



Sunday, August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer, Message: Cody Goetz;
Lay Reader: Doris Engelhardt; Music: Judy Smith, LeAnne White, and Brad Bettis;
Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David
Moltz; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Tim Bogisch*

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.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LBW #250 Verses 1, 3, 5

- 1) Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

- 3) Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,

so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

5) Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
Let thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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. 60 LBW

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

♪ This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. ♪

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6 (NIV)

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,
your very great reward."

²But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

⁴Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

PSALM 33:12-22*To be read responsively (NIV)*

- ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he chose for his inheritance.
- ¹³ From heaven the LORD looks down
and sees all mankind;
- ¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—
- ¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.
- ¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
- ¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸ But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
- ¹⁹ to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.
- ²⁰ We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
- ²¹ In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
- ²² May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-16*(NIV)*

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-34

(NIV)

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE

Cody Goetz

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"On Eagle's Wings"* WOV #779

- 1) You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand

- 2) Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

- 3) For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

OFFERING

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

Please stand when offertory has begun.

OFFERTORY: *"Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord..."* Pg. 66 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 now.
 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.

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.

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. Our ushers will direct you. You may use a communion kit from our ushers, or you may receive traditional communion with wafer and wine. If you would prefer to remain in your seats, you are also welcome to celebrate Holy Communion in place with a communion kit.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *"As the Grains of Wheat"* WOV #705
"Be Thou My Vision" WOV #776

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* LBW #551

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flashing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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 Albert & Irene Menn in thankfulness of their many blessings and in celebration of their grandson’s, Cooper Logan Lang’s, 10th birthday on August 9th.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Brandon and Jessica Westerholm in celebration of Boone’s 7th birthday!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on July 31 was 134; Month to Date (July): **\$40,642.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$273,477.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

	Pastor Mayer Out of office all week	
Monday, August 8	Music rehearsal	6:00 PM (Sanc)
Tuesday, August 9	Men’s Bible Study	7:30 AM
Tuesday, August 9	Retired School Personnel	9:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, August 9	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, August 9	Council Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, August 10	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, August 10	Family Worship Night	6:00 PM

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, August 14: Ushers: Jud Alexander, Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze, Chase White; Lay Reader: Fran Braun; Greeters: John Kuempel, Joanne Shanafelt; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Matthew Fransen; Count: Doris Engelhardt, Gail Herbold; Lock Up: Brandon Westerholm; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Helpers: NA; Security: Carlee Goetz.

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 may receive a kit from an usher as they come forward or remain in their pews. 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	Birdie Kuempel	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.

REQUEST FROM QUILTING LADIES

The Wednesday morning quilting ladies are asking for donations of old bed sheets, pillow cases or other material. If you have any material you no longer need, they use it all! So clean out your linen closets for Lutheran World Relief quilts, we'll take it!



SAVE THE DATES

- **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** – August 14th
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY/HOMEMADE ICE CREAM CONTEST**– August 28th
- **BLUEGRASS/GOSPEL SERVICE** –September 11th
- **FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION** – 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

MUSIC GROUPS

All of Faith's music groups will begin **rehearsals on Wednesday, August 24**. 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 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 if you have questions.
- **Hand Bell Choir** – The Hand Bell choir meets and rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 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!

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our August item will be **Hamburger/Tuna Helpers**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of July 31 is 119.

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!

