# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 14, 2022

## **Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most gracious God, as we gather in your presence we pray,

**C: That out of your glorious riches you will strengthen us through the power of your Holy**

 **Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And**

 **may we, being rooted and grounded in love, be able to grasp how wide and long and**

 **high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge –**

 **that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.** *(Ephesians 3:16-19)*

P: May you be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. *(2 Timothy 2:1)*

**Opening Song “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #836**

P: The grace of the 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 God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control**

 **our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and**

 **the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:8 – 11

 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.

 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 10:5 – 13

 Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile —the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Song “O Word of God Incarnate” vs. 1 #514**

**The Gospel:** Mark 4:1 – 9

 Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water’s edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.”

 Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**   **“The Sower”**

SONG OF RESPONSE “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” #512

**Prayer of St Francis**

P: Lord,

**C: Make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where**

 **there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;**

 **where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.**

 **Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as**

 **to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in**

 **pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

 **Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**Offertory “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” #752**

P: Generous God,

**C: Thank you for the undeserved grace and the forgiveness you give to all your people.**

 **Thank you for all we receive from your hand. As you have blessed us, help us to be a**

 **blessing to all with whom we come in contact; and to see how we can share your word**

 **and show your love. Open now our hearts to meet the needs of others and your**

 **ministry among us. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your bountiful

 mercy and love, that we know we have through Jesus Christ our savior and Lord.

**C: Amen!**

**Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Closing Song “Lift High the Cross” #660**

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: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeters: Ron and Jo Jones Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Mark and Jen Zutz Family Lector: Ron Jones

Sound Operator: Hunter Spindler Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

Projection: Gage Spindler

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Mardell Tienor Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Al Gilbertson & John Robley Lector: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Projection: Stefanie Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer Communion Aide: Joan Pritzl

**Last Week** – Sunday: 75 Video: 65 Wednesday: 28 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,076.25

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** in celebration of the 70th wedding anniversary of Bob and Norma Argall,Orrin Skattebo, Harry Kwasny, Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Henry Holzer (nephew of Carol & Loren Ulness), Signe Burkart, Jim Loritz, Elling Jones, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen Huske.

**Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the following who are serving in the military:** Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle and Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt, Jeff Konz and Andy Schnell. If there are others we should be remembering, please inform the church office.

**Faith’s Opportunities August 14-21**

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

**Monday** Newsletter info due

 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at the Golden Flame

**Wednesday** 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

**Friday** 1:00-6:00 P.M. Lake Event for kids at the Ulness cabin

Saturday 9:00 A.M. Open Pantry

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**Can you help? We are in desperate need of dark colored hand towels and bath towels for our Lutheran World Relief kits.** We are also in need of paper notebooks for our school kits. Dollar General has a sale going on until July 31 for 50 cents apiece (usually they are $1.00). Please place items in the stewardship cabinet or monetary donations can be made out to Faith Lutheran Church and brought to the office. Items will then be purchased to complete the kits. Deadline is September 4 so everything can be packed. Thank you for your help.

 Let’s Meet at the Lake

**Who?**         Any student entering 4th-12th grades

**When?**      Friday, August 19th from 1:00-3:00 pm for students entering 4th-6th grade

 Friday, August 19th from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm for students entering 7th-12th grades

**Where?**    The Ulness Family Cottage, 9316 Pigeon Lake Rd. Valders

**What to bring:** Swimsuit, Towel, Life jacket (if you have one), Sunscreen

**Cost:**         $5.00 per student or $10.00 per family. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

If planning to come, please call or text: Stefanie Kaderabek (901-4878) OR Erin Lenzner (901-7089).

Without Music, Life Would B*b*

FLC is looking for children, teenagers, women and men who love to share their musical gifts. We invite YOU to participate in special services and occasions with minimal preparations/rehearsals. Please consider glorifying God with your musical talents. Give Sue Riesterer a call at 920-901-0083.

**Let’s ring the bells!**

Hear ye, hear ye, to all Faith’s hand bell ringers: We will begin practice on September 11th at 8:00am. It is important you be there to discuss future practice and performance times. We will be playing for Pastor Jim’s last Sunday at Faith (October 30th), let’s make this special. Bonnie Gordon has agreed to lead our group again. So let’s make this happen- see you there. -- Sue Riesterer

**AUGUST STEWARDSHIP**

**SCHOOL KITS**

(4) 70-SHEET NOTEBOOKS OF WIDE OR COLLEGE RULED PAPER 8 X 10 ½, NO LOOSE

 LEAF PAPER.

(1) 30 CENTIMETER RULER, OR A RULER WITH CENTIMETERS ON ONE SIDE & INCHES

 ON THE OTHER

(1) PENCIL SHARPENER

(5) UNSHARPENED #2 PENCILS–(NO MECHANICAL)

(1) BOX OF 24 CRAYONS

(5) BLACK OR BLUE BALLPOINT PENS (NO GEL OR CLICK PENS)

(1) BLUNT SCISSORS

(1) 2 ½” ERASER (no smaller than 2 ½”)

PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE STEWARDSHIP CABINET NEAR THE CHURCH OFFICE, LABELED “SCHOOL KITS”. Any monetary donations can be left in the office with Christine.