



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2020

Serving us in worship today: Andrew Cave, Message; Bryan Terp, Lay Reader;
Annette Stout, Andrew Cave, Roxanne Heckmann, Music; Lisa Owen,
Children's Church; Ushers: 8:30-Melvin Boelter, Bill Ermel,
9:30-Clem Howe and Cody Goetz

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 their leader during the hymn of the day.

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.

Brett Owen

OPENING HYMN: "Way Maker"

- 1) You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are. (2x)

- 2) You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You
- 3) You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You. *(Chorus)*

That is who You are *(4x)*

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working *(2x) (Chorus)*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

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

C: Amen.

A: 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.

A: *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.

A: 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.

A: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

A: 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: GENESIS 12: 1-9 The Call of Abram

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. ⁵ He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.

⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the Lord, and he worshiped the Lord. ⁹ Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: JOB 1: 13-22 – The Suffering of Job

¹³ One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴ a messenger arrived at Job's home with this news: "Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵ when the

Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

¹⁷ While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news: "Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen your camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "Your sons and daughters were feasting in their oldest brother's home. ¹⁹ Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

²⁰ Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. ²¹ He said,

"I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The LORD gave me what I had, and the LORD has taken it away.

Praise the name of the LORD!" ²² In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

A: Here ends the reading.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: ROMANS 8: 31-39

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

³⁸ *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.* ³⁹ *No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

A: Here ends the reading.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Jesus, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”* WOV 765

(Children meet for Children's Church)

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who pours out himself for them. *Refrain*

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

3. These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

MESSAGE: *“With us, In us, For us”*

Andrew Cave

(Please see sermon notes in the back of your bulletin)

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

♪ Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them the prayers we offer. Grace our table
with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come. ♪

WORDS OF INSTITUTION with THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

Andrew Cave

CLOSING HYMN: *“Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”* (LBW # 389) Verses 1,3, 4

- 1) Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross,
lift high his royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.
- 3) Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.
- 4) Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
this day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see,
and with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

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 Carolyn Sagebiel in thankfulness for her church family and for the blessings He has given us all to share with others.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Faith Lutheran Church.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Month to Date (September): **\$14,733.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$356,428.91**
(2020 budgeted offerings is **\$549,000**)

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

FAITH MUSIC GROUPS

Are all back in the “swing of things” and are all always looking for new members! Everyone is invited to join them! **JOYFUL NOISE** (children’s group), meets in the choir room from 6:00-6:30. **Adult Hand Bell Choir** and the **Chancel Singers** meet in the sanctuary at 6:00 and 7:00 PM respectively.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Frist communion classes will be held on Sunday, September 20th and 27th at 10:30 A.M. The class is for all 5th graders and any other young person whose family feels they are ready to learn and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament. Please email Children’s Ministry Leader Lisa Owen at children@faithseguin.org, or call the church office if your child will be attending.

WORSHIP UPDATE

Our worship schedule is changing SLIGHTLY from what was announced in previous weeks. We will continue to offer **TWO worship services** through the month of September to best meet the needs of our congregation. An **OUTDOOR** service will be held at **8:30 AM**, followed by an **INDOOR** service at **9:30 AM**. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed, including wearing a face covering during the 9:30 service. If inclement weather should occur, both services will be held inside, and again, members are asked to choose one service to attend. **The 9:30 service will be the only service LIVE-STREAMED on our Facebook page and on our Website. Beginning September 20, Children’s Church will be held at both services and will take place during the pastor’s sermon. (For approximately 20-25 minutes)**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Children’s Ministry team is looking for Sunday school teachers for our Pre K – Kindergarten. 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.

PRESCHOOL POSITION NEEDED

Our Mother’s Morning Out 2 year old class is seeking a Lead Teacher. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings each week. (approximately 8 hours a week) Child care experience is required. Please see or call Sharon Stollewerk for more details. 379-7074

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.

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 mobile 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.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The September item is breakfast cereals. This week's update is **58 items** as of September 16.

Sermon Notes "With Us, For Us, In Us"

- Trials are a part of the life of every believer.
- Abram & Job both experienced uncertainties in their lives.
- God is leading us through every circumstance in life and has a great plan.

We see the rainbow after the thunder and lightning. There will be a rainbow, but Faith is what you need to get through the storm.

Key Points!

- God is with us (Matthew 1: 23)
- God is for us (Romans 8: 31)
- God is in us (Romans 8:11)