



Sunday, August 28, 2022
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer;

Lay Reader: Michelle Kuempel; Music: Judy Smith, Brad Bettis, LeAnne White; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Ed Engelhardt, Missy Sagebiel, Pat Sagebiel, Ben Weise; AV: Matthew Fransen, 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: "Earth and All Stars" LBW #558 Vs. 1,3, 5, 6

- 1) Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

He has done marvelous things,
I too will praise him with a new song!

- 3) Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

- 5) Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 6) Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "All Creature of Our God and King" 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: Proverbs 25:2-10 (NIV)

²It is the glory of God to conceal a matter;
to search out a matter is the glory of kings.
³As the heavens are high and the earth is deep,
so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.
⁴Remove the dross from the silver,
and a silversmith can produce a vessel;
⁵remove wicked officials from the king's presence,
and his throne will be established through righteousness.
⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.
What you have seen with your eyes
⁸do not bring hastily to court,
for what will you do in the end
if your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹If you take your neighbor to court,
do not betray another's confidence,
¹⁰or the one who hears it may shame you
and the charge against you will stand.

PSALM 131 *To be read responsively* (NIV)

¹My heart is not proud, LORD,
my eyes are not haughty;
I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.
²But I have calmed and quieted myself,

I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content.

³ Israel, put your hope in the LORD
both now and forevermore.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-17 (NIV)

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,
“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹ Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

¹¹ The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. ¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1-14

(NIV)

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ²There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. ³Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

⁵Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" ⁶And they had nothing to say.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SERMON

David Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Jesus Loves Me"* ELW #595

1) Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong

Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me; The Bible tells me so

2) Jesus loves me, He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let His little child come in (Chorus)

OFFERING *Please stand when offertory has begun.*

OFFERTORY: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart..."* pg. 75 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: *"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"* WOV #721

- 1) "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
 In my love's baptismal river
 I have made you mine forever.
 Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
- 2) "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

3) "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

4) "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

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 – 10:30-11:30 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 ON KWED

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today by Ted and Doris Engelhardt in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary and in thankfulness of His many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today by Faith Lutheran Church.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on August 21 was 130; Month to Date (August): **\$32,712.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$301,289.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of Faith Lutheran Church, the FLC Council announces the calling of a Special Congregational Meeting with details as follows:

- The meeting will be held in the FLC Sanctuary on **Sunday, September 18, 2022** immediately following the conclusion of the 9:00 am service.
- The purpose of the meeting is for the voting membership of FLC to vote to extend a call to Pastor Jordan Gehlhar as Senior Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, August 29	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Tuesday, August 30	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM
Tuesday, August 30	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, Aug. 30	STPCC in Activity Center	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Wednesday, August 31	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, August 31	FLY	6:00 PM
Wednesday, August 31	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, August 31	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM
Wednesday, August 31	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM
Thursday, September 1	Meet and Greet with Pastor Gehlhar	3:00-4:00 PM and 6:30-7:30 PM LEC

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 4: Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, Albert Menn, John Taddy; Lay Reader: Bill Ermel; Greeters: Emma Jean Becker, Dianne Chambers; AV: Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther; Count: Bill Ermel, Bryan Terp; Lock Up: Diane Ratliff; Communion set up: Fran Braun, Mary Koehler; Communion clean up: Patti Jahns, Nancy Schlather; Communion Helpers: Elaine Bennett, Dianne Chambers, Bill Ermel; Communion Aid: Susan Foerster; Security: Fred Shanafelt.

COMMUNION CHANGE

We have returned to receiving communion wine and individual wafers from the trays, served by our pastor and servers at the communion rail. 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.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT FAITH?

Pastor Mayer will hold a new member inquiry class on **Sunday, August 28th, at 10:30 AM**. If you are interested in finding out more information on Faith, please see or contact Pastor at 830-426-9146.

