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray for 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. Hear us oh God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

L: Every year is a year with you Lord. We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Lenny Klessig,

 Tiffany Jandrey, Mary Thomsen, Emily Schwoerer, Rand Harris, Gloria Scharenbroch, Rylee Endries, Barb Griffin,

 Anders Sorenson, Jeff Ahrens and Lauren Halverson. Hear us oh God. **Your mercy is great.**

L: 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. Hear us oh God. **Your**

 **mercy is great.**

L: We pray especially for Pastor Dan in his travels. Keep him safe and free from harm. Hear us oh God. **Your mercy is**

 **great.**

L: 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 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” #671**

**Offertory Prayer**

L: Father, I commit myself to the task of making disciples, trusting in your power to work through me. May your name

 be glorified as lives are transformed by your love. In Jesus’ precious name.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### Benediction

L: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Shout to the Lord” #821**

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: Wayne Huske

Acolyte: Mikaela Spindler Lector: Erin Lenzner

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson Ushers: Ron and Kaye Jandrey

Sound Operator & Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner Projection: Luke Evenson

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Greeter: Mitchell Kaderabek

Acolyte: Allison Goehring Lector & Communion Aide: Judy Harris

Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson Ushers: Mark and Angie Ulness

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Michael Lenzner

Projection: Whitney Ulness

**Last Week** – Sunday: 67 Wednesday: 39 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,763.00

**Faith’s Opportunities June 29-July 6**

**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

**Friday** Office Closed ~ Happy 4th of July

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus’ call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit’s fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

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.

The pantry needs the following for July’s open pantry. We had 20 families in June and inventory is low to none. Please help if you are able with the following items: mayo, ketchup, can frosting, jams/jelly assorted flavors, dessert, cake, cookie mixes, sugar (white, brown, dark brown, powder), flour/bread flour, rice, assorted box potatoes, stuffing, tuna, cereal, noodles, assorted chocolate chips, Jello/pudding, fruit /pudding cups, cookies, snacks/popcorn/nuts/, granola bars, boxed meals, canned meals, brown beans, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, tomato products-diced, whole, stewed, paste, sauce, green beans, peas, corn, canned soup (no chicken noodle),

shampoo, razors & shave cream for men and women, toilet paper, paper towel, cleaning supplies, aluminum foil, assorted baggies, size 4 infant diapers (not 4 toddler), diaper wipes, baby shampoo, gluten free foods.

Thank you very much for your support. Sandy Halverson

“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.

Thank you to all who made this Sunday’s service possible: Don Domrath, Larry Burzynski, Libby Olson, all the disciples and especially Sue Riesterer for organizing the service. Thanks so much.

Congratulations to Faith’s organist, Devin Zahringer as he performs in Downtown Organ Recitals at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rochester MN July 8. We all wish you well!

**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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