# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

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

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 4, 2022

## **Gathering**

Welcome and Announcements

P: We begin our worship in the name 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: Jesus said, “As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming… While I am

in the world, I am the light of the world.”

**Opening Hymn “For All the Saints” vs. 1, 3, 5 #422**

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: Almighty God, ruler of our hearts, you call us to obey, and so to bring honor to your holy name. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, so that, leaving behind the temptations that hinders us, we may follow your true path in this life, and life forever with you in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Savior and 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 Holy Scriptures**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8 – 17

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Be very careful, then, how you live —not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

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: Matthew 21:28 – 32**

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.”

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

**Message “Living Intentionally”**

**Hymn of Response “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”** **#815**

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.

**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!**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

Great Thanksgiving Pages 152-153

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise. P: It is indeed right… …we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

C: 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 “Just As I Am” #592 “Softly & Tenderly” #608**

**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 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” #888**

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: John Robley Acolyte: Mollie Junk

Ushers: Dennis and Bonnie Gordon Lector: Don Domrath

Sound Operator: Loren Ulness Projection: Makenna Kaderabek

Video/Live Stream: Jake Kaderabek Communion Aide: Earl Griffin

**Serving Us Next Week**

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

**Faith’s Opportunities September 4-11**

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

**Monday** Labor Day – Office closed

**Tuesday** 6:00 P.M. Boards of Evangelism and Lay Ministry

**Wednesday** 6:15 P.M. Worship

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

8:30 A.M. Secretary’s Meeting

5:30 P.M. Jazzercise

**Saturday** 9:00 A.M. 2nd Saturday Bible Study

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

9:00 A.M. Worship

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

**Last Week** – Sunday: 85 Wednesday: 37 Offerings to the Lord’s work: $2,997.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** the family of Connie Schiesl whose funeral was held here Tuesday,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.

*Flowers are placed in the altar area in memory of Cisco Castro on his birthday anniversary by his wife Elma.*

Sign up for Faith’s “God’s Work. Our Hands” event in the Gathering Space. This event begins following worship on Sunday, September 11th. A bag lunch will be provided and the Packers have cooperated with a scheduled 3:25 PM game. Please take time to discern your gifts and passions and commit to a time of giving to others.

As you know, Thrivent Action Team dollars have been a big part of many events here at Faith—Vacation Bible School, Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers, God’s Work. Our Hands. to name a few.  Along with each monetary donation, comes a supply of Thrivent T-shirts.  Due to Thrivent’s generosity, we now have a surplus of over 150 t-shirts!  A part of this supply is now on display in the outer narthex.  Help yourself, as these shirts were made to be worn by someone like you!  Sizes and styles will be replenished as needed.

**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!

Thank you to Whitney and Clarissa Ulness for the painting they did at the entrance to fellowship hall. You did a great job enhancing this space! If anyone is interested in helping Lori Christel in decorative painting in the Sunday school area, please let Sue Riesterer know.