# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship “Let the Redeemed of the Lord” Redeemed II Quartet**

**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 “Can He, Could He, Would He, Did He” Redeemed II Quartet**

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: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your**

 **Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus**

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

### First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

6Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god. 7Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. 8Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one. 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 13:24-30, 36-43**

24[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;25but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ 28He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ 29But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” 36Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” 37He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“I Love You from an Old Rugged Cross” Redeemed II Quartet**

**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: O God, you call your church to announce the gospel of reconciliation and truth both near and far. Guide your

 church as it seeks your wisdom and shares it, trusting your Spirit bearing witness among us. Hear us, O God.

 **Your mercy is great.**

P: You brought forth all creation and called it good. Direct policymakers to protect lands and seas. Bring rain to

 forest fires and sun-parched fields and protect areas impacted by natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **Your**

 **mercy is great.**

P: You desire peace among nations and peoples. Guard our neighborhoods. Watch over police officers,

 firefighters and first responders. Help us to be communities of mutual care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is**

 **great.**

P: You are gracious and merciful, comforting those who suffer any affliction. Sustain your people excluded due

 to illness or disability, provide shelter for all who are unhoused, and release any who are unjustly

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

P: You name each of us as your children. Guide our hospitality ministry to welcome all, our education ministry

 to equip us for faithful living, and our social ministry to enact the gospel in our community. 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:

 Richard Lodel, Mardell Tienor, Ben Stalvey, Macy McDonald, Brian Ulness, Cheyenne Saunders, Trevor

 Wittmus, Luke Evenson, Michelle Koehler, Alyse Fuller, Tyler Madson, Samantha Hammel, James Schuh.

 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 “Praise the Lord” Redeemed II Quartet**

**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.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### 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 “Old Tyme Church Medley” Redeemed II Quartet**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: John Robley Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Brian and Mary Thomsen Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

Projection: Bill Riesterer

**Last Week** – Sunday: 75 Wednesday: 34 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,536.00

 Shed donations: $5,306.00

**Faith’s Opportunities July 23-30**

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

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

**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.

**Now is your chance to experience the greatness of music!**

 “Sweet Sounds” from New Holstein is offering Beginner Piano and/or Guitar lessons

to those who are interested. The lessons will be given at Faith starting in September, given in half hour increments for 12 weeks. All ages are invited! Lessons will be given by Samantha Henschel who has been playing piano for 18 years and guitar for 13 years. Cost per person is $25.00 per lesson and there needs to be at least 4 students signed up to compensate for her travel time. Lessons would begin at 3:30 pm on Tuesday or Wednesday (day of the week to be determined according to interest). This way if any school student is interested, they could come after school.

 All monies will be handled by Samantha, including book fees. Students need to have own guitar. Lessons will be given in Faith’s music room across from the library since there is a Clavinova already in that room.

  There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Space along with an information sheet for your viewing. When you sign up please indicate on the sheet piano or guitar lessons. Deadline is Saturday August 26.

  Feel free to ask Sue Riesterer any questions that you may have. 920-901-0083 or

sueriesterer@gmail.com.

Do you have a musical talent that you would like to share with the congregation this summer? Perhaps singing a solo or playing an instrument? We would like to hear you! Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Space. Dates are available through the end of August.

**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**

**(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”.**