# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022

## **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 Song “Friends”**

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: All loving Creator, it is your will that all people might come to you through Jesus your**

 **Son. Inspire our witness to him, that all may know that he *is* the way, the truth and the**

 **life. No one truly knows or comes to You apart from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

 **Amen!**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Acts 17:22 – 34

 *While Paul was waiting in Athens for Silas and Timothy, he took the opportunity to spend time reasoning with Jews and God believing Greeks about Jesus as God’s Messiah. He also decided to go and speak at the Areopagus, the town hall where philosophers would debate ideas.*

 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you lack understanding of the very thing you worship —and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ “Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

 When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.” At that, Paul left the Council. Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

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

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 1:16 – 21

 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Sunday School Kids “Pharaoh, Pharaoh”**

**The Gospel: Luke 6:46 – 49**

 “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

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

**MESSAGE**   **“Building on the Rock”**

HYMN “Ancient Words”

**Holy words, long preserved, for our walk, in this world, they resound, with God’s own heart, O let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope, in this world, where’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.**

Chorus: Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you. We have come, with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words, of our faith, handed down, to this age, came to us, through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ. Holy words, long preserved, for our walk, in this world, they resound, with God’s own heart, O let the ancient words impart. Chorus 2X

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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 their 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 “And Can It Be” Bell Choir**

**Offertory “Bless Be the Tie that Binds” vs. 1, 2 #656**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your bountiful

 mercy and love, that we know we have through Jesus Christ our savior and Lord.

**C: Amen!**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song “Shout to the Lord”**  **#821**

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: Paul Franz

Greeter: Mardell Tienor Acolyte: Landen Pinkerton

Ushers: Delton and Cheryl Duchow Lector: Joan Pritzl

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Mollie Junk

Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Carter Valleskey Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Marcus Galien and Ethan Ulness Lector & Communion: Cheryl Duchow

Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Michael Lenzner

Projection: Mollie Junk

**Faith’s Opportunities October 30-November 6**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour and Sunday school

 10:15 A.M. 9th grade confirmation ~ Pastor Jim’s Farewell

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

**Tuesday** 6:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism

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

 6:00 P.M. Card Making in Community Room

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. 7th & 8th grade Confirmation

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00-4:00 Revive Your Life Retreat

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir – Bd. of Christian Education & Youth

9:00 A.M. Worship

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour and Sunday school

 10:15 A.M. Mixed Choir

**Last Week** – Sunday: 122 Wednesday: 41 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $8,599.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** David Haupt,Jim and Jan Reinertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Ilan Walny (grandson of Larry and Lynn Burzynski), Matt Kerkhoff, Tom Titzkowski, Henry Holzer, Jim Loritz, 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 and Andy Schnell. If there are others we should be remembering, please inform the church office.

Please sign the thinking of you cards in the Gathering Space for our homebound members. They appreciate hearing from you!

**Lefse time is here and the Board of Youth and Family are taking orders before and after services through November 2nd.**  Cost this year has increased to $15/dozen due to increased cost of supplies.  Please contact Erin Lenzner or Stacy Wilker with any questions.  We are also looking for adult and student volunteers, as well as any griddles, rolling pins, etc. to help make this event a success.  Lefse will be made on November 11th starting at 8:00 am and on the 12th if an additional day is needed.  Please look for a signup sheet in the Gathering Space.

**Faith Lutheran Church is again sponsoring the “Sharing Tree.”**  The tree is located in the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space.  On this tree are tags that represent gift items for 2 families.  A spending suggestion for each tag is $20.00.  Information sheets highlighting the families are available near the tree.  All gifts need to be returned to church unwrapped no later than November 23rd, as they will be delivered soon after.  Support in the past years has been tremendous, so I am confident these families will see God’s love made real through your love and generosity.  Any questions can be directed to Julie Endries at 920-973-9881.

Bell Choir rehearsal dates are November 6, 13, 20, 27 at 8:00 a.m. in the balcony. We will play November 27 during worship.