



**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

***All Saints Sunday***

Serving us in worship today: Pastors Rusty Bailey and David Mayer;  
Lay Reader: Gail Herbold; Music: Annette Stout; Children's Church: Laura Beedy;  
Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Wally Braun, Albert Menn, and John Taddy;  
AV: Andrew Kuehne, Diane Gwyther

**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. 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.

*You are encouraged to come forward before the service,  
or during the first hymn, to light a candle in remembrance  
of someone in your heart who is now a saint in the church triumphant.*

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**OPENING HYMN:** *"For All the Saints"* LBW Vs. 1, 3, 5, 7

- 1) For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
all who by faith before the world confessed,  
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 3) Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5) And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

7) But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **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. 81 LBW

**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. ♪

*You may be seated.*

**FIRST READING: Revelation 7 (ESV)**

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

<sup>6</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

<sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

<sup>8</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory

and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### **PSALM: Psalm 149** *(To be read responsively) (ESV)*

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

<sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.

<sup>5</sup>Let the godly exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.

<sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,

<sup>7</sup>to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishments on the peoples,

<sup>8</sup>to bind their kings with chains  
and their nobles with fetters of iron,

<sup>9</sup>to execute on them the judgment written!  
This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the LORD!

**SECOND READING: 1John 3:1-3 (ESV)**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

*Please stand for the words of Christ.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

*You may be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**MESSAGE:** *"Promises + Assurances = Hope"*

Pastor Bailey

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"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.

## 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.*

## READING OF THE NAMES WHO ARE NOW SAINTS IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**P:** Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were redeemed by God. He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism. He nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table. In His mercy and wisdom, He summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may rest in His blissful peace forever.

**C:** Saint John tells us: *"I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!'"* (Revelation 14: 13).

*The names of those who received the ministry of this congregation during their last days and received a Christian burial since last All Saints Day are read and the bell tolled. There will be a pause for all to name in their hearts their loved ones who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Then the bell will be tolled three more times.*

Jennifer Patek 1972-2020

Doris Beicker 1930-2020

Norma Krueger 1927-2021

Bertha "Tootsie" Rodgers 1932-2021

Charles Koehler 1930-2021

Kennert Pfeil 1939-2021

Clarence Urban 1930-2021

Dorothy Burris 1927-2021

**P:** In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before You, O Lord, all our departed loved ones and friends who have gone before us in the faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises. We ask in faith that You remember Your Church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at the last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints, we may give You glory forever, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of**

God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

### FIRST COMMUNION

Bentley Weise and Kyle Schlather

## 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: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* LBW 212

*"One Bread, One Body"* WOV 710

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand.*

CLOSING HYMN: *"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"* LBW 351

*(Please see next page.)*

# Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand in heav - en with the  
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him - self as  
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and love and  
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has made us



saved; all peo - ples at the Lord's right hand shall  
Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which  
peace will roll down o - ver us with good and  
free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



find their names en - graved, shall find their names en - graved.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.  
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.  
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

## **BENEDICTION**

**DISMISSAL-** A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

## **SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FAITH**

Worship Service – 9:00 AM

*Fellowship on Patio following worship*

Sunday School – 10:15-11:15 AM

- Pre K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Educational Wing
  - Adult Sunday School in Activity Center
  - Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.
- Confirmation Class – 10:15 -11:15 AM in the small kitchen

## **“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 Kim Kautzsch and Marilyn Rosenblad in memory of David Kautzsch and Larry Rosenblad.

## **FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN**

Have been given to the glory of God by Robert and Debbie Vogel in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on October 31 was 147; Month to Date (October): **\$35,095.00**. YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$396,732.41** (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	Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch
Carolyn Westerholm	Fred Blumberg	Leia Hill
Brad Flippin		



## THANKSGIVING ALTAR DECORATIONS

The worship committee and altar guild invite you to join them **Saturday, November 13 at 9:00 AM** to help decorate the altar area for the Thanksgiving season. If you have special items you would like to share, feel free to bring them as well. Thank you in advance!

## PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

Preschool Sunday will be held next **Sunday, November 14th**. Faith's preschool students will sing some songs they have learned for the congregation. Faith Lutheran Preschool will also be hosting a **take-home-barbecue fundraiser** on the same day. Plates of sausage and chicken will be served to those with tickets. Tickets are \$10 each and donations from this fundraiser will go toward property improvements at the preschool.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of Diana Saunders, sister of Judy Saunders. Diana passed through death into eternal life on October 29 here in Seguin. Please keep Judy and the rest of Diana's family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

## CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

The Christian Cupboard has put out a call to area churches to assist in gathering turkeys for their clients' Thanksgiving meals. They have already had many requests and would like to be able to provide a turkey to each family unit. If you are able to purchase an extra turkey, bring it to church and put it in a refrigerator, and we will make sure it is delivered to the Cupboard. If you would prefer, you can deliver it to the cupboard yourself. We are so thankful that we are able to help with this need.

## 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.

## COMMUNION and ALTAR GUILD

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

## ONLINE GIVING

Faith has teamed up with a service to give you the ability to send your offering online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We offer this service as a convenience to you - you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every Sunday. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. We have had this in place for some time now. A link is available right on our website:

<https://faithsequin.org/online-giving/> Or you may click here

[https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing?church\\_id=5083](https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing?church_id=5083) to go directly to myEoffering site to sign up. Even better – scan this QR code with your camera!



## **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Sunday, Nov. 7	Living Nativity Mtg.	2:00 PM (AC)
Monday, Nov. 8	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Tuesday, Nov. 9	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Nov. 9	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, Nov. 9	Council Meeting	6:30 PM (AC)
Wednesday, Nov.10	Quilting Group	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, Nov 10	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 10	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm)
Wednesday, Nov.10	Hand Bell Choir	6:15 PM (Sanc)
Wednesday, Nov. 10	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (choir rm.)
Saturday, Nov. 14	Decorate Altar for Thanksgiving	9:00 AM (Sanc)

## AV HELP

The worship committee is looking for interested people to volunteer during worship and special services running the AV equipment. Don't worry, you will be trained... and it's not that hard! **WE NEED YOU!** See Roxanne or Andrew Kuehne if interested!

## THANK YOU

GVCCC would like to thank Faith Lutheran Church for their continued support! We appreciate your hosting the event and allowing us to use your facilities. As usual, our annual BBQ fundraiser was a huge success. A special thanks to our pit crew of Brett Owen, Derek Kautzsch, Paul Kalkwarf and Mark Westerholm.

Faith Lutheran would like to bring back its **"BBQ Committee"** for special events like this held throughout the year. If you're interested in helping, please let the church office know!

## CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The November item is **pasta**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of October 26, 2021 is 110. Keep up the great work!