# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 31, 2022

## **Gathering**

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)*

P: May you be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. *(2 Timothy 2:1)*

**Opening Hymn “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” #786**

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:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12 – 14, 2:18 – 26

 “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

 A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God.

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

**Psalm 49** (selected verses)

L: Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world, both low and high, rich and poor

 alike: My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you

 understanding.

**C: No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them.**

L: People, despite their wealth, do not endure; they are like the beasts that perish.

**C: This is the fate of those who trust in themselves, and of their followers, who approve of**

 **their ways.**

L: Do not be overawed when others grow rich, when the splendor of their houses increases; for

 they will take nothing with them when they die.

**C: But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; he will surely take me to himself.**

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1 – 11

 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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

**Gospel Song “I Love to Tell the Story”** vs. 1 **#661**

**The Gospel: Luke 12:13 – 21**

 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**  Pastor Howard Batt

HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” #793

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 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”** vs. 1 **#686**

**Prayer of Dedication**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness**

 **and loving-kindness shown to us and to your whole creation. We praise you for all the**

 **blessings of life, but above all, for your immeasurable love for the world that we have**

 **in Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us such an awareness of your love that with truly**

 **thankful hearts we may give of ourselves sacrificially to your service, and walk in your**

 **ways, bearing witness to you love. Amen!**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each prayer we respond: P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, we live in a culture that is preoccupied with possessions. Help us to remember

 life is not all about me and what I get or achieve. It’s all about you—our loving Creator—the

 Giver of the gift of life. Enlarge our hearts to love and give, as You have first loved and

 given to us.

P: God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your

 image. Guide all of humanity to be true caretakers of this beautiful world you have given us.

 Give us compassion for the less fortunate, that we would care as you have demonstrated your

 love for the world in Jesus, your Son.

P: Lord Jesus, we lift up to you those in need of your healing and comforting touch: Lynn &

 Larry Burzynski, Harry Kwasny,Connie Schisel, Don Tienor, Delores Johnson,Ginger

 Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Charles Loftus, Signe Burkart, Jim Loritz, Elling Jones, Merle Graf,

 & Wayne Allen Huske.

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 Hymn “Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing” #886**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Ellen Polifka Acolyte: Makenna Kaderabek

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family Lector: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Ethan Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek Communion Aide: Joan Pritzl

**Last Week** – Sunday: 74 Video: 59 Wednesday: 32 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,855.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  Lynn & Larry 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 31-August 7**

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

**Monday** 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship ~ Board of Lay Ministrty

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

**Thursday**  Wedding Rehearsal

Friday 3:00 P.M. Tannor Wittmus and Nicole Schoenberger Wedding

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

9:00 A.M. Worship

10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

 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).