# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “We Will Serve Him” Inspiration 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 “Open Now thy Gates of Beauty” vs. 1-3 #533**

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: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Amos 8:4-7

 4 Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
  and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
 5 saying, “When will the new moon be over
  so that we may sell grain,
 and the Sabbath,
  so that we may offer wheat for sale?
 We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
  and practice deceit with false balances,
 6 buying the poor for silver
  and the needy for a pair of sandals
  and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
 7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-7

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God;
  there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
 Christ Jesus, himself human,
  6 who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks** **be to God.**

**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 16:1-13 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

1 Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ 3 Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ 5 So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ 7 Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ 8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.
10 “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “Borning Cry” #732**

**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: O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy

 and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your

 abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,

 **receive our prayer.**

P: God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our

 community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries. 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: We pray for all those who are currently serving in the military, especially:Daniel Brandl, Carter Hildebrandt, Andy

 Schnell and Jacob Tienor. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home to us. 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: Herb Krueger,

 Jackie Shimek, Lynn Burzynski, Steve Kuenstler, Roger Sorenson, Travis Goehring, Michiela Miller, Harry Kwasny,

 Linda Hoefner, Marlene Kohlmann, Tricia Olson, Carolyn Coble, Taylor Jeske, Kathy Mattern, Chad Frank and Kelly

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

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for the family of Jan Reinertson. We

 pray for Ginny Meyer, Roger Sorenson, Mike Shimek, Bob Argall, Char Manke, Ted Jeske, Mitchell Zutz, Bertha

 Kulnick, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim 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 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” #182**

**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.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,** **God of power and might,** **heav’n and earth are full of your glory.** **Hosanna in the highest.**

 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  **Hosanna in the highest,** **hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;**

**you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;**

**you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;**

**eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to

 share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **C: Amen.**

#### 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 “Be Thou My Vision” #793**

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 Greeter: Mardell Tienor

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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Greeters: Bob and Julie Wigen

Acolyte: Mikaela Spindler Lector: Bob Wigen

Head Usher: Tom Madson Ushers: Ron and Kaye Jandrey

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Projection: Addison Spindler

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Last Week** – Sunday: 147 Wednesday: 41 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $7,250.00

**Faith’s Opportunities September 21-28**

**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

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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 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. 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.

**The Lutheran World Relief boxes will be loaded on Friday, October 17 around 4:00 pm and taken to Sheboygan on Saturday morning October 18.** We need someone with an enclosed trailer to drive our quilt boxes to Sheboygan. Anyone who could fulfill this mission of ours, please contact Cheryl Domrath at 920-684-5127 or Terry Haupt at 920-901-9203. Thank you.

Plan to attend the 175th year Anniversary Celebration of the chartering of our congregation. October 12 at 3pm at The Franciscan Center. Come for the celebratory worship and the food but linger for the historical displays. “Is that you in the photograph? Or your parents? Or your grandparents?” Invite your relatives who live out of town! The more the merrier!

**Faith’s Pantry needs the following:** 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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