# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 18, 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**

 **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 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” #671**

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.**

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.**

**Bible Presentation**

**The Holy Scriptures**

**Old Testament Reading:** Amos 8:4 – 7

 Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?” —skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.” L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1 – 7

 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying —and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles. L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Gospel Song “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” #857**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 16:1 – 13

 Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

 “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

 “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

 “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

 “‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

 “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

 “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

 “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message Pastor Howard Batt**

**Hymn of Response “In Christ There Is No East or West”**  **#650**

P: Let us affirm our faith together, in the God who calls us through his Son, Jesus, 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.

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: Lord God, we live in a culture that is preoccupied with possessions. Help us to remember life is not all about me and what I get or achieve. It’s all about you—our loving Creator—the Giver of the gift of life. Enlarge our hearts to love and give, as You have first loved and given to us: the very gift of life and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior.

 Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for peace among nations, for governments, for all who have authority at any level, that they govern with justice and mercy. We lift up our country and those we have elected to govern. Give us and them your servant heart we pray, and heal the divisions among us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Lord Jesus, we lift up to you those in need of your healing and comforting touch: the families ofOrrin Skattebo, Ron Jones and Sandy Halverson who lost family members this past week, Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Matt Kerkhoff (nephew of Ron Jandrey), Tom Titzkowski (brother of Jill Backus), Mary Siewert, Henry Holzer (nephew of Carol & Loren Ulness), Signe Burkart, Jim Loritz, Merle “Butch” Graf, Wayne Allen Huske. Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, 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 and Andy Schnell. Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever! (Ephesians 3:20, 21) **C: Amen**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory “Lord, Be Glorified” vs. 1, 3 #744**

**Holy Communion**

P: Let us prepare our hearts for communion by confessing our sins. Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that 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 and renew 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: Lord God,

**C: You so loved the world that you gave your one and only Son, so that everyone who**

 **believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life.** (John 3:16)

P: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10) We look with hope to his coming again to take us home to be with him forever.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Distribution Hymns “Just As I Am” #592 “Blessed Assurance” #638**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gracious Heavenly Father, pour out upon us your Spirit of love and wisdom. Unite us with Christ and all his people. And through your Word and this sacrament, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may Christ dwell in our hearts through faith.

**C: Amen!**

**BENEDICTION**

**Closing Hymn “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” #774**

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: 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

**Serving Us Next Week**

Organist: Janice Dill Head Usher: Tom Madson

Greeter: Carter Valleskey Acolyte: Addison Spindler

Ushers: Ron Jones and Keith Lippert Lector: Erin Lenzner

Sound Operator & Projection: Stefanie & Makenna Kaderabek Video/Live Stream: Mike Lenzner \

**Faith’s Opportunities September 18-25**

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

**Monday** 8:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M. Lifeline Screening in fellowship hall

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

 6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

 6:30 P.M. Council meets

**Tuesday** 9:00 A.M. Senior Christians at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel

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

 6:15 P.M. Worship

 7:15 P.M. 7th & 8th grade Confirmation Meeting for parents and students

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

 5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bell Choir

9:00 A.M. Worship

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

 10:15 A.M. 9th grade confirmation

**Last Week** – Sunday: 94 Wednesday: 43 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $3,346.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** the families ofOrrin Skattebo, Ron Jones and Sandy Halverson who lost family members this past week. Orrin’s visitation will be Thursday September 22 from 10:00-12:15 p.m. Funeral at 12:30 p.m. Harry Kwasny, Donald Tienor, Delores Johnson, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Matt Kerkhoff (nephew of Ron Jandrey), Tom Titzkowski (brother of Jill Backus), Mary Siewert, Henry Holzer (nephew of Carol & Loren Ulness), Signe Burkart, 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.

**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.

September Stewardship is soap. Please bring in new bars of gentle soap (Dove or Ivory) and place in the containers in the Gathering Space on September 25 and 28.