# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

August 7, 2022

## **Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements

P: We begin our worship in the name God, Father, Son, and 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.**

P: Let us lift up our hearts and voices in joyous response to this good news.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Opening Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” #879**

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 Creator, we thank you for making the fruitful earth produce what is needed**

 **for life. We thank you for the beauty of this world, and the gift of life. You have**

 **showered your blessings upon all of humanity and the whole creation. Help us to be**

 **good stewards of all you have placed under our care, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

 **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *“This is the Feast”*  Pg. 149 – 150

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

 **Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is**

 **the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the**

 **hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb**

 **forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has**

 **begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Amos 8:4 – 7

 Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?” —skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.”

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

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 6:17 – 19

 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** p. 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Gospel: Luke 16:1 – 15**

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

**Message “Live Generously”**

**Hymn of Response “Rise Up, O Saints of God”**  **#669**

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.

**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!**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

P: Let us lift up our hearts and voices in joyous response to this good news.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Holy Communion**

Great Thanksgiving Pages 152-153

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Life up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right… …we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,

 that all who believe in him would not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the

 salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution Hymns “Just As I Am” #592 “Shall We Gather at the River” #423**

**Post Communion Prayer**

P: God of grace and abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with

 Christ and all His people. Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit, that we may proclaim

 Your redeeming love to the world and continue forever, in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #884**

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.**

**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Ellen Polifka Acolyte: Makenna Kaderabek

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Lector: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Ethan Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek Communion Aide: Joan Pritzl

**Serving Us Next Week**

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

**Last Week** – Sunday: 59 Video: 63 Wednesday: 36 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,152.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** the family of John Huske whose funeral was held here yesterday. Lynn & Larry Burzynski, Harry Kwasny, Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Signe Burkart, Doug Wilson, 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 7-14**

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

**Monday** 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

**Wednesday** 5:00 P.M. Board of Stewardship

 6:00 P.M. Card Making

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

**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*

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