# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 11, 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.**

**Call to Worship—Psalm 95** (selected verses)

P: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and praise him with music and song.**

P: For the LORD is the great God, above all gods, creator of all that exists.

**C: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

P: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**C: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is**

 **our God and we are his people, the flock under his care.**

**Opening Hymn “This is My Father’s World” #824**

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: Most gracious Creator, you alone are worthy of all our praise. Thank you for the beauty of**

 **your creation and help us to be good stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. Thank you**

 **especially for the gift of salvation in your Son, Jesus. Help us to share with others what a**

 **loving God we have in you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend; through Jesus Christ, our**

 **Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading: Exodus 32:7 – 14**

 *Moses went up on Mount Sinai to meet with God and receive the Ten Commandments. He was up there for 40 days and some of the people who had wanted to return to Egypt because life in the wilderness was hard, turned back to worshipping Egyptian idols.*

 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

 “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

 But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?

Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12 – 17**

 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**The Gospel: Luke 15:1 – 10**

 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

 Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

**MESSAGE**   **Pastor Howard Batt**

Hymn of Response “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #807

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 “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1, 2 #686**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: We lift up the church and its leaders, that we continue to proclaim the gospel of God’s love

 in Jesus Christ to every corner of the earth, so that all may know the hope of eternal life.

 Lord, guide the Call Committee and all involved in the call process for Faith. Lord, in your

 mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: We lift up God’s creation, the seas and the creatures that live in them, for the lands of the

 earth, all creatures, vegetation, and the crops of farmers. May we be good stewards of all of

 God’s gifts. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we lift up to you those in need of your healing and comforting touch: Orrin Skattebo,

 Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Tom

 Titzkowski, Henry Holzer, Signe Burkart, Jim Loritz, Elling Jones, Merle “Butch” Graf,

 Wayne Allen Huske. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, we lift up those serving in the military, especially those who have gone out from

 among us: Daniel Brandl, Matthew Brill, Kyle & Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Carter

 Hildebrandt, Jeff Konz & Andy Schnell. 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 Hymn “Lead On, O King Eternal” #805**

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: Glenn Otto

Greeter: Carter Valleskey Acolyte: Makenna Kaderabek

Ushers: Brian and Mary Thomsen Lector: Bob Wigen

Sound Operator & Projection: Erin Lenzner Video/Live Stream: Carter Lenzner \

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Janice Dill Head Usher: Tom Madson

Greeters: Steve & Ginny Schwoerer Acolyte: DJ Schisel

Ushers: Joan Pritzl & Lori Propson Lector: Jenniffer Zutz

Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer Projection: Bill Riesterer

Video/Live Stream: Eric Thomsen Communion Aide: Jenniffer Zutz

**Faith’s Opportunities September 11-18**

**Sunday** 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour ~ God’s Work. Our Hands.

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

 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

**Wednesday** 5:00 P.M. Board of Stewardship

 6:00 P.M. Card Making

 6:15 P.M. Worship

**Thursday** Newsletter info due

 8:00 A.M. Quilting

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. Open Pantry

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

 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hour

**Last Week** – Sunday: 70 Wednesday: 54 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $6,701.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Orrin Skattebo, Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Tom Titzkowski (brother of Jill Backus), Mary Siewert, Henry Holzer (nephew of Carol & Loren Ulness), Signe Burkart, Jim Loritz, Elling 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.

**The follow items are running low for Faith’s Open Pantry.** If you can help that would be much appreciated. Gift card/certificates to Pine River Dairy for butter and cheese. Regular size only of ketchup, mustard, mayo. White sugar/powder sugar, canned meals, regular size Cocoa Krispies, Frosted Flakes, Fruity Pebbles, **no** **Rice Krispies**, Cheerios. Also needed are: tooth brushes, facial tissue, toilet tissue, laundry soap, dish soap, cleaning supplies, cookies, salty snacks, candy. **NO** peanut butter, soups, any kind of veggies, mac and cheese, brown beans, peas. I’m fully stocked with these items! Gift cards always welcome so I can hand out to pantry guests needing other specific items. Any questions, contact Sandy Halverson at 323-2086. Thank you.

Back to Sunday school is coming up soon! As you are shopping in stores over the next few weeks, please consider buying glue sticks for our Sunday school students to use here at Faith Lutheran Church. Glue sticks should be on sale at this time of the year and we are looking to replenish our supply at church. If you are able to donate, please put glue sticks in the basket by the Youth Office. Thanks in advance for your help from the Board of Christian Education!

**Let’s kick off a new School Year at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, September 18 @ 9:00 a.m.** We would like to invite Students of all ages & Educators to bring their school bags to church to have them blessed and ask for God’s guidance during the school year! During 9:00 a.m. worship, the church will say a prayer of guidance, wisdom, and protection over you as you start a new school year.  Please join us!

To kick off this year’s Sunday School theme, **Superheroes of the Bible**, we are planning on each kid (a.k.a. Superhero), with the help of their family, to make a poster about their Super Self.  This poster will hang in the hallway outside the Church office this year so all of our members can get to know our Super Kids at Faith Lutheran!  Students should bring a picture of themselves to attach to the poster.  Size 3x5 or smaller would work best.  Families please plan to attend with your student! Markers, crayons and posters will be

provided.  Super snacks will be served. **Wear your favorite superhero attire: capes, masks or whatever makes you feel mighty.** Invite your friends and family!  All are welcome!