# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Beautiful Savior” #838**

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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers**

 **that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we**

 **may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

1So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. 6You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” 7For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? 8And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? 9But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children. L:  The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: James 1:17-27

17Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. 21Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. 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: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)

1Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], 2they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” 6He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’
8You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” 14Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. 21“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful” WOV #767**

**The Apostle’s Creed**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and

 lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: God of creation, where the earth cries out in pain, bring harmony and wholeness. Guide governments and

 industry, producers and consumers, families and individuals that we may all do our part to be good stewards

 of your creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead

 those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and

 generous ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute

 illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers.

 Tend to those who are close to our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for the rights of working

 people. Help us Lord, to find and create meaningful and satisfying work in our lives. Merciful God, **receive**

 **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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

 Jeske, Karen Voss, Jeanette Schuessler, Gary Heeler, Chad Junk, Cynthia Kwasny, Caleb Madson, Kenneth

 Popp, Ethan Halverson and Mitchell Kaderabek. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

 Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry

 Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Ryan Borgwardt and family, Merle Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are

 the Great Physician. Merciful God, **receive 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. Merciful God, **receive 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. Merciful God, **receive 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**

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

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Have Thine Own Way” “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” vs. 1-4 #620**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to

 welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### Benediction

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

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Amazing Grace” #779**

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: Glenn Otto

Greeter: John Robley Acolyte: Sage Trepasso

Ushers: Steve Ahrens, Loren Ulness, Al Gilbertson Lector: Kaye Jandrey

Communion Aide: Nancy Christianson Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer

Projection: Libby Olson Video/Live Bill Riesterer

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeters: Bob and Julie Wigen Acolyte: Alexandra Trepasso

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Lector: Bob Wigen

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

Projection: Judy Harris

**Last Week** – Sunday: 87 Wednesday: 37 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,228.00

**Faith’s Opportunities September 1-8**

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

**Monday** Office Closed – Labor Day observed

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday** 8:00 A.M. Lifeline Screening in fellowship hall

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Board of Youth Ministry

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

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

**Faith’s Open Pantry is running low on several items for September.** Our wish list of items includes regular sized boxes of Minute Rice, variety of salad dressings, ketchup, boxed mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, BBQ sauce, Ramen noodles, canned fruit/applesauce, Mac & Cheese, cake, cookie, brownie and dessert mixes, canned frosting, instant coffee, juice boxes, pudding, fruit, Jello cups and canned meals. Please drop off before the 3rd Saturday of September!

Thank you! Sandy Halverson

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,700 congregations participating in **“God’s work. Our hands.” on Sunday, September 8 from 10-12.** Across the country, thousands of members will work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands! Your hands can help with the following: blanket making, exterior & interior clean up, LWR School Kits, Soup for the Souls, Highway cleanup, and Chalk the Walk/Friendship Bracelets for the kids. Please sign up on the sheets available in the Gathering Space. A bag lunch will be provided.

The **Inspiration Choir** will start practice on Sunday, September 8 at 10:15 am in the balcony.

**Sunday, September 8** bring your school bag for **Blessing of the Backpacks at the 9am service!** Sunday School will take place from **10:15-11am**.  With it being God’s work. Our hands. Sunday, the Sunday School teachers and children will be making cards to be delivered to our homebound members and also for our young members of Faith who serve in our military. Installation of teachers will take place during worship.

**Bible Presentation Sunday will take place on September 15th**

Children in grades 3k-4k, 3rd, and 7th will be receiving a Bible during the 9am service. Faith Lutheran considers receiving his/her own Bible to be a significant milestone in a child's life. We feel it is important for parents and children to be in attendance for this special service.

Pastor’s Bible Study Class resumes Tuesday, September 17 at 3:00 and 6:00 PM.

**Ever consider being a Mentor?** We are looking for adult men and women of Faith Lutheran who would consider being a Confirmation Mentor for the upcoming school year. The 9th grade confirmation class will meet one Sunday during the months of September-May. If you are interested, please contact Bridget, Larry, or Pastor Dan.

**SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP - CLOTH DIAPERS**

**Cloth diapers, flat fold**

There will be envelopes in the pews for September labeled "Dollars for Diapers". These can be placed in the offering plates/box, which will be given to church office and donated monies will be used to buy the Baby Kits. There should be 10 diapers per pack, 4 diapers are needed for each kit.  Also needed in the kit are 4 large diaper pins. Diapers can also be purchased and placed in the Stewardship Cabinet across from the church office.

Thank you for your continued support. — *Terry Haupt*