



**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

***Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

*Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer;*

*Lay Reader: Roxanne Heckmann; Music: Annette Stout;*

*Children's Church: Stephanie Kautzsch and Kim Kautzsch;*

*Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, and Matt Sherwood;*

*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!

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.

### **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

**OPENING HYMN: "I, The Lord of Sea and Sky" WOV 752**

1) "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2) "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3) "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

### **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.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC: **PRESCHOOL CHILDREN**

### FIRST READING: **Daniel 7:13-14** (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

### PSALM 2 *To be read responsively* (ESV)

Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

<sup>3</sup>"Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us."

<sup>4</sup>He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.

<sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

<sup>6</sup>"As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill."

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

<sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

<sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.

<sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**SECOND READING: Revelation 19:6-9; 11-21; 20:1-6; 22:1-5 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup>Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,  
"Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.

<sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready;

<sup>8</sup>it was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure" —

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

<sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup>He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup>And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup>On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

<sup>17</sup>Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup>to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." <sup>19</sup>And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup>And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. <sup>21</sup>And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. <sup>2</sup>And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup>and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Please stand for the words of Christ.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:29-31 (ESV)**

<sup>29</sup> "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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

*You may be seated.*

**CHANCEL SINGERS** *"We Gather Together"*

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: "After Jesus Comes Again"

Pastor Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Soon and Very Soon" WOV 744 Verses 1, 3 and 4



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## 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.

## 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

*Please stand.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"Bind Us Together"* WOV 748

*Refrain*

Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, Lord;  
bind us together in love.

1) There is only one God.  
There is only one King.  
There is only one Body;  
that is why we can sing: *Refrain*

2) You are the fam'ly of God.  
You are the promise divine.  
You are God's chosen desire,  
you are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

## **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 by Dawn Peterson, praising God for 38 years of marriage to her husband Paul.

## **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by Lydia Whitwell in memory of loved ones.

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on October 31 was 147; Month to Date (November): **\$12,342.00**. YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$408,824.41** (2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**)

## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Faith is in need of help to staff the nursery during worship and Sunday school hours. **PLEASE** consider volunteering your time for this ministry. We are looking for congregation members to **help on a rotating schedule, no more than once every 4-6 weeks**. There is a **sign-up sheet located on the kiosk** in the narthex. Let's fill the list! What a blessing it is to our congregation to be in need of this service!

## **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		

## **PRESCHOOL SUNDAY**

Preschool Sunday is TODAY. Faith's preschool students will sing songs they have learned for the congregation. Faith Lutheran Preschool is also hosting a **take-home-barbecue fundraiser** today. 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.

## **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

The Social Concerns Team is sponsoring an Angel Tree to help support the Santa Sheriff program. This program takes gifts to every resident in each of the Seguin nursing homes. Please choose an angel tag from the tree that has the amount that you wish to give or choose a "state your own amount" angel. Write a check to Faith Lutheran Church, memo "angel tree" and attach it to the angel. Place the angel and your attached check into the basket by the tree. The tree will be on display November 28 through December 5. All donations need to be at church by December 7. Thank you for participating and showing your care for others.

## **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, 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.

## **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://faithseguin.org/online-giving/> Or you may click here

[https://members.myoffering.com/#/landing?church\\_id=5083](https://members.myoffering.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. 14	Preschool BBQ plate FR	10 AM – 12 PM
Sunday, Nov. 14	Second Sunday JAM	2:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 15	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Monday, Nov. 15	Charity Circle	7:00 PM AC
Monday, Nov. 15	Men's Prayer Group	7:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 16	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Nov 16	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, Nov. 16	Love Circle	9:30 AM (AC)
Wednesday, Nov.17	Quilting Group	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, Nov 17	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 17	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm)
Wednesday, Nov.17	Hand Bell Choir	6:15 PM (Sanc)
Wednesday, Nov. 17	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (choir rm.)
Thursday, Nov. 18	Hope Circle	2:00 PM (AC)

## **SAVE THE DATES**

Mark your calendars for some exciting Christmas season events happening at Faith!

- **Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Everyone is invited to help in the decorating of the church for the Christmas season after worship! Young and old can work together to set up our tree(s) and spread the joy throughout the church!
- **Friday-Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**- Faith is hosting a Living Nativity both nights. Church youth groups from the community are joining our FLY group and a "Drive-Thru" Living Christmas will be on display.
- **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Our "Faith Family Christmas Celebration" will be held during our 9:00 AM worship time! What a glorious morning it will be!
- **Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** – We will be holding two Candle Light Christmas Eve services. Join us at 4:00 or 7:00 PM to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

## 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 November 10, 2021 is 31. Keep up the great work!

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