# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements ~ Temple Talk – Sue Riesterer**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,**

**things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of**

**life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in

all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #733**

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: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants.**

**Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

10When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. 4:1But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. 3And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” 4And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” 5Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. 6The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” 9But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” 10Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

21For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 23I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; 24but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. 27Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, 28and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. 29For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—30since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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. Alleluia. **Page 142**

### Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. 5When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. 6And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ 7They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ 8When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ 9When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” #588**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the

blessing of community. Challenge your church to always act with equity and compassion. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

P: God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even

the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, and law

enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of social uncertainty. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

P: God who is slow to anger, may we boast about the goodness of Jesus with the confidence of Paul in prison.

Inspire us to find abundance in whatever vocation we are called to in the world and in service to our

congregation. 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: Harry

Kwasny Jr., Linda Hoefner, Marlene Kohlmann, Tricia Olson, Carolyn Coble, Taylor Jeske, Kathy Mattern,

Chad Frank, Kelly Meyer, Shelia Kalies, Peter Cigler, Theodore Jeske Jr., Courtney Fahley. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Christine Olson, Carol Nelson, Larry and Sharon

Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Ginger

Linsmeier, Owen Otto, Neil Meissner, Jim Loritz, Merle Butch” 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, Matthew Brill,

Kyle Conrad, Dylan Conrad, Carter Hildebrandt and Andy Schnell. Be their constant companion and bring

them safely home to us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P:Confident that you not only hear our prayers, but listen to them, you not only listen, but care. You not only

care, but act with Almighty Love. Confident in your Almighty Love, we name now before you those in need of

your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (You are encouraged to speak aloud the names and circumstances in

need of God’s care.) Help them to know that our prayers are with them and 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: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your

creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

P: The God of glory, ☩ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and

forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Give Me Jesus” #770**

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: Tom Madson

Greeter: Cheryl Domrath Acolyte: Cambria Behnke

Ushers: Mark and Angie Ulness Family Lector: Don Domrath

Sound Operator & Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer Projection: Mollie Junk

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: Ethan Spindler and Zach Lenzner Acolyte: Mitchell Kaderabek

Ushers: Ron Jandrey, Steve Ahrens, Bob Wigen Lector & Communion: Jen Zutz

Sound Operator and Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Last Week** – Sunday: 162 Wednesday: 47 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,494.75

Bars of gentle soap will be collected today and Wednesday to be sent with the LWR kits. Please place items in the container provided in the gathering space. Thank you for your help!

**On Sunday, October 1st we are having a second Visioning Event after worship.** We mostly listened at the first event, and many previous activities of the church were affirmed. We are already working to reclaim some of those events now, in the post-COVID world. In this second visioning event we will be considering new ideas and some old ideas we have not considered in a while. A lunch will be provided.

**Faith’s Opportunities September 24-October 1**

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

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

**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

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

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

5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour, Sunday school

10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

10:30 A.M. Visioning Event

**Please join us for a family night out at Polly’s Pumpkin Patch in Chilton on Saturday, October 14th.**Polly’s has tons of fun activities for kids of all ages including a 40 foot slide, duck races, corn cannons, a hay bale climb, pumpkin bowling and more. For those who are up for the challenge, they also have a corn maze and have added a new route this year for families with smaller children. We will plan to meet in the lower church parking lot at 4:30pm and drive together as a group to Polly’s. Cost is $10 per person, but may drop to $8 per person if we have a group of 15 or more.  Those age four and under are free.  Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space if interested.

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Community Health Fair (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, October 14 8:30-12:00

Valders Ambulance/Fire Department Paramedics will be present to offer training on the following:

1. Learn the difference between a heart attack and stroke along with symptoms, etc.

2. What to do when someone is experiencing symptoms of a heart attack or stroke.

3. What is CPR and when is it indicated.

4. Demonstration of CPR and practice time if warranted.

5. What is an AED? When is it needed? Where is it found at Faith Lutheran?

6. What info is needed when calling 911?

7. Is there any information that is helpful for ambulance personnel when they arrive?

▪ Discussion on: Oxygen usage, blood pressure cuff and stethoscope and where is found at Faith.

▪ Blood pressures will be taken in the community room following training.

REMINDER: This is a training session, not a certification in CPR.

Please call the church office at 920-775-4141 by October 6 to sign up.

**Faith’s Pantry is in need of the following items only:**

Maple syrup

Peas

Ramen noodles assorted flavors

Powder, white and brown sugar

All-purpose flour

Canned meals

Knorr pasta and rice sides

Bear Creek soup mixes

Assorted crackers

Minute Rice regular size boxes only

Bagged noodles

Juice boxes

Snack items/sweet treats

Pop Tarts

Hamburger Helper

Pickles and olives

Cake mixes and cookie mixes, dessert mixes

Cooking oil

Graham Cracker crumbs

Salad dressings: French, Ranch, Thousand Island

Mayonnaise

Tooth brushes

Kleenex

Paper towel

Tide or Gain laundry soap

Dish washing soap

Dryer sheets

Cleaning supplies

Pull-up diapers in size 3, 4 and 5

Baby wipes

Regular size boxes of cereal

Canned carrots, potatoes, mixed veggies and brown beans

NO SOUP, GREEN BEANS, CORN, JELLO, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY.

**We do not need egg cartons anymore so please dispose in your garbage.**

  -- Sandy Halverson