



*Lutheran Church*

*Sequin, Texas*

**Sunday, July 25, 2021**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

*Lay Reader: Michelle Kuempel; Music: Annette Stout, Ushers: Jud Alexander, Mark*

*Herbold, Cecil Schulze and Chase White; Children's Church: Laura Beedy;*

*AV: Diane Gwyther and Andrew Kuehne*

### **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:** *"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"* LBW 343

- 1) Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'ful 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 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *VBS CHILDREN SING*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** – *Wyatt Crawford and Sadie Crawford*

### **Pastor Introduction**

**Sponsors:** I (*state your name*) present *Wyatt and Sadie Crawford* to receive Holy Baptism.

In love of God and of Wyatt and Sadie Crawford, we present them for Holy Baptism. Therefore, we promise to faithfully bring them to worship and teach them the truth of salvation in Jesus. As they grows in years, we promise to read and teach them the Bible, and show how to understand it in the light of Jesus and the gospel. In word and example, we will teach them how to lead a faithful life as a child of God watching for the coming of Christ. We accept that there is no higher calling for us as parents and ask God to help us in Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Profession of Faith**

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

All: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in Jesus and your Lord and Savior?

All: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth??

All: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

All: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you 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.

All: Yes, I believe.

## **The Baptism**

**P:** *Wyatt Crawford*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of The Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**P:** *Sadie Crawford*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of The Holy Spirit. **Amen**

## **Blessing and Anointing**

### **Baptismal Candle – The Light**

### **Blessing of the parents and sponsors**

## **Congregational Response**

**P:** Together we say,

**C:** **We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God. Amen**

## **WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new members to Faith Lutheran this morning:

**Jensen Family** – Shane & Laline and their children Thor and Aurora.

**Beedy Family** – Tanner & Laura and their son Axel.

**Crawford Family** – Joshua & Chrissy and their children Wyatt and Sadie.

**Borgfeld Family** – Teresa & Dale

## **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:1-6 (ESV)**

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and

your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

**PSALM 104:24-35**

*To be read responsively (ESV)*

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> Here is the sea, great and wide,  
which teems with creatures innumerable,  
living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.

<sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works,

<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Praise the LORD!

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-24; 31-33 (ESV)**

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. <sup>15</sup>I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. <sup>18</sup>Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? <sup>19</sup>What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? <sup>20</sup>No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. <sup>21</sup>You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. <sup>22</sup>Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? <sup>23</sup>"All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. <sup>24</sup>Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.

<sup>31</sup>So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup>Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup>just as I try

to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:25-36 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. <sup>26</sup> And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." <sup>27</sup> John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' <sup>29</sup> The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease."

<sup>31</sup> He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup> He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. <sup>33</sup> Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. <sup>34</sup> For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. <sup>35</sup> The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. <sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

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

*You may be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**SERMON:** *"All to the glory of God"*

Pastor Bailey

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"* WOV 770

1. "I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."
2. "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were  
raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

3. "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

4. "I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

## 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:** *"Onward, Christian Soldiers"* LBW 509 Verses 1 & 4

1 Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;  
forward into battle, see, his banners go!

*Refrain*

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

4 Onward, then, you faithful, join our happy throng;  
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.

Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the king.

We through countless ages with the angels sing: *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 Carolyn Sagebiel in thankfulness for all of our VBS helpers and teachers giving their time and talents in making VBS a success.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by Larry and Kristy Serold in gratefulness for the blessings of family and Christian friends.

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

Attendance on July 11: 108; Month to Date (July): **\$22,555.25**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$239,311.40** (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	
Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling	Dot Day	
Teresa Kiel	Pat Sagebiel	Dorothy Burris	
Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch	Carolyn Westerholm	

### **WYATT AND SADIE CRAWFORD**

Today Wyatt and Sadie receive the Promise, which is given in Holy Baptism. Together with their parents, Chrissy and Joshua, we share their joy as Wyatt and Sadie are received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for Wyatt and Sadie as they begin a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for Wyatt and Sadie are Josh Tucker, Amy Hernandez, Zach Vogel, Candice Magruder and members of Faith Lutheran Church..

### **BILL MOBERLY VISIT**

Friend of Faith, Pastor Bill Moberly will be joining us next **Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Rev. Bill Moberly is the Director of *Awakening Lives to World Missions*. He founded ALWM in 2007, while also serving as Director of *East European Mission Network* (EEMN). ALWM expanded in 2015. He draws on his nearly 30 years of experience in helping churches across the US with their global mission outreach. He is the author of Igniting a Passion for Missions, a Guide for Church Leaders. He and his wife Sally have been married 46 years. They have seven grown children and seventeen grandchildren. Together they have traveled to more than 23 countries to share the gospel and equip leaders.

Contact: [pastorbill@alwm.org](mailto:pastorbill@alwm.org)

### **TIME TO BUY SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LWR SCHOOL KITS:**

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. For a listing of supplies needed, please see the list on the Kiosk Bulletin Board or the list in the August Newsletter. Place any school supplies in the appropriate bin/basket in the Narthex by the doors. If you prefer to donate money, please give it to Doris Engelhardt. Thanks for your help and support in this worthwhile project.

### **LCMC CHURCH DEDICATION IN MCDADE**

The congregation is invited to the Dedication Service for a new church building at New Hope Lutheran Church in McDade, TX on Sunday, August 1 at 5:00 PM. The dedication service will be followed by a catered meal served in the new Fellowship Hall. If you can attend, please email Pastor Caleb Williams at [hnl.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:hnl.pastor@gmail.com) or call him at (817) 933-3835. New Hope Lutheran is located at 1970 US 290, McDade, TX 78650.

### **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.

### **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 as of July 18, 2021 was 60.

### **COMMUNION UPDATE**

We will return to receiving communion wine and individual wafers from the trays, served by our pastors and altar aides at the communion rail on **August 15**. Those who wish to use disposable kits instead may also come forward and receive a kit from an altar aide. Those who are unable to come to the altar may remain in your pew and communion will be brought to you.

- The Altar Guild and Worship committee are in need of more volunteers to assist with communion during worship. Please contact Susan Foerster at 830-305-2035 if you are able help.

### **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Monday, July 26	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Tuesday, July 27	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (SS Rm)
Tuesday, July 27	South Texas Pregnancy Care Center	8:-12 in Activity Center
Tuesday, July 27	Staff Zoom Training	9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday, July 27	Staff Mtg.	1:00 PM
Wednesday, July 29	Quilting Team	9:00 AM (AC)
Thurs. July 29-Aug. 1	Youth at Camp Eagle	

### **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.

### **QUILTING GROUP REQUEST**

Please consider joining the quilting group. NO experience is necessary! We will be more than happy to teach you. We meet every Wednesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Activity Center. Come spend a few hours of fun, laughs and possibly learning a new skill all for a good cause. Thanks, hope to see you there!

### **NURSERY HELP NEEDED**

Faith is in need of volunteers to help staff the nursery during worship and Sunday school hours. **PLEASE** contact the church office if you are able to volunteer your time. ( i.e. one Sunday a month, etc.) We have several young families that could benefit from this!