# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Veteran’s Video**

**Call to Worship “Seek Ye First” Bell Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**C: Amen.**

 *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we are not awake for you.** **We are not faithful in using your gifts.** **We forget the least of our**

 **siblings.** **We do not see your beautiful image in one another.** **We are infected by sin** **that divides your beloved**

 **community.** **Open our hearts to your coming,** **open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,** **open our hands to serve**

 **your creation.** **Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by

 Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation

 of the world.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Christ Be Our Light” #715**

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 of justice and love, you light our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the**

 **guidance we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

 **Amen.**

### First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; 19as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. 20Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.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. Alleluia. **Page 142**

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“Be Thou My Vision”**

**Holy Baptism – Legend Shaun Bast**

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: O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you.

 Deepen our faith and help us to find meaning in worship. Send us out with your Word of justice and truth. Hear us, O

 God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power and your beauty in the darkening night. Help us to restore this

 creation. Especially help us to provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear

 us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Bless citizens

 with wise leaders. Save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported,

 honored, and loved. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger,

 support the under-employed, unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is**

 **great.**

P: O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your

 greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.**Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for our Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, our presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, our pastor, and for all the leaders

 of Faith Lutheran Church. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

 Robley, Jodi Goehring, Jim O’Leary, Keith Johnson, Bennett McCulley, Richard Menza, James Ahrens, Travis Boll,

 Future Bast and Desirae Behnke. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

 Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Ginger Linsmeier, Neil Meissner, Jim Loritz,

 Merle “Butch” Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We remember all those who are currently serving in the military, especially:Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Dylan

 Conrad, Carter Hildebrandt and Andy Schnell. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home to us. Hear us,

 O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P:Confident that you not only hear our prayers, but listen to them, you not only listen, but care. You not only care, but act

 with Almighty Love. Confident in your Almighty Love, we name now before you those in need of your presence and are

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 know that our prayers are with them and you are with them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his

 countenance upon you and give you peace: In the name of The Father and The Son ╬ and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “This Little Light of Mine”**

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: Whitney Schamburek Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Brian Ulness Acolyte: Jomarie Erjas

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin and Wayne Huske Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operators: Mikaela Spindler and Makenna Kaderabek Projection: Gage Spindler

Video/Live Stream: Jake and Mitchell Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeters & Ushers: Brian and Mary Thomsen Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Lector: Joan Pritzl Communion Aide: Ariana Herrick

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer Projection: Judy Harris

**Last Week** – Sunday: 135 Wednesday: 57 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $8,621.75

**Faith’s Opportunities November 12-19**

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

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir, 9th grade confirmation, Board of Youth

**Monday** 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Tuesday** 3:00 and 6:30 P.M. Bible Study

**Wednesday** Newsletter info due

9:00 A.M. Jazzercise

 6:00 P.M. Card Making

6:15 P.M. Worship with Praise Band

 7:15 P.M. 7th & 8th grade confirmation

 7:30-8:30 P.M. Courage and Resilience event

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday** Office closed

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Open Pantry

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour and Sunday school

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

**This morning, we welcome Legend Shaun Bast into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism.** Legend was born to Tiffany Jandrey and Bernie Bast on June 14, 2023 and his baptismal sponsors are Tristan Teuke, Sierra Bast and Tim and Janine Jandrey. Grandparents are Ron and Kaye Jandrey, Sue Benzinger and Dave Bast. Great-grandmother is Rita Benzinger. We rejoice at Legend’s rebirth through water and the Word!

**The 2024 offering envelopes are in the Gathering Space.** Please secure yours today. Just a reminder that you can dispose of your 2023 envelopes after December 31. New numbers are issued for each year. Thank you.

Lay Sacramentarians are needed to bring communion to our homebound members. Visitation is once a month and the wafer and wine are provided to you. Please see Joyce Sorenson or Sue Riesterer if you are interested in helping out.

**Faith Lutheran Photo Directory** - Please sign up for an appointment time to have your photo taken for our new directory.  You may sign yourself up online (directions are available at the Harmann table in the Gathering Space.)  If you prefer, you may call Joan Pritzl at (920) 905-9791 to make an appointment.  Dates are Wednesday, November 29th through Saturday, December 2nd; with varying times each day. **Also needed** are volunteers to serve as the host during photography appointments.  Please call Joan Pritzl to sign up for a 2 hour time slot or check the Harmann table for a sign-up sheet.

**QUILT SILENT AUCTION**

The Valders Faithful Quilters are having a quilt silent auction. The quilts are displayed on tables in the gathering space.  We ask that bids increase by $5.00 over the previous bidder.  This is open to anyone even outside of Faith Lutheran's congregation. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of rolls of batting which will enable us to continue to make warm quilts. Thank you in advance for participating in this mission project.

You are invited to attend an elegant, fun-filled, relaxing afternoon of candlelight and fellowship, as the Board of Evangelism at Faith Lutheran Church presents:

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 2023**

**1:00 P.M. PUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP 1:30 - 2:30 P.M. PROGRAM**

Come and enjoy festively decorated tables with light refreshments. After fellowship we will prepare our hearts through readings and music as we patiently wait for the coming of Jesus, The Messiah and focus our thoughts on the joyful celebration of His birth. **November 18th is the deadline to sign up.**

Faith Lutheran Church is again sponsoring the **“Sharing Tree**” which is located in the Gathering Space.  On the tree are tags that represent gift items for two families.  A spending suggestion for each tag is $20.00.  Thanks to your generosity and willingness to help those in need, gift tags supporting a 3rd family has been added to the Sharing Tree. All gifts need to be returned to church unwrapped no later than Wednesday, November 29th.  Any questions can be directed to Julie Endries at 920-973-9881.

**Faith’s Pantry is in need of the following items before November 18:** Assorted flavored Pop tarts, granola/snack/breakfast bars, stovetop stuffing, assorted hamburger helper mixes, corn bread mixes, assorted ramen noodles, boxed mashed potatoes, jar gravy, cranberry sauce, boxed au gratin/julienne potatoes, mac n cheese, cookies, salty snacks, candy, peaches, pears, spaghetti sauce, boxed or bag spaghetti noodles, bag noodles, tuna, canned meals (variety) beef stew, individual packages of instant mashed potatoes, cereal (not jumbo size, just regular size), pancake mixes/syrup, peanut butter/ jelly, ketchup, mustard, mayo, assorted salad dressings, regular sized minute rice, cake/dessert mixes, frosting, baking supplies, canned pumpkin, cherry pie filling, brown beans, stewed tomatoes, tomato paste, diced tomatoes, Hostess baked items, bagged soup, pickles, olives, toilet tissue, facial tissue, dish/laundry soaps, regular and decaf coffee, juice boxes, Pull-ups in size 4-5 T, diapers size 4-5, baby wipes, cleaning supplies, shampoo for men and women, shave cream/shavers for men and women, body wash (no bar soap), tall kitchen bags, tin foil, baggies, (no veggies, canned soup). This is a lot, but the pantry is pretty bare and I’d like to stock up as winter is coming and most likely there will be more families. Thank you in advance for all you your donations, it is very much appreciated. -- Sandy Halverson