



Sunday, September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Serving us in worship today: Worship Leader: Andrew Cave: Message: Fran Braun, Lay Reader: Kim Kautzsch; Music: Annette Stout, Roxanne Heckmann, Brad Bettis; Children's Church: Laura Beedy; Ushers: Matt Alfred, Bill Ermel, Cody Goetz; 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

CHILDREN'S BIBLE PRESENTATION

Children's Ministry Leader: On behalf of the Christian Education Committee and Faith Lutheran Church, I present you these Bibles. As third graders and beyond, you are old enough to read these words on your own, to study them, pray with them, and ask questions about them.

Congregation: We hope that as you read the Bible, You will bring not only your faith, but also your questions to Faith Lutheran. To find a loving, supporting, listening, and teaching community of believers. We want to grow with you in Faith and knowledge.

Parents and Teachers: We promise to read these words with you, to listen to your questions, to share ideas and grow in faith and knowledge.

Youth and Family Minister: (Ask children to extend Bibles in their hands.)

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YFM continued: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to all of us. They tell us who we are in Christ. They tell us that we belong to one another and we are the People of God.

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!" LBW # 520

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways; won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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 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: Isaiah 40:1-11 ; 28-31 (NIV)

Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice of one calling:

"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert

a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, “Cry out.”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.”

⁹ You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good news to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰ See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.

See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

²⁸ Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

PSALM 121:1-8 *To be read responsively* *(NIV)*

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;

⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 *(NIV)*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the church of God in Corinth, together with all his holy people throughout
Achaia:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of
compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so
that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive
from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our
comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and
salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient

endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. ⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 25-30 (NIV)

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE:

Fran Braun

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesus Paid it All"

(Please see screen for lyrics)

OFFERING

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. 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: *"I Come to the Garden Alone"*
"Eat This Bread, Drink this Cup" WOVS #706

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: *"How Great Thou Art"* LBW #532

- 1) O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2) When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
- 3) But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
- 4) When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *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
 - 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 Faith Lutheran Church.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Pat and Missy Sagebiel in memory of Luther and Dorothy Sagebiel and Boyd Harrison.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on September 11 was 146; Month to Date (September): **\$23,264.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$329,424.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please keep the family and friends of **Judy Smith** in your prayers. Judy passed through death into eternal life this past weekend at her home in Cibolo. Judy had just joined Faith Lutheran and was our worship and choir accompanist. Services were held Friday morning here at Faith.

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 13 is 54.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

	Pastor Mayer out of office this week and next. (9/18 -10/5)	
Monday, Sept. 19	Prayer Group	10:15
Monday, Sept. 19	Charity Circle	7:00 PM (AC)
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Men’s Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Love Circle	9:30 AM (AC)

Wednesday, Sept. 21	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, Sept. 21	FLY	6:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, Sept. 21	Joyful Noise / Adult Hand Bells	6:00 PM (CR) / and Sanc.
Wednesday, Sept. 21	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (CR)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 25: Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold, Joan and Ron Vanbeek; Lay Reader: Emma Jean Becker; Greeters: Gail Herbold, Diane Terp; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Matthew Bogisch; Count: Lisa Owen, Diane Terp; Lock Up: Cathy Wensinger; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Helpers: NA; Communion Aid: NA; Security:_____.

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
Doris Rinn	Willie Bloch	

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

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!

PRESCHOOL TEACHER AID NEEDED

Faith Lutheran Preschool has a Classroom Teacher's Aid position open. Hours are M-F, 7:30-12:00 PM. Please see director Lisa Owen for more information. 830-379-7074

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!

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
September 18, 2022**

ORDER OF BUSINESS MEETING

PURPOSE: Voting on pastoral candidate, Pastor Jordan Gehlhar, as the fulltime, called Senior Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church.

OPENING PRAYER.....Pastor Mayer

CALL TO ORDER.....Fran Braun, President

Appointments:	Recording Secretary:	Karen Huff
	Parliamentarian:	Tim Bogisch
	Election Tellers:	Bill Ermel, Matthew Alfred

REPORT:

Introduction of details of the candidate for consideration of issuing a Letter of Call for the position of Senior Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church Seguin, Texas

.....Dianne

Chambers

Motion

Second

Discussion

Vote

CLOSING PRAYER - The Lord's Prayer