# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

## Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Noisy Offering for A Place of Refuge & Despensa de la Paz**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: We begin our worship in the name of the

 Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

 Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(We pause 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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!**

**OPENING HYMN**

 **“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”** #533

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.**

**Psalm 148** (selected verses)

P: Praise the Lord.

**C: Praise the Lord from the heavens;**

 **praise him in the heights above.**

P: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all

 his heavenly hosts.

**C: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him,**

 **all you shining stars.**

P: Praise him, you highest heavens and you

 waters above the skies.

**C: Let them praise the name of the Lord,**

 **for at his command they were created.**

P: Praise the Lord from the earth, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, the old and children.

**C: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** (*Tune: Joyful, Joyful: #836*)

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt You, we adore You, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before You; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, You have come from heav’n above; on the cross You died to save us; now You reign at God’s right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in Your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim You; Lord alone to You we call; Holy One in faith we name You, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

**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.**

**The Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42 – 47

 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: The Word of the LORD.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**: 2 Corinthians 8:1 – 7

 We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

L: The Word of the LORD.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Sunday School Children Sing**

**The Gospel:** Mark 12:41 – 44

 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE “Blessed by Generosity”**

 Pastor Jim Wilson

**Slideshow “Thank You”**

**Estimate of Giving for 2022**

**HYMN “We All Are One in Mission”**

 (tune #654) #576

**THE NICENE CREED**

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: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

 **We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

 **We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy and love; that we know we have through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

 **“Lift High the Cross”** #660

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.

BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE

Pastoral Remarks

**Psalm 119**  (selected verses)

P: Oh, how I love your law!

**C: I meditate on it all day long.**

P: Your commands are always with me and

 make me wise.

**C: I have gained understanding and**

 **insight from your laws.**

P: I have not departed from your ways, for

 you yourself have taught me.

**C: How sweet are your words to my taste,**

 **as sweet as honey to my mouth!**

P: I gain understanding from your Word;

 therefore I hate every wrong way.

**C: Your Word is a lamp for my feet, and**

 **a light upon my path.**

**Prayer of Blessing**

President’s Remarks and the Burning of the Mortgage

*Join us for a cinnamon roll, coffee or milk in the Gathering Space*

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**Serving Us Today**

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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Greeter: Arlene Roehrig

Head Usher: Paul Franz

Usher: Don Schreiner

Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Lector: Chase Wilker

Sound Operator: Terry Huske

Projection: Terry Huske

Video and Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek

**Last Week** – Sunday: 88 Video: 90

Wednesday: 42

Offerings to the Lord’s work: $8,237.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Lynn Burzynski,Ray Rusch,Harry Kwasny,Connie Schisel, Donald Tienor, Lorraine Reindl, Delores Johnson,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 24-31**

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

 Fellowship Hour, Communion Retreat

**Monday** 5:30 P.M. Personnel Committee

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

**Wednesday** 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

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Please sign the cards in the Gathering Space for our homebound members.



**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 thru October 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.