# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

July 3, 2022

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us begin by clearing our conscience by confessing our sins. We have not loved God

 with our whole heart and we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. Let us take a

 moment to reflect on our need for God’s forgiveness, and on Jesus’ redeeming work that sets

 us free. *Silence for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by**

 **what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not**

 **always loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have**

 **mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will**

 **and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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

 forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his

 authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the

 Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us lift up our hearts and voices in joyous response to this good news.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Opening Song “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” #888

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: Gracious Creator, we thank you for making the fruitful earth produce what is needed**

 **for life. We thank you for the beauty of this world, and the gift of life. You have**

 **showered your blessings upon all of humanity and the whole creation. Help us to be**

 **good stewards of all you have placed under our care, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

 **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise “God Bless Our Native Land” #891

**The Holy Scriptures**

 **First Reading:** Acts 10:34 – 42

 *God called Peter to go to the house of a Gentile, Cornelius the centurion. He was a righteous and God-fearing man, who was respected by the Jewish people. It was considered against Jewish law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God had shown Peter that they should not consider Gentiles unclean. So, he went to his house. Acts 10*

 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** 1Peter 2:11 – 17

 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

 Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Song “O Jesus, I Have Promised” vs. 1 #810**

**Gospel:** Luke 7:1 – 10

 Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion’s servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, “This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.” So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.” Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message “Respect for Authority”** Pastor Jim Wilson

**Hymn of Response “My Country, ’Tis of Thee”** **LBW #566**

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 (Fourth of July video)**

**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!**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

P: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him (John 3:16, 17). This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 John 4:10). Let us celebrate together this great gift of forgiveness and salvation that we have through Jesus Christ who will one day take us home to be with him forever.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Distribution Hymns “Softly and Tenderly” #608 “Rock of Ages” #623**

**Post Communion Prayer**

P: God of grace and abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us

 with Christ and all His people. Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit, that we may

 proclaim Your redeeming love to the world and continue forever, in the risen life of Jesus

 Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn “God of Our Fathers”** **LBW #567**

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

Greeter: Ava Ulness Acolyte: Hunter Spindler

Ushers: Jim Ahrens & Steve Ahrens Lector & Communion Aide: Stefanie Kaderabek

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Judy Harris

Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: Tom and Rae Madson Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Ushers: Wayne Huske and Larry Naidl Lector: Garrett Ulness

Sound Operator & Projection: Terry Huske Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Last Week** – Sunday: 126 Video: 62 Wednesday: 29 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,902.00

**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 3-10**

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

**Monday** Happy Independence Day -- Office Closed

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

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

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

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

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

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.