# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

August 21, 2022

## **Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements

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

**C: Amen.**

**Psalm** 119 (selected verses)

P: I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.

**C: I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.**

P: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**C: I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.**

P: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

**C: I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.**

**Opening Song “Thy Word”**

**Chorus:** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. **2X**

1. When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me; nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. **Chorus.**
2. I will not forget your love for me and yet, I’ll forever be wand ’ring; Jesus be my guide, hold me to your side. I will love you to the end. **Chorus.**

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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, you created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us**

 **for life that is faithful and true. Teach us to trust like little children, that we may**

 **reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**Old Testament Reading:** Leviticus 19:1 – 3, 9 – 18

 The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy. Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God. “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God. Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another. Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight. Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD. Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. Do not go about spreading slander among your people. Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD. Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading:** Romans 13:8 – 10

 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

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

**Gospel Song “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 7:24 – 27

 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

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

**Message “God Given, Time Tested, Truths”**

**Hymn of Response “What A Friend We Have In Jesus” #742**

P: Let us confess our faith in our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in the words of an

 African Creed.

**C: We believe in one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created people and wanted them to be happy in the world. God loves the world, and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his Word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all nations and tribes.**

 **We believe that God made good his promise by sending his Son, Jesus Christ, a man of**

 **flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on**

 **safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching them about God and**

 **humanity. Showing that the meaning of religion is love, He was rejected by His people,**

 **tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the ground,**

 **but on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is Lord.**

 **We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share their bread together in love, announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

**We lift our prayers** to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds” vs. 1 #656**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Let us prepare our hearts for Holy Communion, reflecting on our need for Christ’s atoning

 sacrifice on the cross. None of us are perfect. We all fall short and put our faith in the

 amazing grace of God.

**C: Heavenly Father, forgive us our sins for Jesus sake and help us to put our trust in you.**

 **Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God

 forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to

 become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

P: Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith

 as he comes to us in the Lord’s Supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, “This is my body, given for you.” Again after supper, he took the cup, and after giving thanks to God, he said, “This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**Distribution Hymns “Just as I Am” #592 “Be Thou My Vision” #793**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious Heavenly Father, pour out upon us your Spirit of love and wisdom. Unite us with Christ and all his people. And through your Word and this sacrament, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may Christ dwell in our hearts through faith. **C Amen!**

**BENEDICTION**

**Closing Hymn “On Our Way Rejoicing” #537**

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: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Mardell Tienor Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Al Gilbertson & John Robley Lector: Brian Ulness

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Projection: Stefanie Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer Communion Aide: Brian Ulness

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeters: Brian and Mary Thomsen Acolyte: Tristan Teuke

Ushers: Dennis and Bonnie Gordon Lector: Tiffany Jandrey

Sound Operator & Projection: Terry Huske Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 60 Video: 71 Wednesday: 33 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,626.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Elma Castro upon the death of her husband, Cisco,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 21-28**

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

**Monday** 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Boards of Christian Education & Youth

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

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 for 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

Sign up for Faith’s “God’s Work. Our Hands” event in the Gathering Space. This event begins following worship on Sunday, September 11th. A bag lunch will be provided and the Packers have cooperated with a scheduled 3:25 PM game. Please take time to discern your gifts and passions and commit to a time of giving to others.