



Sunday, September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Serving us in worship today: Leader: Chase White, Message: Andrew Cave;
Lay Reader: Emma Jean Becker; Music: Annette Stout, LeAnne White, Andrew Cave,
Chancel Singers, Hand Bell Choir, Joyful Noise; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers:
Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold, Joan Vanbeek, Ron Vanbeek;
AV: Matthew Fransen, Andrew Kuehne*

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: "Come Thou Almighty King" LBW #522

(Please see next page.)

Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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.

You may be seated.

CHANCEL SINGERS: *“Rejoice the Lord is King”*

PSALM 146 *To be read responsively (NIV)*

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

² I will praise the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

(NIV)

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵ "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷ "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹ "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰ "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹ "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

You may be seated.

JOYFUL NOISE: *"Jesus Loves Me" and
"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SERMON

Andrew Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Blessings"*

1) We pray for blessings
We pray for peace, comfort for family
Protection while we sleep

We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand To ease our suffering
And all the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

Chorus

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
And what if trials of this life
Are Your mercies in disguise

2) We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness, We doubt Your love
As if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough
And all the while, You hear each desp'rate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe *(Chorus)*

Bridge

When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win
We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not, this is not our home
It's not our home

Chorus 2

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is a revealing of a greater thirst
This world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life
The rain the storms the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise

OFFERING

HAND BELL CHOIR: *"Forever Rejoice"*

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: *"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"* LBW #343

- 1) Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.
- 2) Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

3) When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

BENEDICTION – Chancel Singers

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 Faith Lutheran Church.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Kirby and Pam Fransen in celebration of Scott's birthday on the 26th and Matthew's birthday on the 28th of this month.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on September 18 was 142; Month to Date (September): **\$29,194.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$335,354.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

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 20 is 56.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

	Pastor Mayer out of office this week and next. (9/18 -10/5)	
Monday, Sept. 26	Prayer Group	10:15
Monday, Sept. 26	Via De Cristo Ultreya	6:30 PM (AC)
Tuesday, Sept. 27	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Sept. 27	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, Sept. 27	GAME NIGHT at SAL	6:30 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 28	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, Sept. 28	FLY	6:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, Sept. 28	Joyful Noise / Adult Hand Bells	6:00 PM (CR) / and Sanc.
Wednesday, Sept. 28	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (CR)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 2: Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz; Lay Reader: Gail Herbold; Greeters: Rose Mary Ermel, Avis Herrick, AV: Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther; Count: Jud Alexander, Emma Jean Becker, Lock Up: _____; Communion set up: Sharon Westerholm, Susan Foerster; Communion clean up: BJ Chambers, Kathy Taddy; Communion Helpers: Jody Alexander, Jud Alexander, Julia Glenewinkel; Communion Aid: Laline Jensen; Security: Ted Engelhardt.

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	

TRUNK OR TREAT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" again this year on **Sunday, October 31, from 4:00-6:00 PM** in the west parking lot. We are asking for members to sign up to host a "trunk" and pass out candy and/or for members to donate bags of candy. Both the trunk sign-up list (on the kiosk) and candy donation container are in the narthex. This is an awesome ministry to our community, and your support is much appreciated!



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for our annual Church Picnic. It will be held on **Sunday, October 23**, at Nolte Island located off Capote Road. Sunday School classes (Children and Lifebridge) will meet under the trees at 9:30 AM, and then worship will begin at 10:30 AM. The meal will follow the service. While the meat will be provided, those attending are asked to bring sides to accompany. Please bring a covered dish to share that corresponds with the first letter of your last name according to the following:

A-G * Desserts;

H-P * Beans/Vegetables

Q-Z * Salads/Potato Salad

Fellowship is encouraged following worship. Volleyball, horseshoes, and 9 Square In the Air will be available.

COOKIE CART

A Big Thank You to all the people who have provided cookies and helped serve with the cookie cart this year. Our congregation has surely enjoyed the treats and a chance to visit with each other. If you have missed out on this opportunity and would like to provide cookies or serve about once every two to three months, please call Katherine Biediger (210-326-3388). We would like to give everyone a chance to have this opportunity.

SAVE THE DATES

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

GVCCC BBQ FUNDRAISER

The Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center will hold a "Chicken for the Soul" **drive-through only** BBQ fundraiser on Sunday, October 30, from 10:00 am –1:00 pm. at Faith. Plate will consist of smoked chicken and a sausage link. Tickets will be available in October from BJ Chambers or the church office.

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!

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!

South Texas Pregnancy Care Center's 22nd Annual Banquet

Thursday September 29, 2022

Seguin Event Center/Coliseum

950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX 78155

12pm & 6pm



Guest Speaker: Ryan Bomberger
Founder of Radiance Foundation

Ryan has a rather unique perspective of the innate nature of Purpose. His biological mother was raped yet courageously gave him a chance to live and the beautiful gift of adoption. He was adopted at 6 weeks of age and grew up in a loving, multi-“racial” Christian family of 15. With siblings of varying ethnicities, he grew up with a great appreciation for diversity. Ten of the thirteen children were adopted in this remarkable family. His life defies the myth of the “unwanted” child as he was adopted, loved and has flourished.

"The Beauty of Possibility"

**Use this QR code or
Call 830-303-2151
To Register by Sept 19th**

