# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn “Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” #527**

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: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your**

 **kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that**

 **comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

5At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” 6And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”
10It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39**

26The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Solo “It is Well With My Soul” Amanda (Halverson) Buntrock**

**Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**

31[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;32it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” 33He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” 44“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” 52And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” vs. 1-4 #596**

**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: Almighty God, we pray for the church and all servants of the gospel. Equip rostered ministers, lay ministers

 and all Christians to proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O

 God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Gracious God, we pray for the well-being of creation. Safeguard the environment, clean polluted rivers and

 lakes, preserve the mighty trees and the tiny mustard seeds, and inspire us to care for your creation. Hear

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

P: Compassionate God, we pray for the nations. Instill in all who govern the ability to discern between good

 and evil, free those who are oppressed, and protect those facing danger. Promote peace across the world and

 in our towns and neighborhoods. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Merciful God, we pray for all in any need. Inspire us to protect those fleeing from war, shelter any who are

 in poverty, clothe the naked, soothe all who grieve, and heal the sick. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Holy God, we pray for this congregation, both those gathered today and those absent from our assembly.

 Grant safety to travelers and refreshment for all on vacation. Give direction to any experiencing life

 transitions. 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:

 Dane Ott, Rolyn Jorgenson, Nancy Christianson, Kerry Schnell, Brynlee Meidl, Cathy Luckow, Matthew

 Berge, Caleb Boll, Donald Sebo, Maelyn Miller, Stephanie Mittnacht. Callie Wenzel, Myrna Lippert,

 Aubrey Hill, Hadley Beckman. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all those who are in need of healing, especially: Brenda Goehring, Christine Olson, 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 all those who are currently serving in the military, especially: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.**

**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 “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” #534**

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

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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Julie Hartman Acolyte: Kolten Schisel

Ushers: Lori Propson, Larry Naidl, Ron Jones Lector & Communion: Joyce Sorenson

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Luke and Greg Evenson

Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 82 Wednesday: 36 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $11,016.00 Shed donations: $5,396.00

Calling all mini golfers young, old and everyone in between!!

When: Friday, August 11th

Time: 6-8pm

Where: Manitowoc Aquatic Center

Cost: $5 per person for unlimited mini golf.

Bring your entire family out for a night of mini golf followed by ice cream at Cedar Crest. Please contact Erin Lenzner at 901-7089 if interested. All are welcome!

Please sign up at the Information Desk for the **Bible Study classes** to be held Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. starting September 19.

**Faith’s Opportunities July 30-August 6**

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

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

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 P.M. Boards of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday** 5:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday** 4:00 P.M. Hailee Jacobs and Dayton Goehring Wedding

**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”.