# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

July 17, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Psalm** 148 (selected verses)

P: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

P: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**C: Praise the LORD all the earth, wild animals and all cattle, creatures great and small.**

P: Let the kings of the earth and all nations, the young and the old, Praise the LORD.

**C: Let them all praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; Halleluiah!**

**Opening Hymn “All Creatures, Worship God Most High”** vs. 1 – 3 **#835**

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, you are worthy of all our praise. Thank you for the beauty of your**

 **creation and help us to be good stewards of all that you have entrusted to our care.**

 **Thank you especially for the gift of salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives**

 **and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 12:1 – 5

 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s family to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

 So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

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

**New Testament Reading:** Hebrews 11:1 – 6

 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

 By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

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

**Gospel Song “Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil” #512**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17:14 – 20

 When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.”

“You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message “Living By Faith”**

**Hymn of Response “Ancient Words”**

P: Let us confess our faith in our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in the words of an

 African Creed.

**C: We believe in one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and**

 **everything good in it. He created people and wanted them to be happy in the world.**

 **God loves the world, and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this**

 **High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his Word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all nations and tribes.**

 **We believe that God made good his promise by sending his Son, Jesus Christ, a man of flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching them about God and humanity. Showing that the meaning of religion is love, He was rejected by His people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the ground, but on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is Lord.**

 **We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share their bread together in love, announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our

 Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**OFFERING**

**Offertory “Take My Life”** vs. 1  **#685**

**Prayer of Dedication**

P: Heavenly Father, in your love you have given us gifts which our forebears neither knew nor dreamed of. Mercifully grant that we may not be so occupied with material things that we forget the things which are spiritual and thus, even though we may gain the whole world, lose our souls. Direct us, O Lord, in all we do, so that, with your help, we may live as true disciples. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus who gave himself for us.

**C: Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

P: Let us prepare our hearts for Holy Communion, reflecting on our need for Christ’s atoning sacrifice on the cross. None of us are perfect. We all fall short and put our faith in the amazing grace of God.

**C: Heavenly Father, forgive us our sins for Jesus sake and help us to put our trust in you.**

 **Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God

 forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to

 become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

P: Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith

 as he comes to us in the Lord’s Supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, “This is my body, given for you.” Again after supper, he took the cup, and after giving thanks to God, he said, “This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**Distribution Hymns “Let Us Break Bread Together” #471 “Love Divine” #631**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious Heavenly Father, pour out upon us your Spirit of love and wisdom. Unite us with

 Christ and all his people. And through your Word and this sacrament, by the power of the

 Holy Spirit, may Christ dwell in our hearts through faith. **C: Amen!**

**BENEDICTION**

**Closing Hymn “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”** #618

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: Keith & Audrey Lippert Acolyte: Molly Junk

Ushers: Stetson McCulley & Lori Propson Lector & Communion Aide: Stefanie Kaderabek

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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Janice Dill Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: Ron and Jo Jones Acolyte: Makenna Kaderabek

Ushers: Tyler Madson & Brian Ulness Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operator: Lucas Spindler Projection: Addison Spindler

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

**Last Week** – Sunday: 55 Video: 63 Wednesday: 38 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,272.00

**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 17-24**

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

**Monday** 6:30 P.M. Council meets

Tuesday 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at the Fork and Knife

**Wednesday** 6:00 P.M. Card Making in Community Room

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

Please sign the thinking of you cards in the Gathering Space for our homebound members. They appreciate hearing from you.

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 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.