



Sunday, December 19, 2021

*Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;
Lay Readers: FLY; Music: Annette Stout, Joyful Noise, Hand Bell Choir,
and The Chancel Singers. Ushers: Mike Andrews and Robert Raetzsch
AV: Matt Fransen, 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. 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: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Vs. 1, 3, & 4 LBW 45

1) Oh come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh come ye, Oh come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the king of angels:

Refrain:

Oh come, let us adore him,
Oh come, let us adore him,
Oh come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

3) Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest *Refrain*

4) Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing: *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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – PEACE – “The Angel’s Candle”
“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4 WOY 630

(Please see the screen for lyrics)

SPECIAL MUSIC “A Babe is Born” and “African Noel”

Joyful Noise

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a (ESV)

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

⁵And he shall be their peace.
When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men;

PSALM 80:1-7 *To be read responsively (ESV)*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!

³ Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁴ O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶ You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Prince of Peace"*

Hand Bell Choir

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10 *(ESV)*

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 (ESV)

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

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

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Were You There?"* Chancel Singers

CHRISTMAS STORY *"The Birth of Jesus"*

Sunday School Children and Confirmation Students

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.

OFFERTORY: **SPECIAL MUSIC** *"Silent Night"* Hand Bell Choir

Please Stand.

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kendalynn Pruitt/Andrew Cave

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Joy To The World"* LBW 39

- 1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2) Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3) No more let sins and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4) He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Members please **stay** following worship for a short **congregational meeting** to approve Faith's 2022 budget.

(Children will return to sanctuary after costume changes. Nursery will need volunteers during the meeting as attendant is needed in meeting.)

FAITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PARTICIPANTS

MUSIC

Annette Stout
Chancel Singers
Hand Bell Choir
Joyful Noise
Kendalynn Pruitt
Andrew Cave

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FLY Students

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Narrators- *Addie Seidel, Rylee Flippin, Emily Schlather*
Innkeeper- *Tatum Atchley*
Registrar- *Madison Hilbert*
Mary- *Sloan Wynn*
Joseph- *Kyle Schlather*
Baby Jesus – *Ryder Cave*
Angels- *Lyndee Flippin, Kambree Flippin, Olivia Poole, Katelyn Poole*
Shepherds- *Jordan Kautzsch, Cason Hazel*
Wisemen- *Dietz Goetz, Axel Beedy, Hudson Cloughly*
Star- *Kylie Hazel*
Animals- *Wyatt Hilbert, Wyatt Crawford, Brooks Baker, Gretchen Goetz, Boone Westerholm, Ryan Cloughly*

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FAITH

Worship Service – 9:00 AM

Fellowship on Patio following worship

~~Sunday School~~ 10:15–11:15 AM

- ~~• Pre-K–5th 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

No Sunday School today, December 19th.

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

Has been sponsored the glory of God by Bryan and Diane Terp in anticipation of the birth of the Christ child.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given the glory of God by Tim and Jo Ann Bogisch in honor of Tim's 60th birthday and in celebration of the approaching birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on December 12 was 133; Month to Date (December): **\$33,127.00** YTD
Offerings and Misc. **\$460,796.41** (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	Jo Ann Lange	

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of Clyde "Dusty" Rhodes, brother-in-law of Bryan and Diane Terp. Dusty passed through death into eternal life on Friday, December 10, in Rockport.

Prayers also requested for the family of Jane "Beth" Willmann, mother of Laura Beedy. Beth passed through death into eternal life on Sunday, December 12, here in Seguin.

Please keep these families in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM OPENINGS

We currently have **ONE opening in our Mother's Morning Out class**. MMO class is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8:30-11:30). To enroll in the MMO class, students must be two years of age (before Sept. 1st). Please call 830-379-7074 if interested.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL

Our preschool is in desperate need of a part-time custodian. Please spread the word and pray that we fill this position. The hours are late afternoon/evening, about three hours a day, five days a week.

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. There will be one paid attendant there every week. We are looking for congregation members to volunteer 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!

SALVATION ARMY KICKS OFF BELL RINGING CAMPAIGN

Our day is tomorrow, Monday, December 20th. Location for the bell ringing will be the Market entrance of the Seguin Walmart. There are still a couple of spots available! Please try to volunteer!

POINSETTIAS TO BRIGHTEN SANCTUARY



The chancel area will be decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would be willing to share your plants, please bring them to church by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd**. If you would like your poinsettia to be in memory or in honor of someone, please call or email the church office (communications@faithseguion.org) with this information by **TOMORROW** so that a complete list of names can be published in the bulletins. Poinsettias will need to be cleared from the sanctuary by **Dec. 30th**. Before leaving your plants at church, please label with your name to make identification easier.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, Dec. 20	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Tuesday, Dec. 21	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Dec. 21	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, Dec. 21	Staff Christmas Lunch	11:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec. 22	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec. 22	Worship Committee Preparing Sanctuary	11:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec. 22	Poinsettia Drop Off Deadline	9:00-10:00 AM
Friday, Dec. 24	Church office Closed	12:00 PM
Friday, Dec. 24	Candle Light Services	4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

SAVE THE DATES

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

- **Saturday, December 18th** – Christmas program rehearsal for ALL Sunday school children (including HS youth) 9:00 – 10:00 AM
- **Sunday, December 19th** – Our **"Faith Family Christmas Celebration"** will be held during our 9:00 AM worship time! What a glorious morning it will be!
- **Sunday, December 19th** – **Annual Congregational meeting for 2022 Budget** immediately following worship service. Please stay! We need your input and your presence (for a quota) to have the meeting!

- **Friday, December 24th** – We will be holding two candlelight Christmas Eve services. Join us at **4:00 or 7:00 PM** to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Holy communion will be served at both services.
- **Sunday, January 23rd** – Annual Congregational meeting following worship.

THANK YOU FROM SANTA SHERIFF

Thank you, Faith Family - You have been very generous in supporting a worthy cause. Your donation of \$2,005 helped Santa Sheriff give a Christmas gift to every nursing home resident Guadalupe County. The Sheriff's office and the Social Concerns team are very grateful for your generosity.

2022 FLOWER CHART AND WORDS OF FAITH

Is now posted in the hallway outside of communications office. Please sign up for dates you would like to sponsor altar flowers or our Words of Faith Broadcast in 2022.

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.myeoffering.com/#/landing?church_id=5083 to go directly to myEoffering site to sign up. Even better – scan this QR code with your camera!



CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The December item is **canned or boxed food items**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of December 14, 2021 is 107. Keep up the great work!

USHER TEAMS

Our worship usher teams are looking for new members! If you would be willing to volunteer your time once a month, please contact Bill Ermel. Thank you in advance!

AV HELP

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

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& Android



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If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

