# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Third Sunday of Pentecost

June 26, 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 “Earth and All Stars” vs. 1, 2, 5 #731**

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 created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life**

 **that is faithful and true. Teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of**

 **your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**VBS Kids Sing “Awesome God”**

 **“Pharaoh, Pharaoh”**

**VBS Spotlight Show**

**We Hear God’s Word**

 **First Reading:** Genesis 37:1 – 8

 Jacob lived in the land where his father Isaac had stayed, the land of Canaan. This is the account of Jacob’s family. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his half-brothers and he brought their father a bad report about them.

Now Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age to Rachel, his first love; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

 Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.”

 His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

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

**Second Reading:** Genesis 37:12, 13, 19 – 27

 Now Joseph’s brothers had gone to graze their father’s flocks near Shechem, and Jacob said to Joseph, “As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them.” “Very well,” Joseph replied…

 As Joseph approached his half-brothers they said to each other, “Here comes that dreamer! Let’s kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we’ll see what comes of his dreams.”

 When Reuben, the oldest, heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let’s not take his life,” he said. “Don’t shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don’t lay a hand on him.” Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty.

 As they sat down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

 Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood. ” His brothers agreed and they sold him into slavery.

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

**Gospel Song “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” #857**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 6:27 - 36

 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Heavenly Father is merciful.

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

**Message “The Amazing Joseph”** Pastor Jim Wilson

**Song of Response “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

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**

 **the 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.**

**OFFERING**

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

**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** 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 Song “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” #774**

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: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Mollie Junk Acolyte: DJ Schisel

Ushers: Tom and Kathy Muench Lector: Bob Wigen

Sound Operator & Projection: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Serving Us Next Week**

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

**Last Week** – Sunday: 68 Video: 67 Wednesday: 30 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,217.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:**  Lynn Burzynski, Harry Kwasny, Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, 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 June 26-July 3**

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour ~ Jones Family in Community Room

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

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

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Sunday** 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.

**Monumental VBS Service Project – Help us keep kids in Manitowoc County warm**

This past week at VBS we learned the story of Joseph - the guy who was given a special coat. Wouldn’t it be awesome if everyone had a warm coat this winter? This is where we need your help! As part of our Service Project for Confirmation at Faith Lutheran, we are collecting gently used winter items to donate to the Salvation Army’s Coats for Kids program. It may be summer, but the Salvation Army is already getting set up for this upcoming winter season. Check your closets - have your kids outgrown any of these items? Are they clean and still in good shape? If so, please bring them to church on or before July 3rd:

 **\*** Winter Coats (no Spring jackets please)

**\*** Snow Pants

 **\*** New or gently used Winter Boots

 **\*** New or gently used Gloves or Mittens (no hats)

If you do not have any of these items, we are also collecting money to purchase these items when they become available in stores this Fall. We collected 60 items during VBS and our goal is to collect at least 100 items. Our service project started June 20th and will run through July 3rd, 2022, so you can still drop off winter gear or monetary donations at Faith Lutheran. We appreciate your help in making sure all kids in Manitowoc County can be lucky enough to have a special coat - just like Joseph!

Thank you,

Peter Cigler and Carter Valleskey

Our congregation is grateful and blessed for the many talents of all who helped with Vacation Bible School this past week. We appreciate you all. Thank you!