



Sunday, July 31, 2022
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer;

Lay Reader: Roxanne Heckmann; Music: Annette Stout, LeAnne White, and Brad Bettis;

Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Mike Andrews, Brandon Westerholm, Paul Kalkwarf, Robert Raetzsch, Ronnie Glenewinkel; 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! 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: "God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord" LBW #270

- 1) God of our life, all-glorious Lord,
be now and evermore adored!
Into the op'ning of this day
bring grace and love and peace, we pray.
- 2) Make clear our path, that we may see
where we must walk to be with thee
and ever listen for thy voice,
that we may make thy way our choice.

3) Give us thy help in ev'ry task,
Nor let fail of thee to ask
For grace in speech, for love in deed,
From wrongful actions to be freed.

4) At even tide then will we raise
A grateful heart in songs of praise,
And worship thee and thy dear Son
And God the Spirit, ever one.

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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26 (NIV)

² "Meaningless! Meaningless!"
says the Teacher.

"Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless."

¹²I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! ¹⁴I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

¹⁸I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great

misfortune. ²²What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? ²³All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

²⁴A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? ²⁶To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

PSALM 100 *To be read responsively* *(NIV)*

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
 come before him with joyful songs.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
 and his courts with praise;
 give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
 his faithfulness continues through all generations.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11 *(NIV)*

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

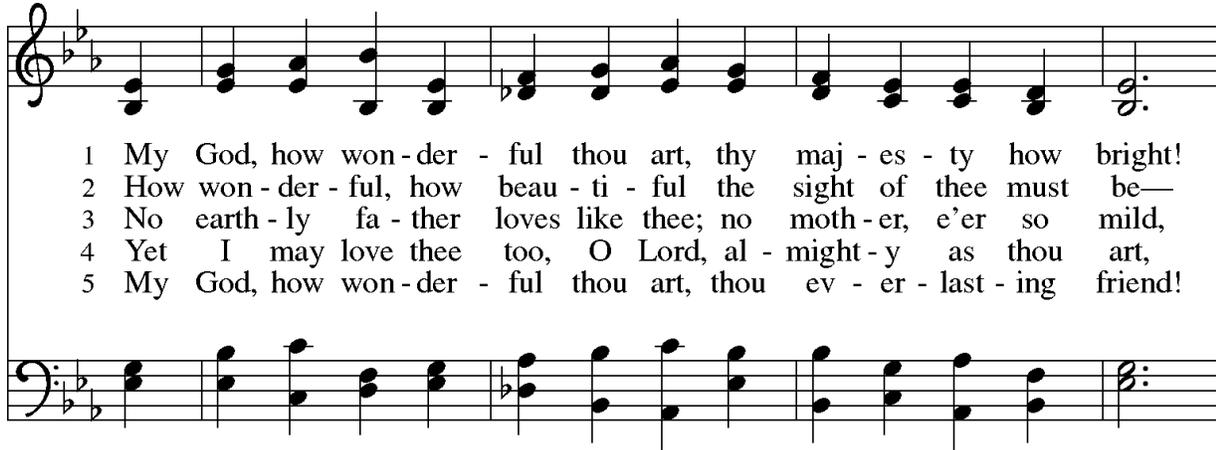
MESSAGE

Pastor David Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: "My God How Wonderful thou Art" LBW #524

(Please see next page.)

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

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.

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

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. Please bring your communion kit with you. If you would prefer to remain in your seats, you are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion in place.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *"I Love Tell the Story"* LBW #390

"Beautiful Savior" LBW #518

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: *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"* LBW #370

(Please see next page.)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY BRUNCH TODAY!

Our Social Concerns Committee/Ministry Team is bringing back Pot Luck Brunches! Members were asked to bring a pot luck brunch item to share as we gather in the LEC following worship. Forgot to bring something? It's okay! Come join us anyway!

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

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today by Stan and Nancy Wieding in celebration of and in thankfulness of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Faith Lutheran Church.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on July 24 was 117; Month to Date (July): **\$33,877.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$261,812.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, August 1	Preschool Board	6:30 PM
Tuesday, August 2	Committee Meetings	7:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday/Thursday	Pastor Mayer in office	
Wednesday, August 3	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wednesday, August 3	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, August 3	New Member Class w/Pastor	6:30 PM
Wednesday, August 3	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Thurs.-Fri., August 4/5	Global Leadership Summit	Staff – On Campus

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, August 7: Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz; Lay Reader: Doris Engelhardt; Greeters: Kristy Serold, Lisa Owen; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Tim Bogisch; Count: Jud Alexander, Emma Jean Becker; Lock Up: Fran Braun; Communion set up: Susan Foerster, Carlee Goetz; Communion clean up: Gail Herbold, Cathy Wensinger; Communion Helpers: Dianne Chambers, Bill Ermel, Carolyn Zipp, Susan Foerster; Security: Matt Sherwood.

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 in 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.

SAVE THE DATES

- **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

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!



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 26 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@faithsequin.org to get them included! You are also free to just grab Roxanne after service and have her take a quick photo of you!

