# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” Bell Choir**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to

 others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and

 have been found.

**C: Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost

 have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C: Amen**

**Opening Hymn “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” #789**

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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Exodus 32:7-14

7 The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted

perversely; 8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an

image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out

of the land of Egypt!’ ” 9 The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 10 Now let me alone

so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.” 11 But

Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you

brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with

evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn

from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and

Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the

stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ”

14 And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51:1-10**

 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
  in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
 2 **Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,**
  **and cleanse me | from my sin.**
 3 For I know | my offenses,
  and my sin is ev- | er before me.
 4 **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;**
  **so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**
 5 Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
  a sinner from my | mother’s womb.

 6 **Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,**
  **and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
 7 Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
  wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

 8 **Let me hear | joy and gladness;**
  **that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**
 9 Hide your face | from my sins,
  and blot out | all my wickedness.
 10 **Create in me a clean | heart, O God,**
  **and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to

his service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy

because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are

in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

of whom I am the foremost. 16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might

display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the

ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks**

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**Gospel Acclamation Page 205**

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**Gospel**: Luke 15:1-10  **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 So he told them this parable: 4 “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. 8 “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” #608**

**Presentation of Holy Bibles**

**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: Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful, and

 renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy. God of grace,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our

 commitment to care for all you have made, and grant us wisdom and strength to take action toward restoring your

 creation to its fullness. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness

 when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged. God of grace,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, teach us how to be good shepherds who seek out the lost sheep of this world. Inspire us to light our

 lamps to shine in the darkness and find those who need your light, that we may share heaven’s joy when the lost are

 found. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for our bishop, Anne Edison-Albright, our presiding bishop, Yehiel Curry, our pastor and for all the members

 of Faith Lutheran Church and the greater Valders community. O Lord, inspire us with your Holy Spirit and lead us in

 your pathways.God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

 Sue Riesterer, Samuel Gordon, Darlene Colbo, Judy Evenson, Kristin Pederson, Geoff Valleskey, Joyce Sorenson and

 Makenna Kaderabek. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray for Roger Sorenson, Mike Shimek, Bob Argall,

 Char Manke, Ted Jeske, Mitchell Zutz, Bertha Kulnick, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan

 Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Ilan Walny, Todd Streckert, Dennis O’Leary, Merle Graf, Wayne Allen

 Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P:We name now before you, Lord, those in need of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to know your

 abundant blessings and healing touch. God of grace, **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 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #885**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the

 uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are

 suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### Benediction

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners

 free, ☩ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Amazing Grace” vs. 1,3,4 #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: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Cheryl Domrath

Acolyte: Mitchell Kaderabek Lector: Don Domrath

Head Usher: Glenn Otto Ushers: Thomas and Kathy Muench

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Judy Harris

Video/Live Stream: Carter Kuenstler

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Greeter: Tyler Madson

Acolyte: Zachary Lenzner Lector: Cambria Behnke

Communion Aide: Brian Ulness Head Usher: Tom Madson

Ushers: Al Gilbertson and Ron Jones Sound Operator & Projection: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

**Last Week** – Sunday: 142 Wednesday: 47 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,894.06

**Receiving their Holy Bibles today are:** 3K-Caroline Bratt, Myah Klessig, Carver McCulley, Colton Meidl, Raiden Sabourin, Ruby Saunders, Charlotte Stalvey, Ella Zutz, 4K-Asher Bartel and Baylor Fochs, 3rd grade-Caleb Boll, Camden Duchow, Aislinn Galien, Ethan Halverson, Ava Hammel, Reegan Kaderabek, Casen Ott, Grayson Ulness, Levi Wenzel, 7th grade-Lauren Halverson, Paden Hougen, Sage Peterson, Westen Schisel, Walker Ulness and Dexter Valleskey.

A BIG thank you to all who helped with the Senior Appreciation Service and luncheon this past Wednesday. It was a wonderful service and a delicious meal.

**Faith’s Opportunities September 14-21**

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

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 5:30 P.M. Board of Stewardship

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

 Newsletter info due

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at the Fork ‘n Knife

 3:00 P.M. Bible Study **(note time change to 3:00 only)**

 6:00 P.M. Card Making

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 P.M. Faith on Fire

 7:15 P.M. Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 6:00 P.M. Book Club at Over Time Sports Bar and Grill

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Open Pantry

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

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Sunday School and Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

**September Stewardship:** Please bring in new bars of gentle soap (Dove, Ivory) and place them in the containers in the Gathering Space.

**A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in the God’s work. Our hands. projects last Sunday. Many hands make light work, and you all used them for the betterment of others.**

**Faith’s Pantry needs the following before September 20th:** juice boxes or juice packs, snacks, pudding, fruit, apple sauce cups, Rice Krispie bars, granola bars, individual packaged cookies, soup cups, Mac n cheese cups, jam or jelly. Soups, we are very short on soups and please do assorted flavors. Green beans, corn, peas, canned potatoes, carrots, mixed veggies, brown beans. Canned tomato items (whole, strewed, crushes, paste, diced, paste, sauce).  We are out of canned fruit and apple sauce. Canned meals are needed as well as beef stew, chicken ala king, canned chicken, canned tomato, spam. Hamburger Helper, Minute Rice, bagged noodles, boxed noodles, spaghetti sauce, cereal, pancake mixes, syrup. Also, raisins, cake mixes, brownie mixes, frosting. Bread flour, AP flour, sugar (white, brown, powder), dessert mixes, cookies, spices. Instant coffee, hot cocoa. Taco kits, pizza kits, box potatoes (assorted flavors), instant potatoes, stuffing. Personal care items: shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, body wash, toilet paper, paper towel, diapers size 6 (or size for a 2-year-old), wipes, laundry soap, dish soap, cleaning supplies. The pantry is open on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 until 10:00 AM. Thank you very much for all your continued support of Faith’s Open Pantry.

**Faith Lutheran has apparel available.** There are 2 options for logo wear to pick from with 18 different types of apparel with different color options. The Lakeshore Screen Printing Webstore is providing us with these options and can be found at https://designersloungeco.com/product-category/faith-lutheran-church/. Go to their website, find the link for Faith Lutheran, and place your order. The store will be closing in October. Orders will be completed as they receive them and can be picked up at church when they are complete. For more information, please talk with Julie Hartman or give her a call at 920-758-2317.



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