



Sunday, September 11, 2022
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
First Responders Recognition Sunday
Bluegrass Sunday

Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer; Lay Reader: Tim Bogisch; Music: Sieker Band; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, Matt Sherwood; 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 SONGS: "I Saw the Light"

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light
no more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own

Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light. *Chorus*

I was a fool to wander and astray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light. *Chorus*

"Keep On the Sunny Side"

There's a dark and a troubled side of life
there's a bright and a sunny side, too
though you meet with the darkness and strife
the sunny side you also may view.

Chorus

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side
keep on the sunny side of life
it will help us every day, it will brighten all the way
if we keep on the sunny side of life.

Oh, the storm and its fury broke today
crushing hopes that we cherish so dear
clouds and storms will in time pass away
the sun again will shine bright and clear. *Chorus*

Let us wake with a song of hope each day
though the moment be cloudy or fair
let us trust in our Savior away
who keepeth ev'ry one in His care. *Chorus*

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.

SONGS OF PRAISE: *"Over in the Glory Land"*

I've a home prepared where the saints abide
Over in the Glory Land
And I long to be by my Savior's side
Over in the Glory Land.

Chorus

Over in the Glory Land
I'll join the happy angel band
Over in the Glory Land, Over in the Glory Land
There with the mighty host I'll stand
Over in the Glory Land.

I am on my way to those mansions fair
Over in the Glory Land
There to sing God's praise and His glory share
Over in the Glory Land. *Chorus*

What a joyful thought that my Lord I'll see
Over in the Glory Land
And with kindred saved there forever be
Over in the Glory Land. *Chorus*

"We Shall Rise"

On that Resurrection morning When the trumpet of God shall sound
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise.
When the saints will come rejoicing And no tears will ever be found
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise.

We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise (amen)
We shall rise, on that Resurrection morning
When those prison bars are broken
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise.

On that Resurrection morning Blessed God it is to me
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise.
I'll see the blessed Savior Who so freely died for me
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise. *(Chorus)*

On that Resurrection morning We shall meet Him in the air
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise.
And be carried up to Glory To our homes so bright and clear
We shall rise, (hallelujah) we shall rise. *(Chorus)*

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1 (NIV)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day

and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

PSALM 33 *To be read responsively* *(NIV)*

¹ Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

² Praise the LORD with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
- ⁵ The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
he puts the deep into storehouses.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the people of the world revere him.
- ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- ¹⁰ The LORD foils the plans of the nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
- ¹¹ But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations.
- 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: Acts 17:24-31 (NIV)

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: John 1:1-14 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SERMON "Fundamentals: Creation"

David Mayer

SONGS OF THE DAY: "I'm Using My Bible For A Roadmap"

Chorus

There'll be no detours in heaven
No rough roads along the way
I'm using my Bible for a roadmap
My last stop is heaven some sweet day

I'm using my Bible for a roadmap
The Ten Commandments they tell me what to do
The twelve disciples are my road signs
And Jesus will take me safely through. *Chorus*

I'm using my Bible for a roadmap
The children of Israel used it too
They crossed the Red Sea of destruction
For God was there to see them through. *Chorus*

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"

I was standing by the window on a cold and cloudy day
and I saw the hearse come rolling for to carry my mother away.

Chorus

Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord by and by
there's a better home a-waiting in the sky, Lord, in the sky.

Lord, I told the undertaker "Undertaker, please drive slow"
for this body you are hauling Lord, I hate to see her go. *Chorus*

I followed close behind her tried to hold up and be brave
but I could not hide my sorrow when they laid her in the grave. *Chorus*

OFFERING / OFFERTORY: "In the Sweet"

There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

Chorus

In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore

The melodious songs of the blessed;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest. *Chorus*

To our bountiful Father above,
We will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days. *Chorus*

"Old Time Religion"

Chorus

Give me that old time religion, give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion, It's good enough for me
Makes me love everybody, Makes me love everybody
Makes me love everybody, It's good enough for me

It was good for Hebrew children, it was good for Hebrew children
It was good for Hebrew children, And it's good enough for me *Chorus*

It was tried in the fiery furnace It was tried in the fiery furnace
It was tried in the fairy furnace, It's good enough for me

It will do when I'm dying, It will do when I'm dying
It will do when I'm dying, It's good enough for me *Chorus*

It can take us all to heaven, It can take us all to heaven
It can take us all to heaven, It's good enough for me *Chorus*

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 PEOPLE

P: Oh God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you for peace and security as we recall the 9/11 attack and the dangers we face today. We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives or gave their lives as firefighters, rescue crews, people aboard United 93 and others responding to dangers in our time.