PRESCHOOL 2 YR OLD MOTHER'S MORNING OUT

The two day (Tuesday/Thursday) two year old class has one opening remaining. Please contact director Lisa Owen for more information. 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	Clara Fischer	Birdie Kuempel
Carolyn Cloughly	Gail Herbold	

SAVE THE DATES

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY/HOMEMADE ICE CREAM CONTEST**—**TODAY**
- **BLUEGRASS/GOSPEL SERVICE** –September 11th
- **FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION and BRUNCH** – 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

FIRST RESPONDERS BRUNCH POTLUCK

On Sunday, September 11th, we will once again honor our first responders. All first responders in the area, along with their families, have been invited to join us for worship and for a potluck meal right after church (10:15 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.). We hope that all members of the congregation will join us after the service for the potluck meal and to welcome and thank the first responders who attend.

Since there could be 40 – 50 additional guests, we will need your help in providing enough food for the potluck. Please bring extra food – either an extra-large portion, or two or three different dishes. If you do not intend to stay until the potluck is over at 11:30am., then please bring your food in a disposable dish so there will be food available for the responders that come later/at the end of their shift.

Of course, we can always use extra help when it comes time to clean up. Hope to see you there.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our September item will be **Peanut Butter and Jelly**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of August 24 is 101.

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 6:00pm 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 7:00pm in the choir room. We perform during church services on an average of once or twice a month and enjoy several different styles and genres of music!

TIME TO BUY SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LWR SCHOOL KITS:

This is the time of the year when people start thinking of school and school supplies. The stores have their shelves full of school supplies and the sales are on. So please remember to support the Women of Faith in providing school kits for Lutheran World Relief. In November 2021, Charity Circle sent 154 school kits to Lutheran World Relief. We could not have done it without the contributions of money or school supplies by the members of Faith. Here is a listing of the school supplies needed for each kit:

- 4 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled) – no individual sheets
- 1 30 cm ruler with inches on other side
- 1 2 1/2" eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers – no sharpened pencils
- 5 black or blue ball point pens – no gel pens
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

Please place any school supplies in the appropriate bin/basket in the Narthex by the doors. If you prefer to donate money, please give it to Doris Engelhardt or turn it in to the church office with school supplies noted in the memo. Thanks for your help and support in this worthwhile project.

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!

Fall 2022 Sunday School/Small Groups

CLASS

PLACE

Adults:

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| 1) Experiencing the Bible In Historical Context w/ Ray Vander Laan- video series | (Stan Wieding) | Activity Center |
| 2) New Testament Class | (Pastor Mayer) | Sanctuary |
| 3) Life Bridge | (Different facilitators) | LEC |
| 4) Life Bridge | (Different facilitators) | LEC |

Children and Youth:

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| 1) PK-1 st grade | (Kim Kauitzsch) | SS Room 1 |
| 2) 2 nd – 5 th grade | (Amanda Serold) | SS Room 2 |
| 3) 6 th – 12 th grade | (Andrew Cave) | LEC Loft |
| 4) Confirmation Class | (AC and others) | (Evening
Classes 1x month) |



Meet and Greet Scheduled

Your Pastoral Call Committee has scheduled a "Meet and Greet" with Pastoral candidate *Jordan Gehlhar* on Thursday, September 1st. The congregation will have two opportunities to meet with Pastor Gehlhar in the Life Enrichment Center. The schedule for the afternoon and evening is as follows:

- 2:00-3:00 PM - Staff members meet with Pastor Gehlhar
- 3:00-4:00 PM - **A congregational "Meet and Greet"** in the Life Enrichment Center.
- 4:00-5:00 PM - Church Council to meet with Pastor Gehlhar
- 5:00 -Dinner Break
- 6:30-7:30 PM - **A second congregational "Meet and Greet"** in the Life Enrichment Center.

The "Meet and Greet" times are an opportunity for Pastor Jordan to introduce himself to the congregation and to answer any questions the congregation might have.