



Sunday, August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Rally Day

Serving us in worship today: Pastors Rusty Bailey and Jacob & Carol Lee

Lay Reader: Georgie Dittrich; Music: Annette Stout; Children's Church: Keli and Sydney

Seidel; Ushers: Wally Braun, Albert Menn, John Taddy, Tim Bogisch

AV: Andrew Kuehne, Matt Fransen

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.

Children will come forward for a special blessing before meeting for Children's Church. (Ages Pre-K through 3rd grade)

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

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: *"Open Now Thy Gate of Beauty" LBW 250 Vs. 1, 3 and 5*

- 1) Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

- 3) Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

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: *"This is the Feast,"* pg. 81LBW

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. ♪

Please keep standing in respect for the Word of Christ.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-17 (ESV)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

A: The gospel of our Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE:

Jacob Lee

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"I Love to Tell the Story"* LBW 390
(Please see next page)

1) I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2) I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3) I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *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: *"Let the Vineyards be fruitful"* pg. 86 LBW

C: ♪ 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 with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come. ♪

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

If you feel comfortable, you are invited to come to the altar rail for Holy Communion as the ushers invite you by pew. Please bring your communion kit with you. If you would prefer to remain in your seats, you are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion in place.

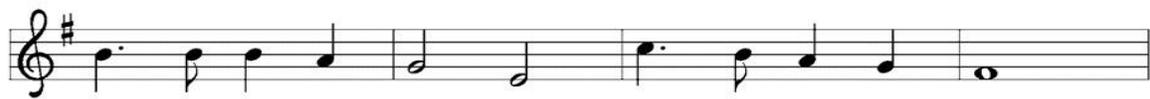
COMMUNION HYMNS: *"He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought"* LBW 501; *"In Christ Alone"*; *"Beautiful Savior"* LBW 518

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"On Our Way Rejoicing"* LBW 260

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

BENEDICTION

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 Faith Lutheran Church.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on August 22: 109; Month to Date (August): **\$29,214.01**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$280,766.41** (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 TODAY

Sunday school classes of ALL AGES are invited to celebrate at *"Our Faith is Over the Top"* **CARNIVAL** to be held 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.)

JACOB and CAROL LEE

Seguinites and friends of Faith, Jacob and Carol Lee, are joining us in worship **today**. As most of you know, the Lees are missionaries with *Reaching Africa's Unreached* and currently live in Uganda. Jacob is the director of RAU's Uganda NGO (non governmental organization) team. His wife Carol is Pastor Mayer's sister.

CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM! WE NEED TO FILL OUR CLASSROOMS!

Faith Lutheran Preschool has been busy all summer. But our Full-time 2-year-old class will begin a new group of students on September 1st, and our Pre-K students and MMO class will start the school year on September 7th. The teachers have been decorating rooms, planning lessons, and meeting parents and students. School supplies have been bought, but there are still many items the teachers would like. If you would be interested in donating any of these items, there is a sign-up list in the narthex. Please sign up next to an item that you are able to donate and return the item to the church or preschool. Thank you for volunteering to help stock our classrooms with supplies that will be used to help us as our teachers and children grow and learn together this school year!

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.

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@faithsequin.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 24, 2021 is 151. Keep up the great work!

THANK YOU

Faith Lutheran collected **\$1,155** and two loads of clothes for the seven families of the Summer's Bend apartment fire. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, August 30	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Tuesday, August 31	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, August 31	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wednesday, Sept. 1	Quilting Group	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, Sept. 1	FLY	5:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 1	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm)
Wednesday, Sept. 1	Hand Bell Choir	6:15 PM (Sanc)
Wednesday, Sept. 1	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (choir rm.)
Friday, Sept. 3	Youth helping w/ FB game parking	

MUSIC GROUPS

All of Faith's music groups have resumed weekly rehearsals. 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, 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.