# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

July 10, 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.**

P: Most gracious God, as we gather in your presence we pray,

**C: That out of your glorious riches you will strengthen us through the power of your Holy**

 **Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And**

 **may we, being rooted and grounded in love, be able to grasp how wide and long and**

 **high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge –**

 **that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.** *(Ephesians 3:16-19)*

**Opening Song “Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

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, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control**

 **our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and**

 **the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 6:4 – 9

 *Deuteronomy is a book of the covenant between God and his people, Israel. At its core, love forms the heart of this covenant relationship. The “Shema” provides the classic expression of this wholehearted love between God and his people. It also involves a total pattern of life given in the Law. But it is love, not law, that forms the core of the covenant relationship between God and his people Israel. Deuteronomy 6*

 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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

**Second Reading:** Romans 2:23 – 29

 *Paul is making the point, without obedience to God’s Law, the reality behind the covenant sign of circumcision becomes meaningless, just as our baptism is meaningless without faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For the real Jew is not merely being Jewish outwardly. “Jew” literally means “one who praises.” It is a matter of the heart. Romans 2*

 You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? As it is written: “God’s name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

 Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. So then, if those who are not circumcised keep the law’s requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker.

 A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person’s praise is not from other people, but from God.

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

**Gospel Song “Open Our Eyes, Lord”**

**The Gospel:** Mark 7:1 – 23

 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

 He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’

 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

 And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

 Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”

 After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

 He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

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

**MESSAGE**   **“A Matter of the Heart”**

HYMN “Change My Heart, O God”

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** **“Lord, Be Glorified”** vs. 1,3 **#744**

**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!**

**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 “In Christ Alone”**

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: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: Tom & Rae Madson Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Wayne Huske and Larry Naidl Lector: Garrett Ulness

Sound Operator & Projection: Terry Huske

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: Keith & Audrey Lippert Acolyte: Molly Junk

Ushers: Austin and Stetson McCulley Lector & Communion Aide: Stacy Wilker

Sound Operator & Projection: Erin Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

**Last Week** – Sunday: 65 Video: 64 Wednesday: 40 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $17,649.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  Lynn Burzynski, Harry Kwasny, Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Charles Loftus (Jenniffer Zutz’s father), 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 July 10-17**

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

**Monday** 6:00 P.M. Board of Lay Ministry

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

**Saturday**  9:00 A.M. Open Pantry

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 Pantry Needs

Men and woman’s deodorants Shampoo

Body wash/soap Cleaning supplies

Laundry /dish soap Paper towel

Snack items Sweet treat items

Jell-O/pudding Gift cards from Pine River Dairy for cheese & butter

Peaches/pears (No other fruit and no veggies)

A sign-up sheet is available on the refrigerator in the Gathering Space for parishioners who want to volunteer to make coffee and bring in homemade or purchased treats for Fellowship Hour during the months of July and August. If treats are purchased, you will be reimbursed. Save your receipts and turn in to the church office with a note fellowship hour, your name, address and amount being reimbursed. Please bring your treats to church before service on Sunday mornings.

Faith’s Faithful Quilters are taking a break this month and will resume Thursday, August 4 at 8:00 a.m.