# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

July 24, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**C: Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Let us declare our trust in our loving Creator.

**C: God, your love is the one true constant in our lives. When we are overwhelmed by**

 **day-to-day stresses, you are there to strengthen us, to guide us, and to ease our**

 **burdens. We have come to be renewed by your faithful love. Give us a desire to grow**

 **in your Word, to follow Jesus, and to bring your love to a needy world.**

P: Let us also confess our sins and seek God’s forgiveness.

**C: Lord God, I have not loved you with my whole heart and too often I have neglected to**

 **love my neighbor as myself. I have not helped others when I could have. Forgive the**

 **sins of my actions and inaction, cleanse my heart, and bring me back to you.**

P: God knows our hearts and is always pleased when we come to him in prayer. Let us find joy

 in the truth of God’s deep, abiding love for us, shown in his Son, Jesus Christ, who died for

 our sins and who rose again so we would have the hope and joy of life with him here and

 forever.

**C: Amen!**

Opening Song “Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing” #389

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: Lord God, you speak to us through the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we may hear, read,**

 **respect, learn, and make them our own in such a way that the enduring benefit and**

 **comfort of the Word will help us to grasp and hold the blessed hope of everlasting life,**

 **given us through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 40:27 – 31

 Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

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

**New Testament Reading:** Colossians 1:3 – 6

 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people — the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world —just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace.

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

**Psalm 9** (selected verses)

L: I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**C: I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O God.**

L: You rebuke nations who plot evil. You destroy the wicked; you have blotted out their name

 for ever and ever.

**C: The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.**

L: He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.

**C: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.**

L: The wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God.

**C: But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never die.**

**Gospel Song “O Word of God Incarnate” vs. 1 #514**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6:19 – 21, 28 – 33

 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

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

**Message “Living by Hope”**

**Song of Response “Amazing Grace” #779**

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.

**Nicene Creed**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all**

 **that is, seen and unseen.**

 **We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

 **We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” #752**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**We lift our prayers** to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**BENEDICTION**

**Closing Song “How Great Thou Art” #856**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: Richard and Linda Menza Acolyte: Peter Cigler

Ushers: Ben and Chloe Cigler Family Lector: Chloe Cigler

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

Projection: Whitney Ulness

**Last Week** – Sunday: 55 Video: 74 Wednesday: 36 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,659.00

**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 24-31**

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

**Monday** 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

**Tuesday** 6:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism

**Wednesday** 6:15 P.M. Worship

**Saturday** 1:00 P.M. Skatrud Family funeral meal

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Boards of Christian Education and Youth

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).

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Monumental VBS an awesome success for 60 kids and 20 youth.  Whether it was items we borrowed from your home, supplies you purchased, time you gave or a monetary donation - it is all much appreciated.  VBS is truly a team effort and Faith Lutheran "rocks" at coming together to make this event happen.  God is awesome and so are you! Sincerely, Chloe Cigler

Thanks for your help in bringing in winter items for our Coats for Kids campaign.  We collected over 130 winter items and over $500 to donate to the Salvation Army.  We appreciate your help in keeping kids in Manitowoc County warm this winter. Sincerely, Peter Cigler and Carter Valleskey

 Let’s Meet at the Lake

**Who?**         Any student entering 4th-12th grades

**When?**      Friday, August 19th from 1:00-3:00 pm for students entering 4th-6th grade

 Friday, August 19th from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm for students entering 7th-12th grades

**Where?**    The Ulness Family Cottage, 9316 Pigeon Lake Rd. Valders

**What to bring:** Swimsuit, Towel, Life jacket (if you have one), Sunscreen

**Cost:**         $5.00 per student or $10.00 per family. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

 If planning to come, please call or text: Stefanie Kaderabek (901-4878) OR Erin Lenzner (901-7089)