# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements ~ Happy Grandparents Day!**

**Opening Hymn “Praise and Thanksgiving” #689**

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: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to**

 **the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole**

 **world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

4Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” 5Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7athe burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. L:  The Word of the Lord.  **C:  Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 146**

P: 1Hal- | lelujah! Praise the Lord, | O my soul!
**C:** 2**I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;** **I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**
P: 3Put not your | trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there | is no help.
**C:** 4**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,** **and in that day | their thoughts perish.**
P: 5Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help, whose hope is in the | Lord their God;
**C:** 6**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;** **who keeps promis- | es forever;**
P: 7who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger. The Lord sets the | captive

 free.
**C:** 8**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;** **the Lord | loves**

 **the righteous.**
P: 9The Lord cares | for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the

 wicked.
**C:** 10**The Lord shall | reign forever,** **your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

### Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

1My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? 2For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” 4have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?
 8You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 9But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. 14What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. 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. P. 151

### Gospel: Mark 7:24-37 C: Glory to you O Lord. (sung)

24[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,25but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 28But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” 29Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” 30So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. 31Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

**Message ~ Pastor Dan Lyman**

**Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” #793**

**Installation of Sunday School Teachers**

**Blessing of Backpacks**

**The 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: Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and

 embrace people unlike ourselves. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical partnerships and Christian unity.

 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in

 conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. We pray especially for peace in Chad,

 Yemen, Somalia, Ukraine and the Middle East. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a

 safe haven. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide

 ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits

 of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters,

 poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative

 talents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for teachers and students as they return to the school year. Lord teach us worthy ways to teach

 worthy subjects. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for our Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, our presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, our pastor, and for all

 the people of Faith Lutheran Church. We pray for this community of believers, inspire us with your Holy

 Spirit and lead us in your pathways. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

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

 Stephanie Leiteritz, Mark Spindler, Timber Schuler, Connie Torrison, Sue Riesterer and Samuel Gordon.

 Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for Ruth Torrison, Marge

 Klessig, Larry and Sharon Naidl, Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry

 Kwasny, Ginger Linsmeier, Ryan Borgwardt and family, Merle Graf and Wayne Allen Huske. Lord you are

 the Great Physician. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We remember all those who are currently serving in the military, especially:Daniel Brandl, Carter

 Hildebrandt, Andy Schnell and Ethan Tienor. Be their constant companion and bring them safely home to

 us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P:We name now before you, Lord, those in need of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them

 to know and firmly believe that you are with them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to

 serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### Benediction

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ☩ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” vs. 1,2,5 #729**

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: Bob and Julie Wigen Acolyte: Alexandra Trepasso

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Lector: Bob Wigen

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

Projection: Judy Harris

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeters: Ron and Jo Jones Acolyte: Mikaela Spindler

Ushers: Ron and Kaye Jandrey, Tyler Madson Lector & Communion Aide: Stacy Wilker

Sound Operator & Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner Projection: Ethan Ulness

Last Week – Sunday: 84 Wednesday: 24 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,684.00

**Faith’s Opportunities September 8-15**

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

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Inspiration Choir

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 6:00 P.M. Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism

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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 P.M. Parent and student Confirmation meeting

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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Inspiration Choir

**Thank you to our Sunday School Teachers who have volunteered to work with our children this year:**

PreK - Libby Olson and Alexandra Trepasso

K/1st - Stephanie Madson and Valerie Valleskey

2nd/3rd -Anderia Frank

4th-6th -Angie Ulness Substitutes: Alyssa Schwoerer & Shawnae Galien

**Faith’s Open Pantry is running low on several items for September.** Our wish list of items includes regular sized boxes of Minute Rice, variety of salad dressings, ketchup, boxed mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, BBQ sauce, Ramen noodles, canned fruit/applesauce, Mac & Cheese, cake, cookie, brownie and dessert mixes, canned frosting, instant coffee, juice boxes, pudding, fruit, Jello cups and canned meals. Please drop off before the 3rd Saturday of September! Thank you! Sandy Halverson

**Bible Presentation Sunday will take place on September 15th**

Children in grades 3k-4k, 3rd, and 7th will be receiving a Bible during the 9am service. Faith Lutheran considers receiving his/her own Bible to be a significant milestone in a child's life. We feel it is important for parents and children to be in attendance for this special service.

Pastor’s Bible Study Class resumes Tuesday, September 17 at 3:00 and 6:00 PM.

**SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP - CLOTH DIAPERS**

**Cloth diapers, flat fold**

There will be envelopes in the pews for September labeled "Dollars for Diapers". These can be placed in the offering plates/box, which will be given to church office and donated monies will be used to buy the Baby Kits. There should be 10 diapers per pack, 4 diapers are needed for each kit.  Also needed in the kit are 4 large diaper pins. Diapers can also be purchased and placed in the Stewardship Cabinet across from the church office.

Thank you for your continued support. — *Terry Haupt*