# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

All Saints Sunday

November 7, 2021

## Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**

P: We begin our worship in the name of the

 Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

 Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

 **“For All the Saints”**  vs. 1 – 4 #422

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.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, you have knit your**

 **people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

 **Amen.**

**The Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Revelation 7:9 – 17

 *In the book of Revelation John tells of his vision of heaven and the throne of God. Jesus is the Lamb of God. He is also the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for the sins of humanity. In this chapter John sees the martyrs in white robes. Revelation chapter 7.*

 I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

 Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes —who are they, and where did they come from?”

 I answered, “Sir, you know.”

 And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

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

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:13 – 23

 *Peter reminds the churches under his care that we are saved by God’s grace through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. That is the Gospel, the good news they preached. But we are not to take this grace for granted. Our call as God’s people is to love as he has loved us. For we are to live this new life through the gift of the Spirit of Christ within. 1st Peter chapter 1.*

 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

 Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Video “Lamb of God”**

**Gospel Reading:** John 1:29 – 34

 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

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

**Message “Heaven’s Door”**

 Pastor Jim Wilson

**Hymn of Response**

 **“Lamb of God”**  #336

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ as the Son

 of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the**

 **power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: What does this mean? (Luther’s

 Explanation)

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ—true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the virgin Mary—is my Lord.**

 **At great cost He has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

 **All this He has done that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

**Litany of Remembrance for All Saints Sunday**

As names are read family members

may come forward to light a candle.

**Candle Lighting:** As you come up for Communion you are invited to light a candle from the tall Paschal Candle (which represents the risen Christ) and place it into the sand in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away.

**We remember today:** Jay Hetland, Louise Basken, Dorothy Ulness, William Bratz, Allan Sebo, Larry Madson, Peter Robley, Donald Schisel, Gorman Lex, Pastor Robert Onkka, Jean Christianson (Mrs. Ralph Christianson).

When the name is read the congregation responds: **We give thanks, O God.**

(then a bell is rung)

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

P: Into your hands, O LORD, we commend

 all for whom we pray, trusting in your

 mercy and love that we know we have

 through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

P: Lord God, your love endures forever. You

 are most holy, and great is the majesty of

 your glory.

**C: You so loved the world that you gave your one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy, loving will, and to accomplish all things needed for our salvation.**

P: With this bread and cup of wine we remember Jesus, God’s Son, the living Word, who dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth that we have in him through his life, death, and resurrection, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We look with hope to his coming again to take us home to be with him forever.

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

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, “This is my body, given for you.” Again after supper, he took the cup, and after giving thanks to God, he said, “This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**Fourth Grade Communion Class:** Receiving Holy Communion at God’s Table this morning are: Noah Boll, Garret Jeske, Peytyn Peterson, Trevor Pinkerton, Skyler Schuler, Grace Sorenson, Eliza Wilker.

**Distribution Hymns**

 **“Let Us Break Bread Together”** #471

 **“Rock of Ages”** #623

**Post Communion Prayers**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus

 Christ strengthen you and keep you in his

 grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious Heavenly Father, pour out upon us your Spirit of love and wisdom. United us with Christ and all his people. And through your Word and this sacrament, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may Christ dwell in our hearts through faith.

**C: Amen!**

**BENEDICTION**

**Closing Hymn**

 **“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”** #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**

Greeter: Mitchell Zutz

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Ushers: Dennis and Bonnie Gordon Acolyte: Lucas Spindler

Lector and Communion Aide: Kaye Jandrey

Video and Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

Projection: Hunter Spindler

Sound Operator: Addison Spindler

Bell Ringer: Terry Huske

**Serving Us Next Week**

Greeter: Wayne Huske

Head Usher: Scott Reinerston

Ushers: Dean and Rose Behnke Family

Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Lector: Clarissa Ulness

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer

Projection: Carter Lenzner

Video/Live Stream: Bill Riesterer & Hunter Spindler

**Last Week** – Sunday: 93 Video: 90

Wednesday: 32

Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,345.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Dennis Evenson,Jan Mulhaney,Lynn Burzynski,Ray Rusch,Harry Kwasny,Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Lorraine Reindl, Delores Johnson,Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Ivan Madson, Ronald Christianson, Elling Jones (brother of Ron 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 November 7-14**

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

 10:00 A.M. Sunday School, Fellowship Hour

**Monday** 6:00 P.M. Tel. Worship/Jazzercise

**Wednesday** 5:00 P.M. Board of Stewardship

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:00 P.M. 7 & 8th gr. Confirmation

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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

 6:00 P.M. Jazzercise

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

 10:00 A.M. Sunday School, Fellowship Hour

 10:15 A.M. 9th gr. Confirmation

The 2022 offering envelopes are arranged alphabetically on tables in the Gathering Space. Please secure yours today. If you can take envelopes for another family member or friend, please do so. This will save on mailing costs. Thank you.

 **Imagine the comfort that comes with a hug when someone is in a time of deepest need. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread the Quilting Ladies at Faith have reached out to those with some of the greatest needs in the world, not wrapping them in their arms, but wrapping them in the work of their hands through the making of quilts. We feel the warmth from the following ladies who have worked all year completing the task of making quilts. Now when you see Cheryl Domrath, Marlene Evenson, Kayleen Halderson (Coordinators), Gladys Hansen, Bev Hildebrandt, Linda Menza, Virginia Meyer, Jo Jones, Mardell Huske, Ann DeMark, Janice Dill, Sharon Schuh, Teresa Pederson and Gladys Tienor, extend to them a BIG THANK YOU for all they do to meet the needs of people they will never meet. These quilts will be distributed at Christmas to the Salvation Army, The Haven, Hope House, The Crossing, Faith’s Pantry and In Courage.  If anyone wishes to donate to our quilting fund, so we can continue to purchase warm batting, envelopes are available on the back table and can be turned into the church office.**

Faith Lutheran Church is again sponsoring the “Sharing Tree”. The tree is located in the Gathering Space. On the tree are tags that represent gift items for two families. A spending suggestion for each tag is $20.00. All gifts need to be returned to church unwrapped no later than Tuesday, November 23rd. Your support in the past has been tremendous. I am confident these families will see God’s love made real through your generosity. Any questions can be directed to Julie Endries at 920-973-9881.

Our Sunday school year is off to a great start!  The kids are enjoying the new format and those that have volunteered to teach have noted that the lessons are easy to prepare for and fun to present.  **We are in need of more adults to sign up to help teach in November and December.** The signup sheets are on the bulletin board outside of the office and the lesson plans can be found downstairs across from the Men's room.  Please consider signing up to help our youth today!