# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ☩ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

**C: you have revealed the ways of justice,** **yet we fail to follow you.**

 **We are overwhelmed** **by the world’s violence and suffering.**

 **We are afraid to risk what we have** **for the sake of others.**

 **For the harm we have caused,** **known and unknown, forgive us.**

 **For the unjust demands we place on others** **and your creation, forgive us.**

 **For the ways we turn away** **from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

 **Lead us back to you** **and set us on the right path;** **in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.** **Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare.

 In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” #879**

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** Pages 138-139

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

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

P: 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. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his**

 **example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ,**

 **our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

15O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. 16Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. 17I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. 18Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. 19Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. 20And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. 21I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

9Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; 10love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. 14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” 20No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” 21Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. 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 16:21-28

21From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” 23But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” 24Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“I Danced in the Morning”**

### Verse 1 I danced in the morning When the world was begun And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun

###  And I came down from heaven And I danced on the earth At Bethlehem I had My birth

### Chorus Dance then wherever you may be I am the Lord of the Dance said He

 And I'll lead you all Wherever you may be And I'll lead you all In the Dance said He

### Verse 2 I danced for the scribe And the Pharisee But they would not dance And they wouldn't follow Me

 I danced for the fishermen For James and John They came with Me And the dance went on **Chorus**

### Verse 3 I danced on the Sabbath And I cured the lame The holy people said it was a shame

 They whipped and they stripped And they hung Me on high And they left Me there On a Cross to die **Chorus**

### Verse 4 I danced on a Friday When the sky turned black It's hard to dance With the devil on your back

 They buried My body And they thought I'd gone But I am the dance And I still go on **Chorus**

### Verse 5 They cut Me down And I leapt up high I am the life That'll never never die

 I'll live in you If you'll live in Me I am the Lord Of the Dance said He **Chorus**

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**Holy Baptism – Kinsley Annmarie Wittmus**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

 **suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he**

 **rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living**

 **and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the**

 **resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and

 healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God, **receive**

 **our prayer.**

P: God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge

 us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their

 care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God, **receive our**

 **prayer.**

P: God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, or in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted,

 or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and

 safe working conditions. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when

 facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and for our communities. 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: Gary Heeler, Chad

 Junk, Cynthia Kwasny, Caleb Madson, Kenneth Popp, Ethan Halverson, Mitchell Kaderabek, Earl Griffin, Lee W.

 Evenson, Terry Huske, Larry Burzynski and Zachary Lenzner. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

 Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Ginger Linsmeier, Larry Broich, 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, Corey Evenson, 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 is 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.**

**Great Thanksgiving Page 144**

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

 almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his

 glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on

 earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.**

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

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Distribution Hymns “Beautiful Savior” vs. 1-3 #838 My God, How Wonderful thou Art vs. 1-3 #863**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our

 hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all

 are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray. **C: Amen.**

**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 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” #697**

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: Glenn Otto

Greeters: Clarissa and Garrett Ulness Acolyte: Kolten Schisel

Ushers: Dennis and Bonnie Gordon, Joan Pritzl Lector & Communion: Brian Ulness

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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeters: Bob and Julie Wigen Acolyte: Arianna Herrick

Ushers: Jim Ahrens and Al Gilbertson Lector: Bob Wigen

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Projection: Addison Spindler Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 73 Wednesday: 39 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $1,981.00

**Faith’s Opportunities September 3-10**

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

**Monday** Office Closed – Labor Day

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

 11:00 A.M. Appreciation Service

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday** Lifeline Screening in fellowship hall

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. 2nd Saturday Bible Study

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

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour, God’s Work. Our Hands.

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

**This morning, we welcome Kinsley Annmarie Wittmus into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism.** Kinsley was born to Taylor and Nicole Wittmus on July 7, 2023 and her baptismal sponsors are Trevor Wittmus and Kelly Isselmann. Grandparents are Nic and Christine Schoenberger and Jeff and Jill Wittmus. We rejoice at Kinsley’s rebirth through water and the Word!

**God’s Work. Our Hands. is Sunday, September 10.** Your hands can help with the following: blanket making, yard work, LWR School Kits, Soup for the Souls, rock painting, chalk the walk for the kids and a highway cleanup. Please sign up on the sheets available in the Gathering Space. **Piggy bank donations to LWR are due back by September 10th.**

Sign up at the Information Desk for **Pastor Dan’s Installation Service** and luncheon Sunday, September 17 at 3:00 p.m. so we have an idea for attendance, please.

Can you help? We are in need of 47 1 subject 70 sheet notebooks and 28 rulers for our school kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. Bars of gentle soap will be collected September 24 and 27 to be sent with the kits. Please place items in the stewardship cabinet across from the church office. Thank you for your help.