# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements and Opening Hymn from VBS**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails,

 whose promise is sure.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. (Silence is kept for reflection).

 Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned.** **We have hurt our community.** **We have squandered your blessings.**

 **We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus,** **forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: (Silence is kept for reflection). Righteous God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned.** **We have failed to be honest.** **We have lacked the courage to speak.**

 **We have spoken falsely.** **In the name of Jesus,** **forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

P: (Silence is kept for reflection). God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when

 we fail. Claim the gift of God’s mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn (done previously)**

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.**

**Hymn of Praise**  **“O God, My Faithful God” vs. 1-2 #806**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and**

 **not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that**

 **of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

7O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. 8For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. 9If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. 10For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.” 11But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. 12O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. 13Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

1bShould we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Page 142**

### Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 24“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; 25it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 26“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 34“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. 37Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message ~** Pastor Dan Lyman

**Hymn**  **“Take My Life, That I May Be” #685**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*(Faith Lutheran is now allowing post COVID passing of the peace, but please respect those who are being cautious and still social distancing).*

**Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Offering**

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

**Offertory Prayer**

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your

 creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus

 Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good

 news of Christ’s death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in

 your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by

 human action. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth’s resources. God,

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

P: Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or

 crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace

 and reconciliation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone whom the world attempts to degrade with

 the assurance that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle. Answer us, for your steadfast

 love is good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender,

 race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, body shape or any other human distinction. Make

 your people one. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Every year is a year with you Lord. We pray for those who are celebrating their birthday this week:

 Peytyn Peterson, Tiana Schisel, Tiffany Jandrey. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who are in need of healing: Jenniffer Zutz, Ron Torrison, Carol Nelson, Sharon Naidl,

 Judy Jorgenson, Marlene Thomsen, Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Ginger

 Linsmeier, Larry Brioch, Neil Meissner, Eliza Dekker, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen

 Huske. Lord you are the Great Physician. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: We remember those who are currently serving in the military:Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle Conrad,

 Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter Hildebrandt and Andy Schnell. Be their constant companion and

 bring them safely home to us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P:Confident that you not only hear our prayers, but listen to them, you not only listen, but care. You not only

 care, but act with Almighty Love. Confident in your Almighty Love, we name now before you those in need

 of your presence and care \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help them to know that our prayers are with them and you are

 with them. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

#### Benediction

P: May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect

 us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us this day and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” #756**

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: Scott Reinertson

Greeters: Ron and Jo Jones Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Ron and Kaye Jandrey Lector: Brian Ulness

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness Projection: Whitney Ulness

Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeters: Ben and Chloe Cigler Acolyte: Phoebe Cigler

Ushers: Steve Ahrens and Mark Ulness Lector: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

Projection: Ethan Ulness Communion Aide: Joan Pritzl

**Last Week** – Sunday: 82 Wednesday: 30 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,221.00

**Faith’s Opportunities June 25-July 2**

**Sunday** 10:15 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**Monday** 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Wednesday** 9:00 A.M. Jazzercise

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

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

 10:15 A.M. Fellowship Hour

PANTRY NEEDS -- Items needed before July 15:

Ketchup, assorted crackers, assorted snack/candy items, canned and boxed meals, peaches, pancake mixes/syrup, peanut butter/jelly/jam, tuna (regular flavor only), noodles/spaghetti/sauce, boxed mashed potatoes, au gratin potatoes, tomato products (stewed, diced, etc.), stove top stuffing, paper towel/Klennex/toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant for men and women, dental care items, cereal (regular size boxes please), pop tarts, granola bars/breakfast bars, cake/brownie/frosting/dessert mixes, powder/ brown and white sugar, applesauce, cookies, cleaning items, Tide laundry soap, bar soap, bottled water, instant coffee (unflavored), gluten free foods, pizza kits, taco kits, brown beans. Anything is needed that isn’t mentioned above EXCEPT SOUP, GREEN BEANS, CORN, and JELLO/PUDDING.

 If you can help us that would be great! The shelves are almost empty—so

desperate help is needed! We are serving between 8-10 families who are in need of extra help. Cheese, any frozen meats are also needed if you can help! Thank you very much and all you do for the pantry is very much appreciated! — Sandy Halverson

Rubber mulch is needed under the new playground equipment. Donations are being accepted and can be brought to the church office or placed in the white envelope in the pews marked “Playground Mulch” and placed in the offering plate.

Donations are being accepted for a new storage building. This building will be replacing the existing small shed on the lower level of the property and will be able to store the lawn mower and snow blower, etc. with room to spare. An approximate cost with building materials, cement and electrical is $9,000.00. (Current total is $1,701.00 raised). Donations can be brought to the church office or placed in the white envelope in the pews marked “Storage Building” and placed in the offering plate.