# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 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.**

P: Most gracious God, as we gather in your presence we pray,

**C: That out of your glorious riches you will strengthen us through the power of your Holy Spirit**

 **in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And may we, being**

 **rooted and grounded in love, be able to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the**

 **love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that we may be filled with all**

 **the fullness of God.** *(Ephesians 3:16-19)*

P: May you be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. *(2 Timothy 2:1)*

**Opening Song “Rise, Shine, You People” #665**

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: Almighty God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our**

 **wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare**

 **of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

**Baptisms of Carver John McCulley**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

 **born of the virgin Mary, 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 to judge the living**

 **and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the**

 **forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Proverbs 11:24, 25; 14:21; 19:17; 22:9

 One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. It is a sin to despise one’s neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy. Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD; he will reward them for what they have done. The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6 – 11**

 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Song “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” #512**

**The Gospel:** Luke 18:18 – 30

 A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’” “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me. When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

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

**MESSAGE**   **“Blessed by Giving”**

**Song of Response** “**We All Are One in Mission” #576**

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: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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 to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offering**

**Offertory “Take My Life” vs. 1, 2 #685**

**Prayer of Dedication**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness shown to us and to your whole creation. We praise you for all the blessings of life, but above all, for your immeasurable love for the world that we have in Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us such an awareness of your love that with truly thankful hearts we may give of ourselves sacrificially to your service, and walk in your ways, bearing witness to you love. And now receive these gifts, dedicated to your mission and ministry. Amen.**

**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**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction**

**Closing Song “In Christ Alone”**

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: Janice Dill Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeter: Gladys Hansen Acolyte: Audrey Sorenson

Ushers: Jim Ahrens and Steve Ahrens Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operator: Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek Projection: Mollie Junk

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Peggy Madson Head Usher: Lee A. Evenson

Greeter: Carter Valleskey Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Ron Jones and Larry Naidl Lector & Communion Aide: Brian Ulness

Sound Operator: Garrett Ulness Projection: Whitney Ulness Video/Live Stream: Travis Schisel

**Last Week** – Sunday: 71 Wednesday: 64 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $4,215.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Daryl Gilbertson,Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, 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, Jeff Konz and Andy Schnell. If there are others we should be remembering, please inform the church office.

This morning, we welcome Carver John McCulley into God’s kingdom and our congregation through Holy Baptism. Carver was born August 8 and his baptismal sponsors are Stetson McCulley and Theresa Redo. Grandparents are Mark and Gail McCulley, John and Sandy McCarthy and great-grandparents are Marlene Evenson and the late Dennis. Big brother is Bennett. We rejoice at Carver’s rebirth through water and the Word!

**Faith’s Opportunities October 9-16**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour, Sunday school, Congregational Meeting,

 4th grade Communion Retreat

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

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

 5:00 P.M. Board of Stewardship

 6:00 P.M. Card Making

 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

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

 8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Open Pantry – Newsletter info due to the office

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

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

**Calling all kids in grades 7-12!** Please join us for a night out in Reedsville for a Haunted Golf Cart Maze, sponsored by the Reedsville FFA on Saturday, October 22nd.  Food and games will also be available.  Cost is $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for kids 18 and under.  We will plan to meet in the lower parking lot at church at 7:00pm and head to Reedsville as a group.  Please contact Erin Lenzner at 901-7089 if interested.  Drivers may be needed, so if any parents are willing, please let Erin know that as well.

Lefse time is fast-approaching and the Board of Youth and Family will begin to take orders before and after services on October 23rd, 26th, and 30th, as well as 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 coming weeks.

I am still looking for help for transporting the LWR quilts and kits to Sheboygan October 15. If you have a trailer or a pickup truck and are willing to help, please talk to Terry Haupt. We will be packing up the LWR items on Friday, October 14 at 4:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall if you would like to help. Thank you.

The Valders Faithful Quilters is having a Silent Auction displaying 8 different quilts they have made. This will end Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. The starting value for each quilt is $25.00 with a minimum of $5.00 increments. The money raised will be used to purchase batting for quilts for those in the area, Salvation Army, nursing homes, missionaries, as well as Lutheran World Relief for those in need. Thank you for your continued support of the quilters.

**You are invited to celebrate with Pastor Jim and his family as he goes off into retirement.** Uncle Mike LLC from Mishicot will be providing High Flying Family Fun at the pancake celebration on:  **Sunday, October 30 from 10:15-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Cost:** None **Included:** All you can eat pancakes, 2 sausages, butter, syrup, fruit, toppings and beverages.  **Reservations:** Call Christine at 920-775-4141 or fill out the form at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space by Sunday, October 16. Join us for a short program and a day of family fun! You don’t want to miss this event as we send Pastor Jim off into retirement.

If you haven’t had the opportunity to visit the downstairs area and see the paintings done to brighten up our Sunday school area, please do. Thank you to painters: Lori Christel, Clarissa and Whitney Ulness, Anderia Frank and Sue Riesterer. What a brightly colored addition to this area…it looks great!