



## **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 2020**

Serving us in worship today: David Mayer, Message; Doris Engelhardt, Lay Reader (8:30) Lisa Owen, Lay Reader (9:30); Annette Stout, LeAnne White, Andrew Cave, Roxanne Heckmann, Music; Lisa Owen, Children's Church Ushers: 8:30-Albert Menn, Jesse Atzger; 9:30-Tim Bogisch, John Taddy

### **Welcome to Worship!**

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ our Lord! We are blessed and honored that you chose to be with us today!

*As we worship outside AND inside today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers while maintaining a safe distance and observing our COVID-19 protocols. Children's Church, for ages pre-K through Third grade, will meet at the bell tower and proceed to their worship of Jesus at the 8:30 service.*

*To those attending the 9:30 service, please keep your mask on during the service and as you are ushered out, we ask that you join in fellowship OUTSIDE and do not congregate in the Narthex before or following the service.*

#### **WELCOME AND PRAYER**

*Please stand as you able.*

**Andrew Cave**

#### **OPENING HYMN: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"**

*(Children meet at Bell tower for Children's Church)*

- 1) Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
- 2) Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,

shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.

3) When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.*

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** *If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness. (1 John 1: 8-9, NLT)*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** Most Merciful God,

**C:** We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 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.

*Pastor announces forgiveness in Jesus Christ*

**C:** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *"This is the Feast..."* pg. 81 LBW

**P:** This is the feast of victory of 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 Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory of our God, for the Lamb who slain  
Has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*You may be seated.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup> to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.  
<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

A: Here ends the reading.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:13b-24**

Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers and sisters, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. <sup>15</sup> See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give

thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

A: Here ends the reading.

*Please stand as you are able*

### **HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:25-31a**

<sup>25</sup> "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.

A: The gospel of the Lord.

*You may be seated.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesus Still Lead On" LBW 341**

- 1) Jesus, still lead on,  
till our rest be won;  
and, although the way be cheerless,  
we will follow, calm and fearless;  
guide us by your hand  
to our Father's land.
- 2) If the way be drear,  
if the foe be near,  
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,  
let not faith and hope forsake us;  
safely past the foe  
to our home we go.

4) Jesus, still lead on,  
till our rest be won;  
heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
still support, console, protect us,  
till we safely stand  
in our Father's land.

**SERMON:** *"Kingdom Approach to Trouble and Tough Times"*

**Pastor David Mayer**

**OFFERTORY:** *"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL..."* (LBW Pg. 86)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION with THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Mayer**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"You Never Let Go"*

*Verse 1*

Even though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught  
in the middle  
Of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back I know You are near

*Pre-Chorus*

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear

*Chorus*

Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and  
through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low  
Oh no You never let go  
Lord You never let go of me

*Verse 2*

And I can see a light that is coming  
For the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end  
to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You  
here on the earth (Pre-Chorus/Chorus)

*Bridge*

Yes I can see a light, That is coming  
for the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end  
to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You-  
Still I will praise You (2x)  
(Chorus)

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

### **"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 8 AM ON KWED 1580 AM RADIO**

This week has been sponsored to the glory of God by Bill and Rose Mary Ermel in thankfulness of God's blessings and for his guidance in bringing peace to our country.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by Pat and Missy Sagebiel in memory of Dorothy and Luther Sagebiel and of our son, Boyd Harrison.

### **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Kathy Ersch
Ric Landvatter	Dot Day	Gladys Fruehling
Teresa Kiel	Sue Blumberg	Pat Sagebiel
Faye Talley	Debbie Lehmann	Ronnie Foreman
Roy Biediger		

### **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Month to Date (August): **\$38,532.15**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$340,120.56**  
(2020 budgeted offerings is **\$549,000**)

### **FAITH ADULT MUSIC GROUPS**

Our music groups will be meeting again beginning **Wednesday, September 16**. Hand Bell choir will meet in the sanctuary beginning at 6:00 PM and the Chancel Singers will begin at 7:00 PM, also in the sanctuary. Everyone is asked to wear a mask while in the building and during rehearsals. We would like to invite YOU to come join us! We are always looking to add more members! NOW is your chance! Come join us in making joyful noises to the Lord!

### **JOYFUL NOISE CHILDREN'S MUSIC**

Will begin meeting on **Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00** in the choir room. Covid protocols will be in place, and Mrs. White looks forward to seeing everyone! All children, ages Kindergarten on up, are invited to come join us!

