# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

## Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**

P: We begin our worship in the name of

 God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us begin by clearing our conscience by confessing our sins. We have not loved God with our whole heart and we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. Let us take a moment to reflect on our need for God’s forgiveness, and on Jesus’ redeeming work that sets us free. *Silence 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.**

P: Let us lift up our hearts and voices in

 joyous response to this good news.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Opening Hymn #389

 “Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing”

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: Gracious Creator, we thank you for making the fruitful earth produce what is needed for life. We thank you for the beauty of this world, and the gift of life. You have showered your blessings upon all of humanity and the whole creation. Help us to be good stewards of all you have placed under our care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *“This is the Feast”*

 Pg. 149 – 150

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

 Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

 **Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**The Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 8:10 – 18

 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:3 – 10

 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be

put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment —to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** p. 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Gospel: Luke 12:22 – 34**

 Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

 “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Message “Blessed by Generosity”**

 Pastor Jim Wilson

**Hymn of Response**

 **“How Great Thou Art”** #856

P: Do you believe in God, the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

 **creator of heaven and earth.**

P: What does this mean? (Luther’s Small

 Catechism)

**C: I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this He does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

P: In to 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!**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

Great Thanksgiving Pages 152-153

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Life up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right… …we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution Hymns**

 **“Softly and Tenderly”** #608

 **“Rock of Ages”** #623

**Post Communion Prayer**

P: God of grace and abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ and all His people. Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit, that we may proclaim Your redeeming love to the world and continue forever, in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn “Praise God from Whom**

 **All Blessings Flow”** #884

**Dismissal**

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.**

**Serving Us Today**

Greeter: Mitchell Zutz

Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Ushers: Brian and Mary Thomsen

Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Lector and Communion Aide: Stacy Wilker

Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner

Projection: Judy Harris

Video and Live Stream: Carter Lenzner

**Serving Us Next Week**

Greeter: Whitney Ulness

Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Usher: Leonard Reinertson Acolyte: Tristan Teuke

Lector: Ron Jones

Video and Live Stream: Eric Thomsen

Projection and Sound Operator:

Last Week – Sunday: 88 Video: 67 Wednesday: 42

Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,644.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** 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 3-9**

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

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

**Tuesday** 5:00 P.M. Bd. of Lay Ministry

6:00 P.M. Bd. of Evangelism

**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

 4:30 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday** 1:30 P.M. Wedding

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

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

 4:00 P.M. Family Event at Otto”s

**Family Event**

**Join us Sunday, October 10th at 4 pm for an afternoon of fall fun, fellowship and of course pumpkin picking at Otto’s Pumpkin Patch. $5 per person includes a wagon ride to choose a pumpkin, corn maze, big slide and other outdoor fun. Contact Stacy at 920-901-6575 with any questions.**

**PANTRY NEEDS**

**Facial tissue, paper toweling, shampoo and/or conditioner, men’s and women’s shave cream/shavers, any type of cleaning supplies(dust spray, toilet cleaner, window spray, etc.), laundry soap, dryer sheets, dish soap, Stove top stuffing, regular size boxes mash potatoes, syrup, pancake mix, Jell-O/pudding, canned fruit (variety), baking ingredients, cake mixes/frosting, snacks, variety of soups (canned).**

  We DO NOT NEED the FOLLOWING: Mac and cheese, boxed or bagged noodles, tomato sauces, NO VEGGIES OF ANY KIND, cereal, bar soap, sanitizer, tooth paste/brushes, No baby items. Again these are items we do NOT need until further notice. Also, please when you drop items off for the pantry, please make sure they are not opened or half used. The pantry is not your garbage can. Each month I have opened items that need to dump, so please unopened items only. Monetary donations or gift cards for any grocery store is also a thought in case you don’t know what to donate. Any amount is fine.

 Right now we are helping anywhere from 8-12 families per month. If you know of someone in the area, please let them know about faith’s open pantry. If you have questions about donations or anything else contact Sandy Halverson at 323-2086.

Recently Lutheran World Relief kits were sent for others in need. We shipped: 24 school kits, 5 sewing kits, 11 personal care kits, 17 baby kits and 34 lbs. of soap to Fort McCoy. Thank you for your contributions.

A huge THANK YOU to all of the members of Faith Lutheran who came together to support our youth at Rally Sunday -Round'em Up for Jesus.  A special YeeHaw to Sue Riesterer and Cheryl Domrath for their work in making Fellowship Hall so festive and the menu so delicious.  Our board and the children of Faith Lutheran are so grateful to be part of such a wonderful and supportive church community! -- The Board of Christian Education