# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “As the Deer” Bell Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

 **Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy**

 **name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God has mercy on us, forgives us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

 strengthens us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps us in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” #793**

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: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us**

 **act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

 **Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

1Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: 2I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, 3I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
4For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. 5I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, 6so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. 7I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 2We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22:15-22

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” 21They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“O Jesus, I Have Promised”**  **#810**

**Holy Baptism – Lenny Belle Klessig**

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: Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of

 Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the

 work of all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant

 mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. Help us to discern

 how to reach out in your name. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you

 alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial

 matters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. We pray for this community of believers, 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: Michael Jeske,

 Grace Sorenson, Brenda Freiberg, Lynda Pautz, Michele Schmidt, Carol Ulness, Roxanne Bubolz, Connie Kimmes,

 Dexter Valleskey, Erin Lenzner, Elaine Zutz, Sonja Gilbertson, Trevor Schwoerer, Stetson McCulley, Bobbi Jo Robley,

 Thomas Muench, Reegan Kaderabek, Lynn Schuler. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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.

 God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

 care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (You are encouraged to speak aloud the names and circumstances in need of God’s care.) Help

 them to know that our prayers are with them and you are with them. 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 ~ *Please bring forward your pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets and place them in the box before the***

 ***altar.***

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

**Offertory Prayer**

P: O God who has promised to be present with your Church even to the end of the age, we thank you for this house built in

 your honor and glory.

 For the faith and life and worship which it has witnessed. For the love which you have shown to your people here from

 age to age.

 For the blessings given to your people from generation to generation.

 And for all who have testified to things unseen and eternal, and handed on to us the light of truth.

 Glory be to you, O Lord, most high.

 Guide and bless us still. Increase in us the spirit of grace and love. Make us worthy of the heritage we have received.

 Knit us together in the communion of saints and grant that this place, this building, and this congregation of Faith

 Lutheran Church may be for all people who worship here none other than the House of God and the Gate of Heaven

 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: 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 “Lead On, O King Eternal!” #805**

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: Paul Franz

Greeters: Ethan Spindler and Mitchell Kaderabek Acolyte: Tristan Teuke

Ushers: Steve and Ginny Schwoerer Lector: Kaye Jandrey

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel Projection: DJ Schisel

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeters: Ellen Polifka Acolyte: Mitchell Kaderabek

Ushers: Brian and Tammy Brill Lector & Communion: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator and Projection: Stefanie and Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Last Week** – Sunday: 169 Wednesday: 51 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,420.50

**Faith’s Opportunities October 22-29**

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

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

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

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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday** Office open until noon

**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, Sing-Along and Brunch

Thank you to the recent donators who gave to Faith’s Pantry. Your gifts are appreciated.

**This morning, we welcome Lenny Belle Klessig into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism.** Lenny was born to Caynen and Caitlyn Klessig on June 30, 2023 and her baptismal sponsors are Ashley and Michael Ebert. Grandparents are Craig Klessig and Anne Cullen. Great-grandparents are Marge and the late Bob Klessig. We rejoice at Lenny’s rebirth through water and the Word!

**Next Sunday, we are having a Sing-Along-Sunday.** It will take the place of our usual 9 AM service. We’ll sing good songs. Have a little special music, maybe the children’s choir. And we’ll have a minimum of liturgy and praying and preaching. Just a good time. And we separately had the idea that we need to have more potlucks around here. So we combined the idea of the Sing-Along with a Potluck on the same day -to make it really festive. We are calling it the **“Fall Song Feast.”** We will sing and then have a brunch potluck. For a brunch potluck you can bring breakfasty things or more lunchy things, whatever you feel like eating at about 10:30 AM. \* There will be no Sunday school this day so all can participate.

**QUILT SILENT AUCTION**

The Valders Faithful Quilters wish to extend to you the opportunity to bid on quilts again this year. Bidding will start on Sunday, November 5 and conclude on Sunday, November 19 at 10:15 a.m. sharp. 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.

Lefse making will be Friday, November 10 starting at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to join in! Lefse orders will be taken in the Gathering Space today through November 1.

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.

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.**

We are looking for people to host a table or make a dessert. Asign-up sheet is located in the gathering space, or you may call Julie Hartman at 920-323-3235

**Faith Lutheran Photography Dates with Harmann Studios**

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| Wednesday | November 29th | 1:00pm – 8:00pm | *Instruction sheets are available on the table in the Gathering Space and in the November Faith Matters to make your appointments.*  |
| Thursday | November 30th | 1:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Friday | December 1st | 11:00am – 6:00pm |
| Saturday | December 2nd | 9:00am – 3:00pm |

**The open pantry is in need of the following items only:**

**Regular size boxes instant mash potatoes**

**Regular size boxes of minute rice**

**Juice boxes**

**Hot cocoa mixes**

**Instant coffee**

**Canned frosting**

**Snack/candy items**

**Snack /breakfast bars**

Pop tarts

Cookies/cookie mixes

Peaches (no fruit cocktail)

Syrup

Men and women shavers and cream

Laundry soap/dish soap

Cleaning supplies

Pull-up diapers size 3/4

Wipes

Items can be placed in the bins in the Gathering Space labeled Faith’s Pantry. Thank you, Sandy Halverson.