# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: O most merciful God, who has given his only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his

 sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by the Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of

 your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through

 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has mercy upon us, and who gave his only Son to die for us, and

 forgives us all of our sins. To them that believe in him, he gives power to become the children of God, and

 bestows upon them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord,

 unto us all.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” #509**

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.**

**Kyrie Pages 138-139**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray

 to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to**

 **receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our**

 **Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

10For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

1There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, 8and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.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. Alleluia. **Page 142**

**Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

1That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9Let anyone with ears listen!” 18“Hear then the parable of the sower. 19When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“Thy Strong Word” #511**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people

 to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting

 waterways from pollution, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards of your good gifts. Hear

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

P: Answer the prayers of those gathered in worship, O God. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany

 visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. 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:

 Theresa Haupt, Westen Schisel, Bree Wenzel, Addyson Johnson, Jesse Duchow, Mike Shimek, Bill

 Riesterer, Ava Ulness, Josh Duchow, Paden Hougen, Eric Nelson, Jared Zutz, Isaac Petska, Tyler Miller,

 Ariana Herrick, Susan Christel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for those who are in need of healing: Marion Orde, Carol Nelson, Sharon Naidl,

 Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Ginger

 Linsmeier, Larry Broich, Neil Meissner, Eliza Dekker, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen

 Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We remember those who are currently serving in the military:Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle Conrad,

 Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt and Andy Schnell. Be their constant companion and

 bring them safely home to us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P:Confident that you not only hear our prayers, but listen to them, you not only listen, but care. You not only

 care, but act with Almighty Love. Confident in your Almighty Love, we name now before you those in need

 of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to know that our prayers are with them and you are

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

**Offering**

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

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your

 creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus

 Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving Page 144**

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to

 you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the

 grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of

 angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna.**

 **Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the**

 **highest.**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion** P: Come to the table that our Lord has prepared.

**Distribution Hymns “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #759 “Just As I Am” #592**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to

 spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our

 Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

#### Benediction

P: May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect

 us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us this day and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**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!**

**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: Paul and Jill Franz Acolyte: Liam Cline

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin Lector: Stacy Wilker

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Communion Aide: Stacy Wilker

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeter: Ellen Polifka Acolyte: Logan Bratt

Ushers: Keith Lippert and Tyler Madson Lector: Tiffany Jandrey

Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner Projection: Kolten Schisel

Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Last Week** – Sunday: 64 Wednesday: 27 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,664.00

**Faith’s Opportunities July 16-23**

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

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

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at 7 Angels in Chilton

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

 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

Do you or someone you know have interest in leading our Sunday school students beginning Fall 2023?  We are looking for individuals to teach or co-teach our 2nd-4th grade group and our 5th-6th grade group. No need to be a certified teacher.  Just need a love for sharing God’s Word and the enthusiasm to work with children 1 hour each Sunday. Please reach out to Bridget Valleskey by August 1st if you have any questions or would like to know more!   Text (920)905-5273  or email valleskeyb@gmail.com.

The Redeemed II Quartet at Faith July 23

Join us in worship as we welcome The Redeemed II Quartet who were organized the summer of 2018. There seemed to be a void in our lives, as the concert season of the Pine Haven Men's Chorus comes to an end. Our theme song (Let The Redeemed of The Lord) portrays that we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus and also states our mission, "to proclaim his glory and tell his story among the nations". We have sung on different occasions at Pine Haven Christian

Communities, their annual meeting, The Gathering (a day care for seniors) Christmas programs, senior luncheons, and special holiday events, The National Anthem (acapella), a birthday party celebrating 80 years, and various churches in southeastern WI. We have done complete services at churches. We enjoy singing and praising God, and hope you are blessed and encouraged by our words and the songs we sing. A free will offering will be taken for the group.

**Donations are being accepted for a new shed – we are half way there!** An approximate cost with building materials, cement and electrical is $9,000.00. (Current total is $5,306.00 raised). Donations can be brought to the church office or placed in the white envelope in the pews marked shed and placed in the offering plate.