



**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Lay Reader: *Brenda Bloch*; Music: *Annette Stout*; Children's Church: *Sharon Stollewerk*;

Ushers: *Bill Ermel*; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* LBW 535 Vs. 1, 2 & 4

1) Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim,  
all in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.

2) Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

4) Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
though in essence only one;  
undivided God we claim you  
and, adoring, bend the knee  
while we own the mystery.

## **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.

*You may be seated.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE: Chancel Singers - "Oh, How I Love Jesus"**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:1-5 (ESV)**

Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

**PSALM: Psalm 117 (ESV)**

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

<sup>2</sup>For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-34 (ESV)**

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely

born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? <sup>30</sup> Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup> I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup> What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

*Please stand for the words of Christ.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:21-24 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>22</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

<sup>23</sup> Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! <sup>24</sup> For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

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

*You may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**MESSAGE: "Of First Importance"**

Pastor Bailey

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Blessed Assurance" WOVS 699**

1) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

2) Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3) Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (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.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I 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. 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:**       *"Holy Water"* (Andrew and Company)

Congregation: *"Beautiful Savior"* LBW 518

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"* WOV 671

*Refrain*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is the king of creation. *Refrain*
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*
3. We have been crucified with Christ;  
now we shall live forever. *Refrain*
4. God has proclaimed the just reward:  
Life for all people, alleluia.
5. Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

## 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 September 12: 150; Month to Date (As of September 8): \$6,145.00 YTD  
Offerings and Misc. \$291,999.41 (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	Fred Blumberg

## PRESCHOOL THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" to everyone who donated to the FLP teachers' wish lists. We appreciate all of the goodies from glue sticks to cotton balls, paper clips to playground balls, and googly-eyes to dinosaur books. Every single item brought happiness to our staff and will be used throughout the school year. Your support is a blessing to us.

## **FIRST COMMUNION**

First communion classes will begin on Sunday, October 3, during the Sunday School hour. First Communion classes are for those students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or any older students who have not received communion training. Younger students may attend at parent's discretion. Please see Pastor Bailey for more information. First communion will be celebrated on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **FAITH CALL COMMITTEE**

The following congregational 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.

## **REMINDER FROM CALL COMMITTEE**

Please return your completed surveys by September 19. (Today) If you have not received a survey (passed out during the last two Sunday worship services), please stop by the church office to pick one up. We appreciate your help/input in our pastor selection process. Thank you, *Your Call Committee*

## **REQUEST FROM JACOB AND CAROL LEE**

Faith was blessed with a visit from a courageous couple, Jacob and Carol Lee. The Lees are missionaries with Reaching Africa's Unreached and are currently living in Uganda. They need some items to take back with them and this is where our Church can help.

1. **Proclaimers:** Languages-1. Madi 2. Aringa 3. Sudanese Arabic *{These come via "Faith Comes By Hearing" - If you would like to provide one or more of these audio New Testaments, see Pat Bodine, Dianne Chambers, or Joanne Shanafelt.}*
2. **Reading glasses** power 1.25 and 2
3. **Ibuprofen**
4. **Duct Tape**
5. **WD40**
6. **AAA and AA Batteries**
7. **Sharpies/Dry erase markers**
8. **Sweet corn seeds**
9. **Cherry tomato seeds**
10. **Broccoli/ Cauliflower/ yellow and zucchini squash seeds.**

From Pastor Bailey-

*First aid supplies such as Band-Aids, antiseptic ointments, gauze, tape, tooth paste and brushes, would be good as well. Also, finger nail polish for the ladies and neck ties for the men were always appreciated gifts.*

Any money given will be used for scholarships or water wells (one water well costs \$8000.00). So please be generous. We have 3 weeks before the Lee's return to Uganda.

Thanks for your help. *Mission Outreach Team*

## **NURSERY HELP NEEDED**

Faith is in need of help to staff the nursery during worship and Sunday school hours. **PLEASE** contact the church office if you are interested in this **PAID** position. We have several young families that could benefit from this!

## **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  
Saturday, September 25

You can reach Rev. John at (830) 305-5658 and Faye at (830) 305-8851.

## **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 October. 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.

## **CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD**

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The September item is **peanut butter and jelly**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of September 14, 2021 is 60. Keep up the great work!

## **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Monday, Sept. 20	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Monday, Sept 20	Charity Circle	7:00 PM (AC)
Monday, Sept. 20	Men's Prayer group	7:00 PM (Sm. Kit)
Tuesday, Sept. 21	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Sept.21	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, Sept. 21	Love Circle	9:30 AM
Wednesday, Sept. 22	Quilting Group	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, Sept. 22	FLY	5:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 22	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm)
Wednesday, Sept.22	Hand Bell Choir	6:15 PM (Sanc)
Wednesday, Sept. 22	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (choir rm.)
Saturday, Sept. 25	Cedar St. Closed for Band Contest	

## **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](mailto: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!

## **FAITH DIRECTORY**

Faith is in the process of preparing an **online/printable** church membership directory. *This includes not only our members, but families and individuals who have been active and participating in services and events with us.* 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](mailto:communications@faithseguin.org) or drop one off in the church office. Look for more information concerning this new directory in the weeks to come.

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& Android



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There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "**Instant Church Directory**" to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

## Need help or have questions?

Please contact     Roxanne or Pastor Mayer    



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