



**Sunday, September 4, 2022**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer, Lay Reader: Bill Ermel; Music: Judy Smith, Brad Bettis; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, Albert Menn, John Taddy; AV: Matthew Fransen, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** LBW #543

- 1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!
- 2) Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3) Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.

4) Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

### **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: Deuteronomy 8:1-18** (NIV)

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. <sup>2</sup>Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. <sup>3</sup>He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

<sup>6</sup>Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; <sup>8</sup>a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; <sup>9</sup>a

land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

<sup>10</sup>When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. <sup>11</sup>Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. <sup>12</sup>Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>15</sup>He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. <sup>16</sup>He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. <sup>17</sup>You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

**PSALM 119:97-105**    *To be read responsively*    **(NIV)**

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

<sup>98</sup> Your commands are always with me  
and make me wiser than my enemies.

<sup>99</sup> I have more insight than all my teachers,  
for I meditate on your statutes.

<sup>100</sup> I have more understanding than the elders,  
for I obey your precepts.

<sup>101</sup> I have kept my feet from every evil path  
so that I might obey your word.

<sup>102</sup> I have not departed from your laws,  
for you yourself have taught me.

<sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup> I gain understanding from your precepts;  
therefore I hate every wrong path.

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light on my path.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:11-13***(NIV)*

<sup>11</sup> Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-27***(NIV)*

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, **"What are you discussing together as you walk along?"**

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> **"What things?"** he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

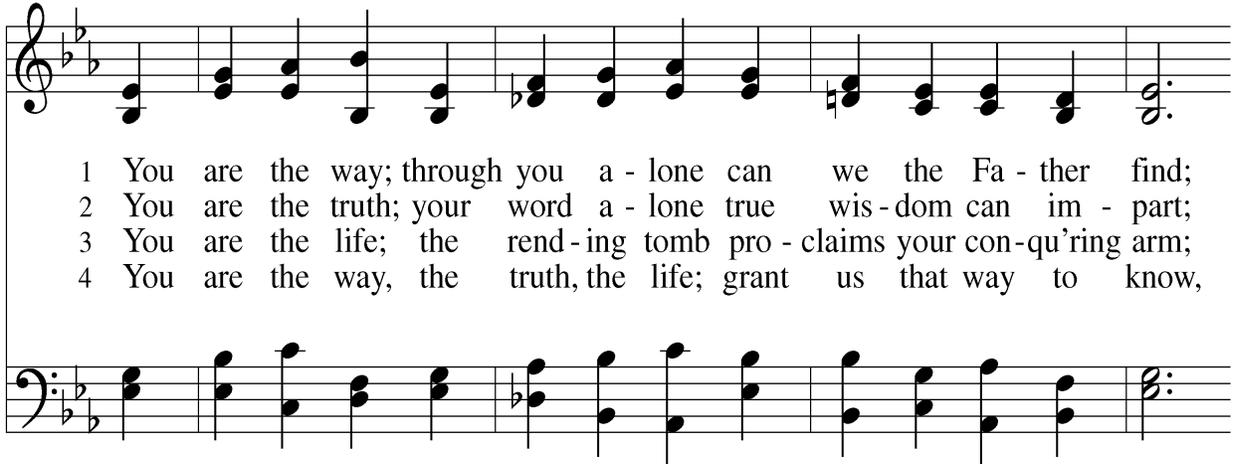
<sup>25</sup> He said to them, **"How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"** <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

