# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 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 “Take My Life, That I May Be” vs. 1-3 #685**

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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15 “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your

God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments,

decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you

are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and

serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the

Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death,

blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and

holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to

your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Philemon 1-25

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, 2 to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. 7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. 8 For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, 9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13 I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. 22 One thing more: prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. 23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, 24 and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my coworkers. 25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. 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 14:25-33 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

25 Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, 26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Blessing of Backpacks**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “God's Work, Our Hands”**

1 God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world,

 raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.

 Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown,

 walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal.

 Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,

 praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least.

 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!

 Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.

 Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.

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**Holy Baptism of Forrest John Newberg**

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: We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is

 life-giving and confront the forces of death with your glorious victory. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected

 by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for all people. Equip us for

 actions that benefit the common good. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely. May they find healing through your love and the care of those

 around them. Lead us to do God’s work with Our hands. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support

 of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives and set the prisoners free. 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: Every year is a year with you Lord. We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Mitchell Kaderabek, Earl

 Griffin, Lee W. Evenson, Terry Huske, Zachary Lenzner, Larry Burzynski, Autumn Robley, Mitchell Zutz, Mark Spindler

 and Timber Schuler. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray for Roger Sorenson, Mike Shimek, Bob Argall, Char

 Manke, Ted Jeske, Mitchell Zutz, Bertha Kulnick, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Jim and Jan 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 “Take My Life, That I May Be” vs. 4-6 #685**

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: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Tyler Madson

Acolyte: Noah Boll Lector: Lynn Merino

Communion Aide: Al Gilbertson Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner

Projection: Zach Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Michael Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Devin Zahringer Greeter: Cheryl Domrath

Acolyte: Mitchell Kaderabek Lector: Don Domrath

Head Usher: Glenn Otto Ushers: Thomas and Kathy Muench

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Judy Harris

Video/Live Stream: Carter Kuenstler

**Last Week** – Sunday: 66 Wednesday: 37 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $2,169.25

**Faith’s Opportunities September 7-14**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour ~ God’s work. Our hands.

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

**Monday** 9:00 A.M. Women’s Bible Study

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 6:30 P.M. Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism

**Tuesday** 8:00-5:00 Lifeline Screening in Fellowship Hall

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

 11:00 A.M. Senior Appreciation Worship and Luncheon

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 P.M. Confirmation Meeting for parents and students

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 2nd Saturday Bible Study

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

 9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Inspiration Choir

**This morning, we welcome Forrest John Hastreiter into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism.** Forrest was born to Logan and Emmy Newberg July 7, and his baptismal sponsors are Kiara Miller and Ted Hoffman. Grandparents are Amy Johnson, the late John Hastrieter and Steve and Wendy Newberg. We rejoice at Forrest’s rebirth through water and the Word!

**Don’t Forget!** Please sign the Thinking of You cards in the Gathering Space for our homebound members. They appreciate hearing from you.

**September Stewardship:** Please bring in new bars of gentle soap (Dove, Ivory) and place them in the containers in the Gathering Space.

**September’s pantry attendance will be up so that means the pantry needs the following.** Lunch items for lunch: 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.

**We would like to thank everyone who donated money or items to support our confirmation project during the week of VBS.**  We were able to deliver several supplies, as well as tie blankets, to Hope House in Manitowoc and also sent a check for $165 to Operation Kid to Kid.  This program, through World Vision, provides warm clothing and blankets to families in North America who may not otherwise be able to afford them.  A $5 donation can provide up to $70 in new clothing and blankets through the partnerships this organization has in place, so the $165 sent will be equivalent to over $2000 to bless those in need.  We are so fortunate to be part of such a generous congregation!   *Ethan Spindler and Zachary Lenzner*

**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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