# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

## Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**

P: We begin our worship in the name of the

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Let us declare our trust in our loving

Creator.

**C: God, your love is the one true constant**

**in our lives. When we are**

**overwhelmed by day-to-day stresses,**

**you are there to strengthen us, to guide**

**us, and to ease our burdens. We have**

**come to be renewed by your faithful**

**love. Give us a desire to grow in your**

**Word, to follow Jesus, and to bring**

**your love to a needy world.**

P: Let us also confess our sins and seek

God’s forgiveness.

**C: Lord God, I have not loved you with**

**my whole heart and too often I have**

**neglected to love my neighbor as**

**myself. I have not helped others when I**

**could have. Forgive the sins of my**

**actions and inaction, cleanse my heart,**

**and bring me back to you.**

P: God knows our hearts and is always

pleased when we come to him in prayer.

Let us find joy in the truth of God’s deep,

abiding love for us, shown in his Son,

Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and

who rose again so we would have the

hope and joy of life with him here and

forever.

**C: Amen!**

**Opening Song “Gather Us In”**

vs. 1, 2, 4 #532

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: Lord God, sometimes life is difficult**

**and the challenges so great that we**

**grow weary. Help us keep our faith in**

**you amidst of trials of life, and to hold**

**on to the faith, hope, and love that we**

**have through Jesus Christ, our Lord**

**and Savior. Amen!**

**Responsive Reading: Romans 12** (selected verses)

P: Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil;

cling to what is good.

**C: Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,**

**faithful in prayer.**

P: Bless those who persecute you; bless and

do not curse.

**C: Do not repay anyone evil for evil. If it**

**is possible, as far as it depends on you,**

**live at peace with everyone.**

P: Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but

leave room for God’s wrath, for it is

written: “It is mine to avenge; I will

repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary:

**C: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if**

**he is thirsty, give him something to**

**drink.” Do not be overcome by evil,**

**but overcome evil with good.**

**Hymn “Faith of Our Fathers”** #812

**We Hear God’s Word**

**First Reading:** Hebrews 12:1 – 3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:13 – 18

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

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

**Gospel Video**

**“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 10:16 – 20

“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

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

**Message “Keep the Faith”**

**Song of Response**

**“When Peace Like a River”** #785

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 the 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: 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**

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**

**“Rise Up, O Saints of God”** #669

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: Tom Madson

Usher: Al Gilbertson Acolyte: Carter Valleskey

Lector: Bob Wigen

Video and Live Stream: Travis Schisel

Projection and Sound Operator: Bill Riesterer

**Serving Us Next Week**

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

Last Week – Sunday: 146 Video: 78

Wednesday: 37

Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,182.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Marilyn Robley and family upon the passing of her brother Wayne,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 September 26-October 3**

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

10:15 A.M. 9th grade Confirmation

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

**Tuesday** 9-3:30 Farm Management in F.H.

**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

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bds. Ch. Ed. & Youth

9:00 A.M. Worship

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

10:15 A.M. 9th grade Confirmation

**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.**

**SOAP SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY**

**The 4th Sunday and Wednesday in September are designated as Soap Collection dates**: September 20 & 23**.** Please bring in new bars of gentle soap (Dove, Ivory) andplace in the containers in the Gathering Space.

We are in need of a Thrivent card for our Lefse event Friday, November 19.Is there someone who would be willing to let us apply under their name for this event? Please give Erin Lenzner a call at 920-901-7089 if you can help out. Thank you.

**PANTRY NEEDS**

**Facial tissue, paper toweling, shampoo/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.

*LWR Shipping*

Thank you to Lyle and Arlene Roehrig, Al Gilbertson, Dan Dill, Wayne Huske, Lori Propson, Terry Haupt and Cheryl and Don Domrath for helping load the U-haul on Friday. We were able to ship 63 boxes of quilts, 510 and 10 smaller kits of sewing, health, baby and personal care items.

John Allen and Jim Schleis from First Lutheran drove the truck to Madison and donated their time and gas. We received a Thrivent Action Team card for $250.00 which $140.00 was to be given in gas cards to the Salvation Army per request by both drivers. The other $110.00 is to be used for continuing mission projects.