



*Lutheran Church*

*Sequin, Texas*

**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;*

*Lay Reader: Fran Braun; Music: Annette Stout, Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig,*

*John Kuempel, and Matt Sherwood; Children's Church: Georgie Dittrich;*

*AV: Matt Fransen, Tim Bogisch*

### **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 today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers in a manner in which you are comfortable. Please be respectful to one another concerning face coverings and social distancing. Feel welcome to join in fellowship on the patio for refreshments following worship.*

## **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER**

### **Visitor / Prayer Cards**

We invite guests to fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you. The back of the visitor card also has a place for prayer requests for anyone needing special prayer. Please place cards in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. First time visitors, be sure to pick up a red welcome bag in the narthex.

*Please Stand*

**OPENING HYMN:** *"Here in This Place (Gather Us In)"* WOV 718 Vs. 1, 2 & 4

- 1) Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2) We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

4) Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
Here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### **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 say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8-9, ESV)*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** 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 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 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:** *"Lord God, heavenly king, ..."* Pg 80 LBW

**P:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

♪ Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen ♪

*You may be seated.*

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 14:1-21 (ESV)**

"You are the sons of the LORD your God. You shall not cut yourselves or make any baldness on your foreheads for the dead. <sup>2</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

<sup>3</sup>"You shall not eat any abomination. <sup>4</sup>These are the animals you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat, <sup>5</sup>the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope, and the mountain sheep. <sup>6</sup>Every animal that parts the hoof and has the hoof cloven in two and chews the cud, among the animals, you may eat. <sup>7</sup>Yet of those that chew the cud or have the hoof cloven you shall not eat these: the camel, the hare, and the rock badger, because they chew the cud but do not part the hoof, are unclean for you. <sup>8</sup>And the pig, because it parts the hoof but does not chew the cud, is unclean for you. Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch.

<sup>9</sup>"Of all that are in the waters you may eat these: whatever has fins and scales you may eat. <sup>10</sup>And whatever does not have fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean for you.

<sup>11</sup>"You may eat all clean birds. <sup>12</sup>But these are the ones that you shall not eat: the eagle, the bearded vulture, the black vulture, <sup>13</sup>the kite, the falcon of any kind; <sup>14</sup>every raven of any kind; <sup>15</sup>the ostrich, the nighthawk, the sea gull, the hawk

of any kind; <sup>16</sup>the little owl and the short-eared owl, the barn owl <sup>17</sup>and the tawny owl, the carrion vulture and the cormorant, <sup>18</sup>the stork, the heron of any kind; the hoopoe and the bat. <sup>19</sup>And all winged insects are unclean for you; they shall not be eaten. <sup>20</sup>All clean winged things you may eat.

<sup>21</sup>“You shall not eat anything that has died naturally. You may give it to the sojourner who is within your towns, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner. For you are a people holy to the LORD your God.

“You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

## **PSALM 148**      *To be read responsively (ESV)*

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD!  
For he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
Praise the LORD!

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8 (ESV)**

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup> For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—<sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup> However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup> But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup> And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup> Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:14-23 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” <sup>17</sup> And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> And he said, “What comes out of a person is what

defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

A: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

*You may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**SERMON:** "From God the Father-Through Christ Jesus"

Pastor Bailey

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "On Eagle's Wings" WOV 779

1. You who dwell in the  
shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*

And I will raise you up  
on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand

2. Snares of the fowler will  
never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3. For to the angels  
God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash  
your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

## OFFERING

**P:** Blessed be the Lord our God of all faithfulness. By your grace we receive all that we need, and in this abundance may we faithfully share with all in good stewardship, this that you have first given us. Receive this offering to the glory of your Holiness and the work of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

*Please Stand.*

**OFFERTORY:** *"Create in Me a Clean Heart..."* pg. 96 LBW

**C:**           ♪    Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
    Restore to me the joy of your salvation, And uphold me with your free Spirit.   ♪

**P:**    Let us pray. Most merciful God,

**C:**    We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.   Amen

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Please stand.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"Bind Us Together"* WOV 748

*Refrain*

Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, Lord;  
bind us together in love.

1. There is only one God.  
There is only one King.  
There is only one Body;  
that is why we can sing: *Refrain*

2. You are the fam'ly of God.  
You are the promise divine.  
You are God's chosen desire,  
you are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

## **BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL**

**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**

Has been sponsored this morning to the glory of God by Pat and Missy Sagebiel in celebration of their wedding anniversary on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by Pam and Kirby Fransen in celebration of their wedding anniversary on July 14 and Kimberly and Scott's 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on July 6.

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on July 4: 121; Month to Date (July): \$10,516.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$227,272.15 (2021 budgeted offerings is \$470,000)

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

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett	Sandy Wille
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Ronnie Glenewinkel	Willie Bloch
Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling	Lydia Whitwell	Dot Day
Teresa Kiel	Pat Sagebiel	Dorothy Burris	
Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch	Carolyn Westerholm	

## **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FAITH?**

If you are interested in joining Faith Lutheran Church, we welcome you! Please call the church office at 830-379-7036 for information. Our pastors will hold new member classes as needed.

## **LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT ANNUAL GATHERING**

What do you call it when Lutherans from across Texas get together to eat great food, fellowship with like-minded believers, share ministry opportunities, be challenged by incredible teaching, and worship the Most Awesome God? We call it the LCMC District Annual Gathering! (Taken from Texas LCMC website) Registration is open now at [lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering](http://lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering). This year's gathering is hosted by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Victoria, TX and will be held July 30-31.

## **INVITATION TO WOMEN'S NOON SALAD LUNCHEON**

ALL Women of Faith are invited to a July 13 Salad Luncheon at noon in the Activity Center!! Bring your favorite salad and learn more about the NEW LIFE CHILDREN'S CENTER at Canyon Lake. This residential treatment center provides a safe place for girls to grow and thrive after severe abuse and neglect. If you would like to bring a gift for the girls, they could use: Twin sheet sets (assorted colors); Hair ties and scrunchies (no metal); Flip flops (women's sizes 5-11); Lip balm or chap stick in the plastic tubes; 6 packs of soda (plastic bottles only).

## **CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD**

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The July item is Hamburger or Tuna Helper, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected for July 8, 2021 was 14.

## **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Monday, July 12	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Tuesday, July 13	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, July 13	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, July 13	Women of Faith Salad Luncheon	12:00 (AC)
Tuesday, July 13	Council Meeting	6:30 PM (AC)
Wednesday, July 14	Quilting Team	9:00 AM (AC)