# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

## Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**

P: We begin our worship in the name of the

 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

 **“Oh, Worship the King”** #842

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: Lord God, you speak to us through the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we may hear, read, respect, learn, and make them our own in such a way that the enduring benefit and comfort of the Word will help us to grasp and hold the blessed hope of everlasting life, given us through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Psalm 103** (selected verses)

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost

 being, praise his holy name.

**C: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget**

 **not all his benefits—who forgives all**

 **your sins and heals all your diseases,**

 **who redeems your life from the grave.**

P: The Lord crowns you with love and

 compassion, and satisfies your desires

 with good things so that your youth is

 renewed like the eagle’s.

**C: He made known his ways to Moses.**

 **The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

P: He does not treat us as our sins deserve,

 for as high as the heavens are above the

 earth, so great is his love for those who

 trust him.

**C: Praise the Lord, you heavenly hosts,**

 **and all his servants who do his will.**

 **Praise the Lord, O my soul, praise his**

 **holy name.**

**Hymn of Praise**

 **“We Praise You, O God”** #870

**The Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Acts 20:18 – 24, 32 – 38

 *In our reading Paul is with the church in Ephesus. He is on his way to Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit has revealed to him that he will be arrested and would never see them again. Acts chapter 20.*

 When they came to him, Paul said: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace.”

 And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

 When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

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

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9:11, 12, 18 – 23

 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? If others have this right of support from you, shouldn’t we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

 What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

 Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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

**Gospel Song:**

**“Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil”** #512

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:31 – 40

 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

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

**Message “Blessed by Generosity”**

**Song of Response**

 **“Here I Am, Lord”** #574

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.**

**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**

**Holy Communion**

P: Let us prepare our hearts for Holy Communion. In the words of institution we hear Jesus’ promise of forgiveness of sins through his holy and precious blood, and his innocent suffering and death. Let us take a moment to reflect on our need for this forgiveness provided for us through his death on the cross.

P: Do you believe that you are forgiven of

 all your sins for Jesus sake?

**C: Yes, I do.**

P: You are forgiven as you have believed. And now, Lord Jesus be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread.

**C: Amen.**

**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.”

**Distribution Songs**

 **“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”** #338

 **“Be Thou My Vision”** #793

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. Unite 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**

 **“Rise Up, O Saints of God”** #669

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: Lee A. Evenson

Ushers: Earl and Barb Griffin

Acolyte: Gage Spindler

Lector and Communion Aide: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator: A. Spindler & M. Kaderabek

Projection: Whitney Ulness

Video and Live Stream: Bill Riesterer

**Serving Us Next Week**

Greeter: Mitchell Zutz

Head Usher: Paul Franz

Usher: Brian Ulness Acolyte: Addison Spindler

Lector: Garrett Ulness

Video and Live Stream: Mike Lenzner

Projection & Sound Operator: Erin & Carter Lenzner

Last Week – Sunday: 76 Video: 79

Wednesday: 59

Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,244.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Harry Kwasny,Delton Duchow,Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Lorraine Reindl, Delores Johnson,Cathy Luckow, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Andrew and Danielle Madson and their unborn son Ivan, 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 October 17-24**

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

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

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

 6:30 P.M. Council

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Seven Angels in Chilton

**Wednesday** 6:00 P.M. Card Club

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

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

 6:00 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday** Office Closed

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

 10:00 A.M. Sunday School,

 Fellowship Hour, Communion Retreat

**It’s Lefse Time!**

Lefse is back this year and we are planning to get our griddles going November 19-20.  We would welcome any help from members of the congregation or, if unable to help, but can spare a griddle or any other supplies, that would be great too!  A volunteer signup sheet is in the Gathering Space, so we can plan for how many helpers we might have. It is a great intergenerational event and all ages are welcome.  In addition, we will be taking lefse orders before and after services October 17-27th.  Please ensure you place an order if you would like some, as we cannot guarantee we will have extra.  Please feel free to contact Erin Lenzner with any questions at 901-7089.

Remember to hand in your Time and Talent sheet to the church office. Thank you.