



**Sunday, July 2, 2023**  
***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Intern Pastor Andrew Cave;  
Lay Reader: Bryan Terp; Music: Gina Sanders; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch;  
Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz;  
AV: Andrew Kuehne, Betty Moltz/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 welcome table and in the brochure wall holder in the office hallway. 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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**RINGING OF BELL**

*Please stand*

**INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**HYMN:** *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" ("America")*

- 1) O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

2) O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:

America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and ev'ry gain divine.

3) O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:

America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

**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.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray,

**C:** Amen

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* 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: Jeremiah 28:5-9 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

**PSALM 119:153-160**

<sup>153</sup> Look on my affliction and deliver me,  
for I do not forget your law.

<sup>154</sup> Plead my cause and redeem me;  
give me life according to your promise!

<sup>155</sup> Salvation is far from the wicked,  
for they do not seek your statutes.

<sup>156</sup> Great is your mercy, O LORD;  
give me life according to your rules.

<sup>157</sup> Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,  
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

<sup>158</sup> I look at the faithless with disgust,  
because they do not keep your commands.

<sup>159</sup> Consider how I love your precepts!  
Give me life according to your steadfast love.

<sup>160</sup>The sum of your word is truth,  
and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

**SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1; 4-6; 13-14 (ESV)**

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>4</sup> You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34-42 (ESV)**

<sup>34</sup> "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup> And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup> "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup> The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

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

*You may be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**MESSAGE**

*Intern Pastor Andrew Cave*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* LBW #566

1) My country, 'tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring.

2) My native country, thee,  
land of the noble free, thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

3) Let music swell the breeze,  
and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;  
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

4) Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty,  
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright  
with freedom's holy light. Protect us by thy might,  
great God, our king.

**OFFERING**

*Please stand as the gifts are presented.*

**OFFERTORY:** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; ♪  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God,

**C:** you gave your Son both as sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.  
Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to  
his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Please be seated.*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* LBW #212

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

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* WOV #771

*"I Love to Tell the Story"* LBW #390

## 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.*

## BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"Battle Hymn of the Republic"* LBW #332

1) Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

*Refrain*

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2) He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

3) In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. *Refrain*

## 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 – 10:15-11:15 AM

- Pre K-1st Grade in Educational Wing
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Education Wing
- Adult Sunday School- in Activity Center
- Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.

### **"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST ON KWED**

Has been sponsored to the glory of God by Jud and Jody Alexander as we celebrate the founding of our nation. Prayers we may return to those principals of the "Declaration of Independence," that made our country great.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been sponsored to the glory of God in honor and loving memory of Thomas Walter Krohn by his family.

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

Attendance on May 21 was 176; Month to Date (June): **\$33,688.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$228,828.50** 2023 budgeted offerings is **\$511,000.00**

### **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett	Carolyn Sagebiel
Ronnie Glenewinkel	Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling
Sandy Wille	Donald Jackson	Brad Flippin
Steve Foerster	Lillian Lippe	Clara Fischer
Birdie Kuempel	Doris Rinn	Paul Quello
Bertha Marie Keller	Dale Nauert	Irene Menn
Patti Jahns	Debbie Lehmann	

### **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

<b>Tuesday, July 4</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>Wednesday, July 5</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Thursday, July 6</b>	<b>Book of Job Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00 PM (AC)</b>

### **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, July 9**-Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, Matt Sherwood, Jon Ullrich; Lay Reader: Georgie Dittrich; Greeters: Emma Jean Becker, Dawn Peterson; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Matthew Fransen, Tim Bogisch; Count: Dianne Chambers, Doris Engelhardt; Lock Up:                     ; Security: Wally Braun; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Servers: NA; Communion Aid: NA

**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD** Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our June items are canned meat, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of June 27 is 55.

### **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT FAITH?**

If you are interested in finding out more information about Faith, please see Andrew or contact him at 248-687-0485.

### **HELP NEEDED**

The Mission Outreach Committee needs your help. One of Faith's members, Karla Johnson, is going on a mission trip to Guatemala in July. She will be working with children who are in need of shoes and clothing. Below is a list of needed items. We have placed a suitcase in the Narthex for you to place donated item in. You may either purchase items or make a monetary donation and committee members will shop for you. Please leave your donations with Angie in the church office.

**# 1 Priority – Children’s Clothes (sizes Child 4 through Adult Medium)**

**All donations are for children ages 5 through 18 years (No babies and no adults)**

- Sweatshirts and Jackets
- Fleece Jackets
- Sweaters (Cardigan style – not lightweight fashion)
- Shirts/Tops – boys and girls
- Jeans-boys and girls (rip-free styles)
- Sweatpants
  - Athletic Wear (Wind pants for gym class (black, navy, red or gray & plain with no designs)
  - Athletic shorts (knee-length or longer) have been requested by the older boys
- NEW underwear, socks, bras

Please **NO** shorts shorter than athletic knee length, swimsuits, tank-tops, crop-tops, skirts, dresses, winter coats, stained or ripped clothes\*\*

**# 2 Priority – Children’s Shoes (sizes: child 8 up through adult 8)**

- Sneakers – both boys and girls
- School appropriate shoes are also priority

\*\* Please **NO** flip flops/sandals/high heels\*\*

**2023 ANNUAL GATHERING OF LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT**

The Gathering will be held July 28-29th in New Braunfels, Texas. The theme this year is **SENT** by Jesus based on Acts 1:8: *“you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

The Highlights:

- Check-in for the main Gathering begins at 4:30 pm on Friday... the event will conclude at 3:45 pm on Saturday
- Friday Optional add-ons:
  - Pre-Gathering Seminar with Tilaye Daba.
  - Roast Beef Dinner to benefit the St. Paul, New Braunfels children’s ministry programs.
- Keynote Presentations by Tilaye Daba
- 3 Breakout Sessions with 15 different breakouts to choose from
- Hosted by St Paul Lutheran Church located at 777 West San Antonio, New Braunfels, TX

For Tickets:

- Register online at [www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering](http://www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering)
- Early bird rate of \$40 for youth and \$75 for adults if registered by June 30th!