# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**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 “For All the Saints” vs. 1, 3 & 7 #422**

**Kyrie Pages 138-139**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ**

 **our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible**

 **joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with**

 **you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

9After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in

a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” 13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” 14I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

1See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.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 5:1-12

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
 3“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 4“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
 5“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
 6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
 7“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
 8“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 9“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 11“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“Shall We Gather at the River”**  **#423**

**Apostle’s Creed**

**Commemoration of Saints**

P: O God of the pilgrim’s way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God’s love at

 work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we

 name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we never knew who passed on to us the meaning of life in

 Christ.

P: For blessed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**C**: (After each name)  **We give thanks.** (Bell is tolled)

P: Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith and members of our family. We, too, seek to do your will: guide us. We, too,

 desire to be your servants: strengthen us. We, too, long to know you clearly: teach us. And in time, bring us to our eternal

 home of peace and joy.

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your

 sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; inspire us to unity in your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your**

 **mercy is great.**

P: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean

 tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant us wisdom to safeguard the electoral

 process. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole

 community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all

 who need you. Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation. We pray that the promise of your new life may be shared

 and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation. We pray that families and friends seeking your

 love find it here. 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: Chelsea Reinertson,

 Halle Frank, Anderia Frank, Julie Jeske, Myah Klessig, Jeanne Wenzel and Tammy Brill. 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.**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1 #686**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your**

 **gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving Page 144**

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and

 merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection

 opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.**

 **Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymn “You Are the Way” #758**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of

 your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**C: Amen.**

**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 “For All Your Saints O Lord” #427**

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: Ariana Herrick Acolyte: Jo Marc Erjas

Ushers: Delton and Cheryl Duchow Lector & Communion Aide: Jenniffer Zutz

Sound Operators: Loren Ulness and Mikeala Spindler Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner Projection: Gage Spindler

**Serving Us Next Week**

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

**Last Week** – Sunday: 113 Wednesday: 41 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $2,564.00

**Faith’s Opportunities November 5-12**

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

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

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

 6:00 P.M. Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism

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

**Wednesday** 9:00 A.M. Jazzercise

 5:00 P.M. Board of Stewardship

6:15 P.M. Worship with Praise Band

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

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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday** 8:00 A.M. Lefse Making

 Office closed

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. 2nd Saturday Bible Study

**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, 9th grade confirmation, Board of Youth

We remember those who have gone before us this past year on this All Saints Day: William Pautz, Norma Argall, Margaret Evenson, David Jeske, Robert Klessig, Delores Johnson, James Hansen and Peggy Madson. May God’s loving arms surround their families today and always.

Lefse making is scheduled for November 10th starting at 8:00am and we would love your help!  A sign up is located in the outer narthex.  If you have a griddle or any other supplies that you are willing to let us use, that would be most appreciated as well.  Thanks in advance!

All high school students are invited to a night with Theresa Falvey-Hunt as she presents a "Courage and Resilience" event Wednesday November 15th from 7:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**QUILT SILENT AUCTION**

The Valders Faithful Quilters is having a quilt silent auction November 5-19. The six quilts will be 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”** and as in past years, this giving opportunity will be a Fall project.   The tree 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.  All gifts need to be returned to church unwrapped no later than Wednesday, November 29th.  Your support in the past has been tremendous.  I am confident these families will see God’s love made real through your generosity.  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