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LWR SCHOOL KITS:**

This is the time of the year when people start thinking of school and school supplies. The stores have their shelves full of school supplies and the sales are on. So please remember to support the Women of Faith in providing school kits for Lutheran World Relief. In 2019, Charity Circle packed 151 school kits. We could not have done it without the contributions of school supplies by the members of Faith. Here is a listing of the school supplies needed for each kit:

4	70 sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled)
1	30 cm ruler with inches on other side
1	2 1/2" eraser
1	pencil sharpener

- 1 blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ball point pens (no gel pens)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

Please place any school supplies in the basket located in the narthex. Thanks for your help and support in this worthwhile project.

### **QUILTING WEDNESDAYS**

The quilting ladies will be resuming their Wednesday mornings on **Wednesday, September 9th**. COVID protection protocols will be in place. They would like to thank everyone who has been dropping off material for them.

**WORSHIP UPDATE:** We are again entering a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic and can begin making plans to return to inside worship. Please remember - Church was never canceled, it just looked different for a while as we worshipped outside and via live-stream, Facebook and YouTube platforms. The Gospel is proclaimed and the Lord's Sacraments continue to be celebrated among us. We would like to share with you the current plans that we have to return to a more regular worship life. Please understand that the schedule below is tentative and depends on the status of the COVID19 pandemic in Guadalupe County.

**September 6 and 13-** Worship outside at 8:30 AM (weather permitting) with Children's Church, and, inside at 9:30 AM – please choose one. Those who choose to worship inside will be asked to follow the COVID19 protocols posted on the doors and in place since March 2020. (Temperature check as you enter, hand sanitizing and masks are required during this period.)

**September 20 -** We will resume our regular every Sunday worship time of 9 AM in the Sanctuary. COVID19 protocols during this period will depend on the health / risk status as determined by local health professionals. Sunday School and Bible Class will resume soon afterwards.

### **GOLF CARTS NEEDED**

The National Via De Cristo Gathering will be held here in Seguin at TLU in July of 2021, and many plans need to be made in advance. They are in need of several 4-6 passenger golf carts to be used to transport guests with mobility issues to and from events around campus. If you have a 4-6 passenger cart that you would consider loaning them for a weekend, please contact Doris Engelhardt at 830-303-9999.

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM**

We would like to thank the congregation for its support of the South Texas Pregnancy Care Center through the Baby Bottle Campaign. We were able to send a little over \$2,400 to the center through your generosity. This will do so much in helping the center care for healthy babies and families. If you have a bottle or still want to make a contribution, please bring it to the church. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers.

### **CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD**

Thank you for those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The September item is breakfast cereals. This week's update is **20 items** as of August 31.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

It sounds like most of you have received your August AND September Newsletter by now. Don't forget, our newsletters are always available on our website, [faithseguin.org](http://faithseguin.org) under "Media and Documents" then under "Newsletters and Sunday Bulletins." 😊

## **CHURCH PICNIC UPDATE**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 4. As of now we are planning to hold our annual church picnic HERE at Faith. (Nolte Island is closed for the year.) Stay tuned for more details!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Children's Ministry team is looking for Sunday School teachers for our Pre K – Kindergarten and our 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Full time, part-time, or even substitutes are needed! Please let Lisa Owen know if you would like to help out in this important ministry.

## **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

For those of you who are not already signed up or are not aware, Faith Lutheran has a subscription to a Christian Online media service that is available for all of our members to use, free of charge.

Taken directly from their website, RightNow media's mission is "to work with the global church to inspire people to love others before self and Christ above all" and for members to "experience the world's largest customizable library of biblical video resources for every person in your church or ministry."

Users have unlimited access to Bible studies, children's stories, etc., all covering a wide variety of topics. Since most of us seem to have a lot of time on our hands these days, we thought we would remind you of this valuable resource. There are two different ways to access RightNow Media:

- 1) Click on this link <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/faithseguin>  
You will be instructed to create a profile, including creating YOUR OWN password. Once you've created your profile, BOOM- unlimited access to all of their resources.
- 2) If you would like access on your smart phone, you may also sign up by TEXTING the code: [RIGHTNOW FAITHSEGUIN](https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/faithseguin) to the number [41411](https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/faithseguin).

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and hope you enjoy your experience with RightNow Media.