# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “Love Grows Here” Inspiration Choir**

**Opening Hymn “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” vs. 1-3 #517**

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, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out**

 **your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times**

 **of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. L:  The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21 But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.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. P. 151

**Gospel**: John 8:31-36 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

 31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 33 They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’? 34 Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #504**

**Holy Baptism of Beau Michael Fuller**

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: Eternal Counselor, guide the church along your paths of mercy. Direct Faith Lutheran Church to be a place where all

 are genuinely welcomed. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Wise God, as election day draws near, give to your people discerning hearts and minds. Help us to treasure our

 democracy and take up our responsibility as citizens to vote as our conscience guides us. God of grace, **hear our**

 **prayer.**

P: Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. As the seasons change, help us to pause and

 appreciate the beauty of autumn, the abundance of harvest and gathering with friends. God of grace, **hear our**

 **prayer.**

P: Mighty God, you are our mighty fortress against sin and death. Lord keep us steadfast in your word. Teach us to

 follow where you lead. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Caring God, grant vision and wisdom to the church so that those who are in need are cared for. May the

 command of Jesus to love our neighbor sharpen our focus for work in the kingdom. 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 people

 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: Thomas Muench,

 Reegan Kaderabek, Lynn Schuler, Marge Klessig, Kristie Evenson, Anthony Zucchi, Michael Hougen, Amy

 Reinertson, Nakula Tan, Sandra Lemberger, Judith Voss, Amber Meidl and Donald Gilbertson. God of grace, **hear our**

 **prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for Gloria Smith, Ruth Torrison,

 Marge Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger

 Linsmeier, Merle 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, Carter Hildebrandt, Andy

 Schnell and Ethan Tienor. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home to us. 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 and

 firmly believe that 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 ~ Bring forward Pledge Cards and Time and Talent sheets**

**Offertory Song “Lord, I Stretch My Hand to You” Inspiration Choir**

**Offertory Response “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” #752**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one

 another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ☩ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” vs. 1,2,4 #645**

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: Tom and Rae Madson Acolyte: Ethan Spindler

Ushers: Austin and Stetson McCulley, Ethan Ulness Lector: Brian Ulness

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Projection: Mollie Junk Video/Live Stream: Carter Kuenstler

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Noah Boll Acolyte: Sage Trepasso

Ushers: Jim Ahrens, Ron Jones, Earl Griffin Lector & Communion Aide: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner Projection: Carter Kuenstler

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

Last Week – Sunday: 124 Wednesday: 40 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,782.00

Faith’s Opportunities October 27-November 3

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

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Inspiration Choir

**Monday** 9:00 A.M. Women’s Bible Study

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Tuesday** 3:00 & 6:00 P.M. Bible Study

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Inspiration Choir

**This morning, we welcome Beau Michael Fuller into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism.** Beau was born to Ashley Reinertson and Cody Fuller on January 16 and his baptismal sponsors are Katherine Backhaus and Chelsea Reinertson. Grandparents are Scott and Amy Reinertson. Great grandparents are Leonard and Lois Reinertson and Judy Kornelly. We rejoice at Beau’s rebirth through water and the Word!

**If you are a member of Faith and a veteran, we would like to have your pictures for a special veteran’s recognition on November 6 & 11.** Please include the branch of service that you were in. A picture of you in your uniform? That would be great also. Bring to the church office by Friday, November 1. We will return the picture to you so please include your name. Thank you.

The Faithful Quilters will once again have a silent auction of several quilts beginning on Sunday November 3 and concluding on Sunday November 24 at 10:15 a.m. This will take place in the gathering space. Money generated from bids will go toward purchasing batting and fabric for quilts which are distributed locally, to hurricane victims, and through Lutheran World Relief. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to bid on this worthwhile project.

It is that time of year again and we are in the planning stage for our annual lefse fundraiser.  The event is scheduled for Friday, November 15th starting at 8:00 am with end time to be determined.  Last year we were able to complete all orders in one day, which is our goal, as we know everyone has busy schedules.  As the saying goes, “many hands make light work” and that could not be truer!  The Board of Youth and Family would love your help with this event, whether it be for a few hours or all day.  There are jobs for all ages and even if you have never made lefse before, we can find a job for you. Pastor Lyman learned how to make lefse in one day, and he’s only Swedish! If he can do it, so can you! Lefse making has truly become an intergenerational event and there is great fellowship that takes place.  A light lunch and dinner (if needed) will be provided.  Please watch for a sign up in the outer narthex.  We are also looking for individuals willing to lend lefse griddles.  We hope to see you there!

This past Saturday, Faith’s Open Pantry helped 20 families, and we ran out or are short of many items. If you’re able to help restock the pantry, please have items delivered to church by Tuesday, November 12th. Please put items in the bins in the gathering space or outside the pantry doors. Inventory is taken as to what is received, so please use the bins or again place OUTSIDE the pantry door. Thank you.

List of items include: cleaning supplies, laundry/dish soap, bar/liquid soap, personal care items for men and women, tooth brushes, tooth paste, cereal, granola bars (snack bars), boxed stuffing, box mashed potatoes, assorted crackers, pudding/Jello/fruit cups, peanut butter/jellies, cake/dessert/cookie mixes, powder, brown and white sugar, flour, can frosting, candy/snack items/popcorn/nuts, assorted tomato products (diced, stewed, whole tomatoes) sauce, paste, spaghetti sauce, corn, peas, canned fruit, brown beans, canned meals, bagged noodles (no other kind at this point), instant coffee, cocoa, juice boxes, items for kid lunches. Clean brown paper bags also are needed.

We want to thank everyone for their support in helping with donations to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks also to Don & Cheryl Domrath for helping load the trailer and Don Schreiner for taking the truck/trailer down to Sheboygan. This year we donated:

     136 quilts 43 school kits 20 baby care kits

     14 personal care kits 8 sewing kits

**Faith through Generosity: Two Easy Ways to Give**

**SIMPLY GIVING:** This is an easy way to give recurring gifts. This will automatically take money from your bank accounts and transfer it to Faith Lutheran’s bank account. You can set it up to give any amount: Every Week, Every Two Weeks, Twice a Month (1st & 15th), Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually. It works great so you don’t have to write a check or come up with the cash to give your gifts to the church. It is also nice when you are away on vacation or when you just can’t make it to church that week. To set up your Simply Giving, just contact Christine at the church office or call 920-775-4141.

**QR Code Giving:** Just use your smart phone’s QR Code Reader and scan this QR Code to begin your generosity giving! You can set it up to give your gift for a One Time gift or you can set up a recurring gifts (Every Week, Every Two Weeks, Twice a Month (1st & 15th), Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually). You can have your gift taken directly from your bank account or you can give with either your debit or credit card. You can pick the day you want your gift to be given. With this way of giving, you can also give to the General Offering, Church Property, World Hunger, and Lent/Holiday gifts. To view the different giving opportunities: When you first enter the app just scroll down to the line that says “View more giving opportunities” below the “Add to Basket” highlighted line.

  We hope these two Easy Giving ways will help with you “Faith Through Generosity”!