C: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

(Psalm 18:2)

P: Comfort and strengthen the family and friends of those who died then and in other acts of terror, that they may be healed from nightmares, fear and anxiety. Give healing and peace to the survivors of the attacks who continue to struggle with pain and loss.

C: For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God?
It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.

(Psalm 18:31-32)

P: We pray for those who struggle against terror, oppression and injustice; who stand in the gap as responders on behalf of others.

C: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

(Psalm 27:5)

P: We pray for courage and bravery; for wisdom and action guided by your ways and insight.

C: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

(Psalm 31:3-4)

P: Guide the choices of world leaders: that they might live by repentance, goodness, godly vision and selfless influence.

C: To you, Lord, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me.
For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit.
Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help,
as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.

(Psalm 28:1-2)

P: 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.

C: The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

(Psalm 28:7)

P: In Jesus' Name we pray. C: AMEN

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: "On the Wings of a Dove"

Chorus

On the wings of a snow-white dove, He sends His pure sweet love
A sign from above (sign from above), On the wings of a dove (wings of a dove)

When troubles surround us, when evils come
The body grows weak, The spirit grows numb
When these things beset us, He doesn't forget us
He sends down His love, On the wings of a dove *Chorus*

When Noah had drifted, on the flood many days
He searched for land, In various ways
Troubles, he had some, but wasn't forgotten
He sent him His love, On the wings of a dove *Chorus*

"I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away,
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Chorus

I'll fly away, oh glory,
I'll fly away (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away. *(Continued)*

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away,
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. *Chorus*

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away,
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. *Chorus*

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
 - 2nd-5th Grade in Education Wing
 - 6th-12th 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 Pat and Missy Sagebiel in thankfulness for all first responders and the work they do every day for us.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by John and Michelle Kuempel in thankfulness and in honor of all law enforcement and first responders.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on August 28 was 130; Month to Date (September): **\$10, 818.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$316, 213.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

EXCITING NEWS

Our church has decided to adopt Weinert Elementary School this year!

If you are interested in serving as a mentor or volunteer for special school events, please contact Andrew Cave or Kim Kautzsch 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!

FIRST RESPONDERS BRUNCH POTLUCK

TODAY! We are once again honoring 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.

THE SIEKER BAND

We are welcome back the Rolf Sieker band from Austin today! We thank them for sharing some great bluegrass gospel music with us during worship!

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 September 6 is 29.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

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| Monday, Sep. 12 | Prayer Group | 10:15 |
| Tuesday, Sept. 13 | Men's Bible Study | 7:30 AM (AC) |
| Tuesday, Sept. 13 | Staff Mtg. | 9:00 AM |
| Tuesday, Sept. 13 | Council Meeting | 6:30 PM (AC) |
| Wednesday, Sept. 14 | Quilters | 9:00 AM (AC) |
| Wednesday, Sept. 14 | FLY (Off Campus) | 6:00 PM (LEC) |
| Wednesday, Sept. 14 | Joyful Noise / Adult Hand Bells | 6:00 PM (CR) / and Sanc. |
| Wednesday, Sept. 14 | Chancel Singers | 7:00 PM (CR) |
| Thursday, Sept. 15 | Hope Circle | 2:00 PM (AC) |

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 18: Ushers: Matt Alfred, Bill Ermel, Cody Goetz, Clem Howe; Lay Reader: Kim Kautzsch; Greeters: Jud Alexander, Kim Kautzsch; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Tim Bogisch; Count: Joanne Shanafelt, Doris Engelhardt; Lock Up: Matthew Fransen; Communion set up: Fran Braun, Mary Koehler; Communion clean up: Patti Jahns, Nancy Schlather; Communion Helpers: Fran, Susan Foerster, Elaine Bennett; Communion Aid: Carolyn Zipp; Security: Cody Goetz.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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| 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 |

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.

SAVE THE DATES

- **POLKA SERVICE** – October 9th
- **THANKOFFERING SERVICE** – October 16th
- **CHURCH PICNIC** – October 23rd
- **REFORMATION/HYMN SING** – October 30th
- **PRESCHOOL SUNDAY** – November 13th
- **LIVING NATIVITY DRIVE THROUGH** – December 9th
- **FAITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS**- December 18th