



Sunday, July 24, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer; Message: Andrew Cave
Lay Reader: Avis Herrick; Music: Annette Stout, LeAnne White, Brad Bettis;
Children's Church: Laura Beedy; Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold,
Joan Vanbeek, Ron Vanbeek; AV: Tim Bogisch, Matthew 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! Our guests are encouraged to sign the red guestbook located at the Welcome Table in the entry hall. First time visitors, be sure to pick up a red welcome bag in the narthex. We ask everyone to please complete the attendance sheet in the black folder and then pass it down the pew.

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

Prayer Cards

You will find prayer request cards on the back of the pew in front of you. We ask that anyone needing special prayer please fill them out and place cards in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

PRELUDE: "Prayer for Peace"

Annette Stout

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" WOV #784

1) You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

2) You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*

3) You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

4) You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (ROMANS 7 &8) NLT

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: So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God.

C: When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death.

P: But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.

C: At one time I lived without understanding the law. But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life, and I died. Sin took advantage of those commands and deceived me; it used the commands to kill me.

P: Did the law, which is good, cause my death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how terrible sin really is.

C: I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?

P: Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* LBW 527 Verse 7

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

♪ Let all things their Creator bless, ♪
And worship God in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

Refrain

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18: 20-33 (NIV)

²⁰Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

²²The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

²⁶The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

³⁰ Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹ Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

³² Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

³³ When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

PSALM 138 *To be read responsively* **(NIV)**

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;
before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.

³ When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.

⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,
when they hear what you have decreed.

⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.

⁶ Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.

You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.

⁸ The LORD will vindicate me;
your love, LORD, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:16-19*(NIV)*

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. ¹⁹They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13*(NIV)*

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation."

⁵Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE *"Nothing More. Nothing Less. Nothing Else."*

Andrew Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"You Are the Seed"* WOV #752

- 1) You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
to witness wherever you go.

Refrain

Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaim the great love of God;
messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever more, till the end of the world."

- 2) You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
So resplendent with hope, faith, and love;
You are the shepherds to lead the whole world
To waters and pastures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for myself,
You're the word that I want to proclaim.
You are the new reign of God built on rock
where justice and truth are at home. *Refrain*

- 3) You are the life that will nurture the plant;
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide,
There's no mountain can cover its might;
Let your light shine so that your loving works
can give honor and glory to God. *Refrain*

OFFERING

(The offering plate will be passed down each pew with the help of our ushers.)

Please stand when offertory has begun.

OFFERTORY: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart..."* pg. 75 LBW (Next page.)

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: *"Onward Christian Soldiers"* LBW #509

(Please see next page.)

Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.
but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;
gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.



for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!
one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

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-5th Grade in Educational Wing
- Adult Sunday School- * Old Testament Class in Activity Center
* New Testament Class in Sanctuary
- Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.

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

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today 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 July 17 was 127; Month to Date (July): **\$24,644.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$252,579.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, July 25	Via De Cristo Ultreya	6:30 PM (AC)
Tuesday, July 26	STPCC Training (AC rental)	8:00-12:00 (AC)
Tuesday, July 26	Lions Club Training (AC rental)	5:30-8:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday/Thursday	Pastor Mayer in office	
Wednesday, July 27	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wednesday, July 27	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, July 27	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Thursday, July 28	Study Group (AC rental)	6:30-9:00 PM (AC)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, July 31: Ushers: Mike Andrews, Brandon Westerholm, Paul Kalkwarf, Robert Raetzsch, Ronnie Glenewinkel; Lay Reader: Roxanne Heckmann; Greeters: Pat and Missy Sagebiel; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Diane Gwyther; Count: Diane Terp, Pat Sagebiel; Lock Up: Cathy Wensinger; Communion set up: Susan Foerster, Sharon Westerholm; Communion clean up: BJ Chambers, Kathy Taddy; Security: Jud Alexander.

SUMMER SUNDAY BRUNCH

Our Social Concerns Committee/Ministry Team is bringing back Pot Luck Brunches! Our first one will be held on **Sunday, July 31st**. Members are asked to bring a pot luck brunch item to share as we gather in the LEC following worship.



COMMUNION CHANGE

We will return to receiving communion wine and individual wafers from the trays, served by our pastor and altar aides at the communion rail in August. Those who wish to use 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 use the disposable kit.

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.

RENTAL PROPERTY HELP

One of our preschool teachers is need of a new place for her and her daughter to live here in Seguin. If you or anyone you know has any information on a home/apartment etc. to rent, please let director Lisa Owen know at 830-379-7074.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Ronnie Glenewinkel
Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling	Sandy Wille
Correen Dube	Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch
Brad Flippin	Steve Foerster	Georgie Dittrich
Lillian Lippe	The country of Ukraine	The community of Uvalde, TX
Clara Fischer	U.S. military men and women	

ADDITIONAL CHURCH PHONE NUMBER

The church now has an additional phone number for members to use when needed. Please use this number in emergencies outside of office hours or during office hours when you can't seem to reach anyone on the land line. The number is: **830-359-1857**.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN

The Seguin area Salvation Army Kettle Campaign planning committee is looking for new members. They have an opening and were hoping that someone from Faith would like to volunteer. Please contact Jennifer Ehlers or see Bryan Terp if you are interested.

LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT ANNUAL GATHERING

Information and registration forms for the annual gathering are available on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. The gathering will be held in **Victoria on July 29-30**. The theme this year is PRAY EARNESTLY based on Matthew 9:38: *"Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

A special Youth Gathering will once again be held for ALL middle and high school students. Information is available for both the Youth Gathering and the District Gathering at <https://www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering/>

SAVE THE DATES

- **POTLUCK BRUNCH following WORSHIP** – July 31st
- **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** – August 14th
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY/HOMEMADE ICE CREAM CONTEST**– August 28th
- **BLUEGRASS/GOSPEL SERVICE** –September 11th
- **POLKA SERVICE** – October 9th
- **THANKOFFERING SERVICE** – October 16th
- **CHURCH PICNIC** – October 23rd
- **REFORMATION/HYMN SING** – October 30th
- **LIVING NATIVITY DRIVE THROUGH** – December 9th
- **FAITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS**- December 18th

PRESCHOOL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Depot is giving back to schools. When making a purchase in-store or on-line of (qualifying school supplies), provide Faith Lutheran Preschool's ID #70247418, and we will receive 5% back in credit for free supplies. Go to www.officedepot.com/cm/school-supplies/give-back to see the qualifying supply list.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our July item will be **breakfast cereal**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of July 30 is 98.

NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Mayer will hold a New Member class for those interested in becoming members of Faith! Please see Pastor if you are interested! Text or call him at 830-426-9146.

PHOTO DIRECTORY



We are still missing **several PICTURES** for our **printable**/digital Church Directory! Please send your family or individual pictures to communications@faithseguin.org to get them included! You are also free to just grab Roxanne after service and have her take a quick photo of you!