# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

August 28, 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.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us begin by clearing our conscience by confessing our sins. We have not loved God with our whole heart and we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. Let us take a moment to reflect on our need for God’s forgiveness, and on Jesus’ redeeming work that sets us free. *Silence for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Song “Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing” #389**

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 sent your Son to live among us to be the light of the world. By your grace adopt us**

 **as your sons and daughters, and enlighten us through this gift of your Son and the Holy Spirit,**

 **through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Holy Baptism of Callie Colleen Wenzel**

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.**

**Baptismal Hymn “Borning Cry” #732**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Proverbs 25:6, 7; 18:12

 Do not exalt yourself in the king’s presence, and do not claim a place among his great men; it is better for him to say to you, “Come up here,” than for him to humiliate you before his nobles. Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 112** (selected verses)

L: Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.

**C: Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L: Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

**C: Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.**

L: Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

**C: They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will**

 **be lifted high in honor.**

L: The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked

 will come to nothing.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1 – 8, 15, 16**

 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Song “I Love to Tell the Story”** vs. 1 **#661**

**The Gospel:** Luke 14:1, 7 – 14

 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE Pastor Howard Batt**

**Hymn** **“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”**  **#818**

P: Let us affirm our faith together, in the God that calls us through his Son, Jesus Christ, and enlightens our

 minds, empowers us for ministry, and keeps us in true faith, through his Holy Spirit.

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

**Offering**

**Offertory “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1 #686**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**After each prayer:** Lord, in your mercy; **Congregation responds: Hear our prayer.**

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children. As we bring them up,

 give us calm strength and patient wisdom so that we may teach them to love what is true and good, following

 the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We lift up your creation, O God, the seas and the creatures that live in them, for the lands of the earth, all creatures, vegetation, and the crops of farmers. May we be good stewards of all you have placed under our care.

We pray for peace among nations, for governments, for all who have authority at any level, that they govern with justice and mercy. We lift up our country and those who are elected to govern within our nation. Give them your wisdom. May we live by what is true and good.

We lift up those in need of healing and comfort: Jo Jones, Orrin Skattebo, Harry Kwasny,Connie Schisel, Don Tienor, Delores Johnson,Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Henry Holzer, Signe Burkart, Jim Loritz, Elling Jones, Merle Graf, and Wayne Allen Huske.

P: In to your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your 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 “Go My Children With My Blessing” #543**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Head Usher: Glenn Otto

Greeter: John Robley Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Dennis and Bonnie Gordon Lector: Don Domrath

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Makenna Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek Communion Aide: Earl Griffin

**Faith’s Opportunities August 28-September 4**

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**Last Week** – Sunday: 49 Wednesday: 37 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,216.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Jo Jones,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.

This morning, we welcome Callie Colleen Wenzel into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism. Callie was born August 4, 2021 to Nathan and Jeanne, and her baptismal sponsors are Robert and Sara Grady and Allison Luckow. Grandparents are Judith Luckow, James Cain and Sharon and Wayne Wenzel. Great-grandmother is Vernetta Zutz. We rejoice at Callie’s rebirth through water and the Word!

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.

As you know, Thrivent Action Team dollars have been a big part of many events here at Faith—Vacation Bible School, Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers, God’s Work. Our Hands. to name a few.  Along with each monetary donation, comes a supply of Thrivent T-shirts.  Due to Thrivent’s generosity, we now have a surplus of over 150 t-shirts!  A part of this supply is now on display in the outer narthex.  Help yourself, as these shirts were made to be worn by someone like you!  Sizes and styles will be replenished as needed.

The follow items are running low for Faith’s Open Pantry. If you can help that would be much appreciated.

Gift card/certificates to Pine River Dairy for butter and cheese. Regular size only of ketchup, mustard, mayo.

White sugar/powder sugar, canned meals, regular size Cocoa Krispies, Frosted Flakes, Fruity Pebbles, **no** **Rice Krispies**, Cheerios. Also needed are: tooth brushes, facial tissue, toilet tissue, laundry soap, dish soap, cleaning supplies, cookies,

salty snacks, candy. **NO** peanut butter, soups, any kind of veggies, mac and cheese, brown beans, peas. I’m fully stocked with these items! Gift cards always welcome so I can hand out to pantry guests needing other specific items. Any questions, contact Sandy Halverson at 323-2086. Thank you.