



Sunday, August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost and BLUEGRASS SUNDAY

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

*Lay Reader: Roxanne Heckmann; Music **Rolf Sieker Band**, Ushers: Ed Engelhardt, Missy Sagebiel, Pat Sagebiel, Brandon Westerholm and Ben Weise;*

Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; 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.

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.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONSECRATION OF FAITH CALL COMMITTEE

Pastor Mayer

Please Stand

OPENING SONGS: "I Saw the Light"

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light
no more darkness no more night

Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light. *Chorus*

I was a fool to wander and astray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light. *Chorus*

"Keep On the Sunny Side"

There's a dark and a troubled side of life
there's a bright and a sunny side, too
though you meet with the darkness and strife
the sunny side you also may view.

Chorus

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side
keep on the sunny side of life
it will help us every day, it will brighten all the way
if we keep on the sunny side of life.

Oh, the storm and its fury broke today
crushing hopes that we cherish so dear
clouds and storms will in time pass away
the sun again will shine bright and clear. *Chorus*

Let us wake with a song of hope each day
though the moment be cloudy or fair
let us trust in our Savior away
who keepeth ev'ry one in His care. *Chorus*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

C: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, (*Hebrews 12:1*)

P: ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of

the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (*Hebrew 12:2; 22-24*)

SONGS OF PRAISE: "*Over in the Glory Land*"

I've a home prepared where the saints abide
Over in the Glory Land
And I long to be by my Savior's side
Over in the Glory Land.

Chorus

Over in the Glory Land
I'll join the happy angel band
Over in the Glory Land
Over in the Glory Land
There with the mighty host I'll stand
Over in the Glory Land.

I am on my way to those mansions fair
Over in the Glory Land
There to sing God's praise and His glory share
Over in the Glory Land. *Chorus*

What a joyful thought that my Lord I'll see
Over in the Glory Land
And with kindred saved there forever be
Over in the Glory Land. *Chorus*

"We Shall Rise"

On that Resurrection morning
When the trumpet of God shall sound
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise.
Then the saints will come rejoicing
And no tears will ever be found
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise.

We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise (amen)
We shall rise, on that Resurrection morning
When those prison bars are broken
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise.

On that Resurrection morning
Blessed God it is to me (*Continued*)

We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise.
I'll see the blessed Savior
Who so freely died for me
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise. (*Chorus*)

On that Resurrection morning
We shall meet Him in the air
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise.
And be carried up to Glory
To our homes so bright and clear
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise. (*Chorus*)

You may be seated.

PSALM 100 (*To be read responsively*) (*ESV*)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

² Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

READING: 1 Corinthians 13 (*ESV*)

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in

part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-38 (ESV)

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, **"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."**

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SERMON: "Faith Active in Love"

Pastor David Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I'm Using My Bible For A Roadmap"

Chorus

There'll be no detours in heaven
No rough roads along the way
I'm using my Bible for a roadmap
My last stop is heaven some sweet day

I'm using my Bible for a roadmap
The Ten Commandments they tell me what to do
The twelve disciples are my road signs
And Jesus will take me safely through. *Chorus*

I'm using my Bible for a roadmap
The children of Israel used it too
They crossed the Red Sea of destruction
For God was there to see them through. *Chorus*

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: *"In the Sweet"*

There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

Chorus

In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blessed;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest. *Chorus*

To our bountiful Father above,
We will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days. *Chorus*

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONGS

"Old Time Religion"

Chorus

Give me that old time religion
give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion

It's good enough for me *(Continued.)*

Makes me love everybody
Makes me love everybody
Makes me love everybody
It's good enough for me

It was good for Hebrew children
it was good for Hebrew children
It was good for Hebrew children
And it's good enough for me *Chorus*

It was tried in the fiery furnace
It was tried in the fiery furnace
It was tried in the fairy furnace
It's good enough for me

It will do when I'm dying
It will do when I'm dying
It will do when I'm dying
It's good enough for me *Chorus*

It can take us all to heaven
It can take us all to heaven
It can take us all to heaven
It's good enough for me *Chorus*

"Life is Like a Mountain Highway"

Life is like a mountain railway
With an engineer so brave
We must make the run successful
From the cradle to the grave
Watch the hills, the curves, the tunnels
Never falter, never fail
Keep your hand upon the throttle
And your eyes upon the rail

Blessed Savior, thou wilt guide us
Til we reach that blissful shore
Where the angels wait to join us
In God's grace forever more

As we roll along the mainline,
There'll be storms and there'll be night,
There'll be sidetracks unexpected *(Continued)*

On the left and on the right
But with our head always before us
And our hearts upon the price
There'll be no disembarkation
Until we reach paradise. *(Chorus)*

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"

I was standing by the window
on a cold and cloudy day
and I saw the hearse come rolling
for to carry my mother away.

Chorus

Will the circle be unbroken
by and by, Lord by and by
there's a better home a-waiting
in the sky, Lord, in the sky.

Lord, I told the undertaker
"Undertaker, please drive slow"
for this body you are hauling
Lord, I hate to see her go. *Chorus*

I followed close behind her
tried to hold up and be brave
but I could not hide my sorrow
when they laid her in the grave. *Chorus*

"Wayfaring Stranger"

I am a poor wayfaring stranger
While traveling through this world of woe;
Yet there's no sickness, toil nor danger
In that bright world to which I go.