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

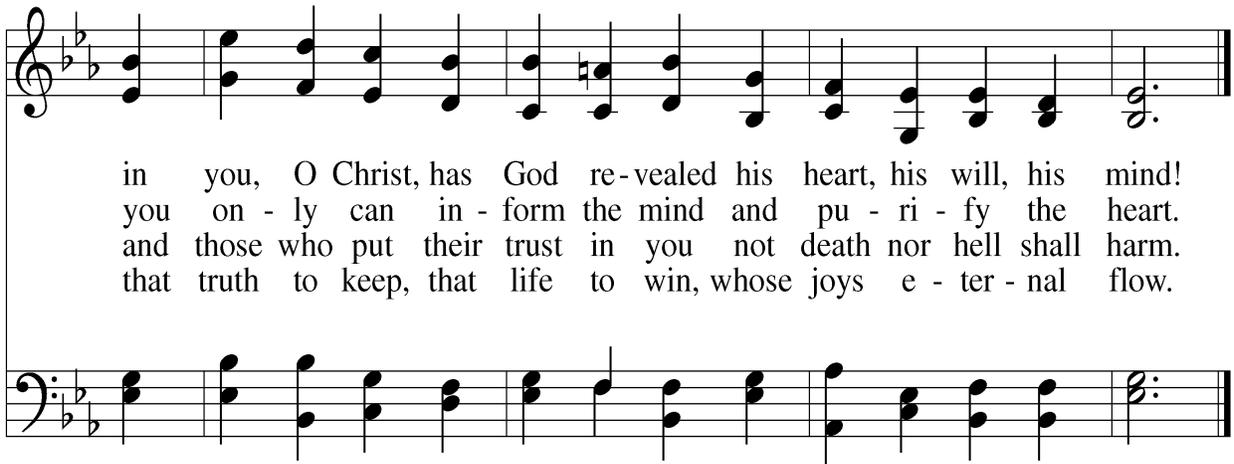
*You may be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"You Are the Way"* LBW #464

## You Are the Way



1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

## 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:** *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* LBW #479

*"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"* WOV #734

## 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:** *"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"* WOVS #671

*Refrain*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

- 1) Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is the king of creation. *Refrain*
- 2) Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*
- 3) We have been crucified with Christ;  
now we shall live forever. *Refrain*

## 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-1st Grade in Educational Wing
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Education Wing
    - 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade in LEC Loft
- 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 Kerry and Mary Koehler in gratitude that we can trust God and His plans for us, knowing that He is in control.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

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

### **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on August 28 was 130; Month to Date (August): **\$36,818.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$305,395.28** (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, September 5	Labor Day – Church office Closed	
Tuesday, September 6	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, September 6	First day of Preschool	
Tuesday, September 6	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, September 6	Committee Meetings	7:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday, Sept. 7	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, Sept. 7	FLY	6:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, Sept. 7	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (CR)
Wednesday, Sept. 7	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, Sept. 7	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (CR)

### **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, September 11:** Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, Matt Sherwood; Lay Reader: Tim Bogisch; Greeters: Pat & Missy Sagebiel; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Diane Gwyther; Count: Pat Sagebiel, John Taddy; Lock Up: Jody Alexander; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Helpers: NA; Communion Aid: NA; Security: Jud Alexander.

## 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.

## 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
Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch	Brad Flippin
Steve Foerster	Georgie Dittrich	Lillian Lippe
Clara Fischer	Birdie Kuempel	Gail Herbold

## SAVE THE DATES

- **BLUEGRASS/GOSPEL SERVICE** –September 11<sup>th</sup>
- **FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION and BRUNCH** – September 11<sup>th</sup>
- **POLKA SERVICE** – October 9<sup>th</sup>
- **THANKOFFERING SERVICE** – October 16<sup>th</sup>
- **CHURCH PICNIC** – October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **REFORMATION/HYMN SING** – October 30<sup>th</sup>
- **LIVING NATIVITY DRIVE THROUGH** – December 9<sup>th</sup>
- **FAITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS-** December 18<sup>th</sup>

## THE SIEKER BAND IS RETURNING!

Join us Sunday, **September 11**, for our **Bluegrass Service!** We are welcoming back the Rolf Sieker band from Austin to share some great bluegrass gospel music with us during worship! Bring your neighbor! Bring your friends!



## FIRST RESPONDERS BRUNCH POTLUCK

On **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## **EXCITING NEWS**

Our church has decided to adopt Weinert Elementary School this year! We want to be a church that serves the community's needs, and this is a great way to do that!

There are many ways that you can get involved. **Jam** and **Fly** will be doing several projects for faculty and students throughout the year, but we also need adults who can serve as weekly mentors.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor or volunteer for special school events, please contact Andrew Cave or Kim Kauitzsch for further information.

Andrew & Kim will keep the congregation informed of what we are doing throughout the year.

Another thing that you can do is simply pray for their faculty and students!

## **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 30 is 111.

## **MUSIC GROUPS**

All of Faith's music groups have begun rehearsals. 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](mailto: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!

## **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](mailto: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!