



Sunday, October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Serving us in worship today: Leader: Brad Bettis; Message: Andrew Cave, Lay Reader: Gail Herbold; Music: Annette Stout, Roxanne Heckmann, Brad Bettis; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz; 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 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: "We Praise You, O God" LBW #241

- 1) We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
- 2) We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

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3) With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963, alt.

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: Esther 4 (NIV)

When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly. ² But he went only as far as the king's gate, because no one clothed in sackcloth was allowed to enter it. ³ In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴ When Esther's eunuchs and female attendants came and told her about Mordecai, she was in great distress. She sent clothes for him to put on instead of his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. ⁵ Then Esther summoned Hathak, one of the king's eunuchs assigned to attend her, and ordered him to find out what was troubling Mordecai and why.

⁶ So Hathak went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate. ⁷ Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸ He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people.

⁹ Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰ Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, ¹¹ "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."

¹² When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³ he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

¹⁵ Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and

my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”

¹⁷ So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther’s instructions.

PSALM 27:1-6 *To be read responsively (NIV)*

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

³ Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:10-19 (NIV)

¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all

this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: *"Such A Time as This"*

Andrew Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"* LBW # 305

I Lay My Sins on Jesus



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;



he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.
 he heals all my dis - eas - es; my soul he does re - deem.
 his right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



clean in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.
 he from them all re - leas - es; he all my sor - rows shares.
 like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.

OFFERING

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.

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.

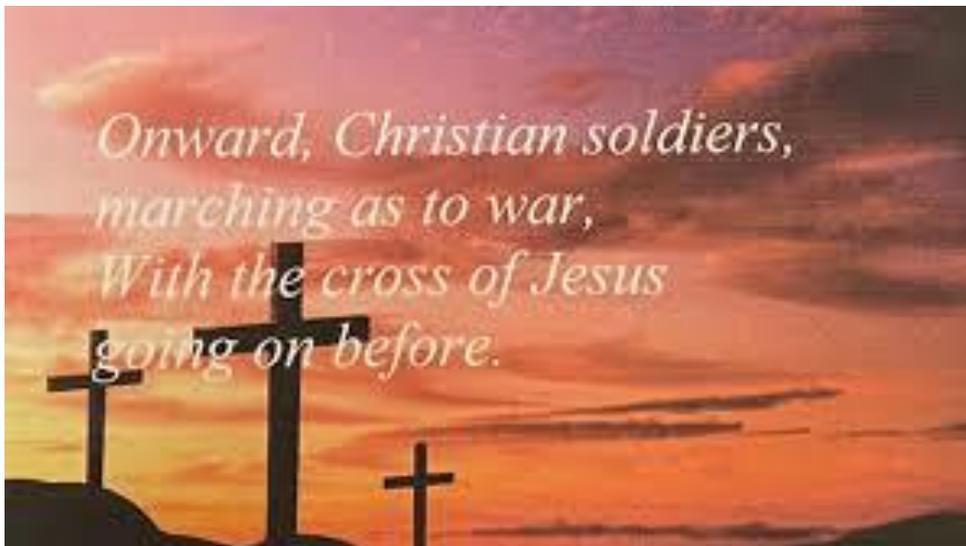
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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: *"Onward, Christian Soldiers"* LBW # 509

(Please see next page.)



Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
 let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.
 but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;
 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.



for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

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- * *That The World My Know* 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 Willie and Brenda Bloch:

Psalm 150

¹ Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

² Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on September 25 was 154; Month to Date (September): **\$39,483.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$345,643.28** (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 October item will be **canned fruit**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of September 27 is 63.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

	Pastor Mayer out of office this week (Through-10/8)	
Monday, October 3	Prayer Group	10:15
Monday, October 3	Preschool Board Mtg.	6:00 PM
Tuesday, October 4	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, October 4	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, October 4	Committee Meetings	7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 5	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, October 5	FLY	6:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, October 5	Joyful Noise / Adult Hand Bells	6:00 PM (CR) / and Sanc.
Wednesday, October 5	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (CR)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 9: Ushers: Jud Alexander, Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze, Chase White; Lay Reader: Lisa Owen; Greeters: Kim Koenig, John Kuempel, AV: Matthew Fransen, Andrew Kuehne; Count: Doris Engelhardt, Gail Herbold, Lock Up: Cathy Wensinger; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Helpers: NA; Communion Aid: NA; Security: Fred Shanafelt.

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	Bryan Terp

TRUNK OR TREAT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" for the community again this year. It will be held on **Sunday, October 30**, 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. Everyone that comes is being asked to bring a food item for Thanksgiving baskets that FLY will be assembling for families in need. 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. (Directions will be provided soon) 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

A special offering will be collected, with proceeds to go to The Community Table. This is a free Thanksgiving meal served to the community on Sunday, November 27 at the Seguin Events Center.

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

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.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Faith Lutheran Preschool in looking for a 5-day preschool teacher. Hours are 8:00am-3:00pm five days a week. Please pass the word. Interested parties may call director Lisa Owen for more information. 830-379-7074.

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.

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!