# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

**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 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” vs. 1-3 #719**

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us**

 **the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7

 1a Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
  and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
 4 Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
  and lounge on their couches
 and eat lambs from the flock
  and calves from the stall,
 5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
  and like David improvise on instruments of music,
 6 who drink wine from bowls
  and anoint themselves with the finest oils
  but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
 7 Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
  and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 6:6-19

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that

we can take nothing out of it, 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9 But those who want to be

rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and

destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered

away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. 11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue

righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life

to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the

presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the

good confession, I charge you 14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord

Jesus Christ, 15 which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings

and Lord of lords. 16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or

can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. 17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not

to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything

for our enjoyment. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19 thus storing up for

themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” #729**

**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, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are

 oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet

 for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all

 people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for people in any need. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us

 from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to

 advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. 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, **receive our**

 **prayer.**

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

 Cigler, Ted Jeske, Courtney Fahley, Judy Jorgenson, Hannah Evenson, Michael Goehring, Skyler Schuler, Kevin

 Schultz, Ted Goman, Jessica Stalvey, Linda Berge, Myranda Manke and Connor McDonald. God of grace, **receive our**

 **prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. 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 “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 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” vs. 4-6 #719**

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 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Mary Thomsen

Acolyte: Peytyn Peterson Lector & Communion Aide: Judy Harris

Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson Ushers: Steve & Ginny Schwoerer, Tyler Madson

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Mollie Junk Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Last Week** – Sunday: 118 Wednesday: 48 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,536.82

**Faith’s Opportunities September 28-October 5**

**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 and Faith on Fire

**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

During September, we saw 18 families attend Faith’s Open Pantry, which included 4 new families plus families that have not been to the pantry in months. Normally we serve around 14, so this is a small increase. Our wish list for October is as follows: laundry soap, dish soap, tin foil, sandwich bags, snack size baggies, soup (PLEASE NO CHICKEN NOODLE, I HAVE A FEW CASES OF THAT). Canned fruit, canned meals such as beef stew, chicken ala king, spam, ravioli, lasagna, spaghetti o’s, any can meal is perfect. Tuna, boxes of Jello and pudding, minute rice, bagged noodles, pancake mixes/syrup, cake mixes/frosting, powder sugar, assorted chocolate chips, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, bar soap, snack items. Please help if you are able and any amount is appreciated. This will help restock the pantry for October. Thank you very much. Sandy Halverson

**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. As we dug into the archives, we found some fascinating photos and documents. Come see them!

**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.

**Next month we have 3 baptisms on 3 Sundays!** Stetson Fochs, Jack Miller, and Kohen Goehring. And then 2 more baptisms in November! Is there anybody else un-baptized? Bring them in before the snow flies!

Also, in October we will be teaching our 4th graders for their First Communion! Come to share the celebration on October 19. Please keep these young Christians in your prayers as they take this significant step in their faith journey.

**Free Community Outreach Fair St. Paul Lutheran**

St. Paul Lutheran Church, located at 2601 S. 10th Street in Manitowoc, is excited to host a free Community Outreach Resource Fair on Sunday, October 5th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. This event will featurerepresentatives from 13 local nonprofit organizations who will share how their groups help those in need within our community. Following the presentations, you are invited to stay for refreshments and speak directly with the spokespersons. Whether you’re looking to help others, find assistance for yourself, friends, or family, or simply want to learn about the various groups serving our community, we hope you’ll join us.The following organizations will be there:

The Warming ShelterGracious GiversPeters Pantry

Lighthouse Recovery CenterHope House of ManitowocLakeshore Cap

Salvation ArmyThe CrossingC.O.R.E.

InCourageThe HavenPink Heals

Wednesday Community Dinners

**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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