# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” Inspiration Choir**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the

 gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word

 you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah

 and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized

 by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs

 of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for

 the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and

 love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn “Morning Has Broken” vs. 1-3 #556**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It 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. 33But 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. 34No 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

19Now 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. 20For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, 22the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25whom 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; 26it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. 27Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28For 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.**

**Hymn “Jesus Loves Me” vs. 1 and 4 #595**

**Gospel:** John 8:31-36

31Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 33They 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’?” 34Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sunday School Choir sing “Praise Him Praise Him”**

**Hymns “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” vs. 1-3 #697**

 **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” vs. 1-3 #773**

 **“Blessed Assurance” vs. 1-3 #638**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Offering**

**Anthem** **“Hymn of Heaven” Inspiration Choir**

**Offertory Response “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1 & 2 #686**

**Words of Institution**

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

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

P: Let us give thanks to Him our God. **C: For it is a good thing to do so.**

P: You celebrate when you create and when you give us the whole earth with all your splendor.

**C: Especially the splendor of Christ Jesus who was and is the Adam for us all.**

P: We rejoice that he was so much at home with us here, that he too longed for imperishable love and the security of roots

 unseen.

**C: For life unending and for days filled with meaning.**

**Mallot Lord’s Prayer (SUNG)**

P: When he was with his friends on the night of his suffering, he took the common bread, broke it, and proclaimed it as his

 body to be given and consumed by us all.

**C: Feed us with your reconciling body now.**

P: As this piece of bread was scattered over the mountain and then was gathered together and made one, so let your people

 be gathered to the ends of the earth and to your kingdom.

**C: It is good for us to be here.**

P: He then took the cup filled with wine and asked us to drink from it, making the cup of his blood into a new and

 everlasting agreement.

**C: We do this in memory and in reconciliation.**

P: This bread that we break open knits us together. This cup that we pour out gathers us together. To this feast the martyrs

 gave their blood. In the white heat of this festival the prophets lived out their lives. For the Spirit that creates this meal,

 ages have yearned. It is now fulfilled before our eyes and in our mouths.

**C: It is good for us to be here.**

P: Come Holy Spirit and attend us now.

**C: Amen**

P: Come to the Eucharist.

**Distribution Hymns “Shout to the Lord” #821 “Soon and Very Soon” #439 “Ancient Words”**

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction by Inspiration Choir**

**Hymn “A Mighty Fortress” vs. 1-4 #504**

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!**

**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Paul Franz

Greeter: Ellen Polifka Acolyte: Mitchell Kaderabek

Ushers: Brian and Tammy Brill Lector & Communion: Brian Ulness

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

**Serving Us Next Week**

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 Operator: Loren Ulness and Mikeala Spindler Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

Projection: Gage Spindler

**Last Week** – Sunday: 111 Wednesday: 47 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,285.05

**Faith’s Opportunities October 29-November 5**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Sunday school

 10:15 A.M. Potluck Brunch

**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

 6:30 P.M. Board of Christian Education

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday** Office closed

**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

**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 now 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 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 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 |

Faith’s Open Pantry had 14 families in October, so a lot of items need to be replaced by November 18th.

**Items needed:**

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*