# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Temple Talk – Sue Riesterer**

**Opening Hymn “Lift High the Cross” vs. 1,3,4 #660**

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.**

**Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

**This is the Feast**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,** **whose blood set us free to be people of God.** **Power and riches and wisdom and strength,** **and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God** **and join in the hymn of all creation:** **Blessing and honor and glory and might** **be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** **This is the feast of victory for our God,** **for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.** **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross**

 **you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take**

 **up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

4The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. 5The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 6I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. 7The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; 8he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9aIt is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

**Second Reading:** James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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 8:27-38 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung Sunday)

27Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” 28And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” 29He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” 30And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” 34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung Sunday)**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “Thy Strong Word” vs. 1,3,6 #511**

**Presentation of Bibles**

**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: We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Lord you

 create all things new. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage

 to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open us to the cries of people in need. Direct

 us in caring for the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and homelessness. Hear us, O

 God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education

 of young people. Sustain us as we shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We

 pray for all children of God of all ages in our learning. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

 Colbo, Judy Evenson, Kristin Pederson, Geoff Valleskey, Joyce Sorenson, Makenna Kaderabek, Herb

 Krueger, Jackie Shimek, Lynn Burzynski and Steve Kuenstler. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for those who are missing and cannot be found. We pray especially for their parents and loved ones

 whose hearts are like an unhealed wound. We lift our prayers on behalf of Elijah Vue, Ryan Borgwardt, and

 all who are missing from our table and home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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, Merle Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are

 the Great Physician. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful Lord”**

**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 played by the Bell Choir**

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

**Distribution Hymns “I Love to Tell the Story” vs. 1-3 #661 “Blessed Assurance” vs. 1-3 #638**

**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 “Built on a Rock” vs. 1-3 #652**

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: Glenn Otto

Greeters: Ron and Jo Jones Acolyte: Mikaela Spindler

Ushers: Ron and Kaye Jandrey, Tyler Madson Lector & Communion Aide: Stacy Wilker

Sound Operator & Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner Projection: Ethan Ulness

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Head Usher: Tom Madson

Greeters: Steve and Ginny Schwoerer Acolyte: Logan Bratt

Ushers: Richard Menza and Keith Lippert Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

Projection: Addison Spindler

Last Week – Sunday: 128 Wednesday: 32 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,787.15

**Faith’s Opportunities September 15-22**

**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. Board of Stewardship and Jazzercise

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

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

 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

**Friday** 3:30 P.M. Kayla Meetz and Travis Goehring wedding @ Round Lake Farm

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

**Sunday** 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

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

**Flowers** are placed in the altar area in memory of Delores Johnson’s birthday anniversary and in memory of Don and Delores’s wedding anniversary in October.

Thank you to all who helped with God’s work. Our hands. event this past Sunday. Your time and talents are very much appreciated.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Senior Luncheon a wonderful service and fellowship this past Wednesday.

**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 September 21st.

**SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP - CLOTH DIAPERS flat fold**

There are envelopes in the pews 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.