I'm going there to see my father,
I'm going there no more to roam;
I'm only going over Jordan,
I'm only going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me,
I know my way is rough and steep;
Yet beautiful fields lie just before me,
Where god's redeemed there vigils keep. *(Continued)*

I'm going there to see my mother,
She said she'll meet me when I come
I'm only going over Jordan,
I'm only going over home.
I'm only going over Jordan,
I'm only going over home.

"On the Wings of a Dove"

Chorus

On the wings of a snow-white dove
He sends His pure sweet love
A sign from above (sign from above)
On the wings of a dove (wings of a dove)

When troubles surround us
when evils come
The body grows weak
The spirit grows numb
When these things beset us,
He doesn't forget us
He sends down His love
On the wings of a dove *Chorus*

When Noah had drifted
on the flood many days
He searched for land
In various ways
Troubles, he had some
but wasn't forgotten
He sent him His love
On the wings of a dove *Chorus*

BENEDICTION

"I'll Fly Away"

Some bright morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away,
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Chorus

I'll fly away, oh glory,
I'll fly away (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away. *(Continued)*

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away,
Like a bird that prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. *Chorus*

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away,
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. *Chorus*

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

A: We invite the Call Committee to join us in the Narthex.

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

Has been sponsored this morning to the glory of God by Kerry and Mary Koehler in thankfulness of their many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Ted and Doris Engelhardt in honor of Ted's birthday and in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary this month.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on August 15: 102; Month to Date (August): **\$23,659.01**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$275,211.41** (2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Ronnie Glenewinkel
Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling	Dot Day
Sandy Wille	Coreen Dube	Laurie (Bogisch) Perryman
Teresa Kiel	Pat Sagebiel	Donald Jackson
Harold Bogisch	Carolyn Westerholm	

RALLY DAY NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday school classes of ALL AGES are invited to celebrate at "*Our Faith is Over the Top*" **CARNIVAL** to be held next **Sunday, August 29** following worship. There will be music, games, snow cones, popcorn and fun! Join us as we prepare to begin a new season of learning about Jesus together! (Adults are invited to come pick up a snack and then head over to the Activity Center to be with Jacob and Carol Lee as they continue sharing their story.)

FAITH CALL COMMITTEE

The following congregation members are serving on the Pastoral Call Committee: Dianne Chambers; Matt Sherwood; Chase White; Brandon Westerholm; Brenda Bloch; Fran Braun; Diane Terp; Laline Jensen; Carly Goetz. Please keep them in your prayers as they discern a long term pastor for Faith Lutheran Church.

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!

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.

PRAYER REQUEST

For the family of Dorothy Burris. Dorothy passed through death into eternal life on Monday, August 16, here in Seguin. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, August 24, at 10:00 AM here at Faith. Please keep her son, Mike, and the rest of her family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

FAITH DIRECTORY

Faith is in the process of preparing an **online/printable** church membership directory. We are asking members to submit a photograph of yourself or your family that you would like to appear next to your name and information in the directory.

Simply follow the link below to easily upload your own photo to insert into the church directory. On your phone? Snap a quick "selfie" now and upload.

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/9b6a99b2-0293-454e-a083-ae8822f90ad6/family/new>

If for some reason the link does not work for you, you can email your picture to communications@faithseguin.org or drop one off in the church office. Look for more information concerning this new directory in the weeks to come.

COMMUNION UPDATE

We will be re-evaluating the return to receiving communion wine and individual wafers from the trays, served by our pastors and altar aides at the communion rail at the end of **September**. When we make the change, those who wish to continue the use of 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.

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.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The August item is breakfast cereal, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of August 17, 2021 is 103. Keep up the great work!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, August 23	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Monday, August 23	Ultreya Group	6:30 PM (AC)
Tuesday, August 24	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, August 24	Funeral Service for Dorothy Burris	10:00 AM
Tuesday, August 24	Staff Mtg.	1:00 PM
Wednesday, August 25	Quilting Group	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, August 25	FLY	5:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday, August 25	JOYFUL Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm)
Wednesday, August 25	Hand Bell Choir	6:15 PM (Sanc)
Wednesday, August 25	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (choir rm.)

MUSIC GROUPS

All of Faith's music groups will begin **rehearsals on August 25**. ALL groups always welcome **NEW MEMBERS!** PLEASE consider joining us! You **DO NOT** have to be any kind of "accomplished musician" or be able to "read music"! We all just make music to the Glory of God! (And have fun doing it!)

- **Joyful Noise** – This group is for students K-8. Joyful Noise meets Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:30pm in the choir room. There will be singing, ringing and playing instruments, while the focus is faith development. Leanne White is the leader of this group. Contact her at lwhite@faithseguin.org if you have questions.
- **Hand Bell Choir** – The Hand Bell choir meets and rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in the Sanctuary. Faith Lutheran owns a four octave set of Shulemrich Bells, and we enjoy ringing several different styles and genres of worship music!
- **Chancel Singers**- Our adult choir meets and rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We perform during church services on an average of once or twice a month and enjoy several different styles and genres of music!

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Caregiving is one of the greatest challenges and opportunities most of us experience in a lifetime. Belonging to a support group can be a lifeline on this journey. Listening to others who are living similar experiences, and sharing your feelings in a supportive, caring, and confidential setting is healing and often reassuring.

Emanuel's Lutheran Church is hosting a community Support Group for Caregivers currently caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Dementia, and other aging issues.

Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
in the Family Life Center
Wednesday, August 25, repeated Saturday, August 28
Wednesday, September 22, repeated Saturday, September 25
Future dates to be determined by the group.

Facilitators are the Rev. John and Faye Van Deusen.
You can reach Rev. John at (830) 305-5658 and Faye at (830) 305-8851.