



Sunday, July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Intern Pastor Andrew Cave;

Lay Reader: Jan Quello; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch;

Ushers: Bill Ermel, Cody Goetz, Bill Keller, and Brian Baker;

AV: Andrew Kuehne, Joseph Eledge

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 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: "Jesus Shall Reign" LBW #530 Verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

(Please see next page.)

Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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: Isaiah 55:10-13 (ESV)

¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² "For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

PSALM 65:9-13 *(To be read responsively)* *(ESV)*

⁹You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.
¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-27 *(ESV)*

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not

only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43 (ESV)

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE

Pastor Dan Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"In The Cross of Christ I Glory"* LBW #104 Vs. 1, 3 & 4

- 1) In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 3) When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4) Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

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. 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

COMMUNION HYMNS: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* LBW #439
 "I Come to the Garden Alone"
 "He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought" LBW #501

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. Amen

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"* WOV #801 Vs. 1,4 & 5

- 1) Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread
thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 4) Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise
thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.
- 5) Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

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

- 2nd-5th 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 Pat and Missy Sagebiel in celebration and thankfulness for their 31st wedding anniversary.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God by Kirby and Pam Fransen in celebration of Kimberley and Scott’s anniversary on July 6th and their anniversary on July 14th.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on July 9 was 140; Month to Date (July): **\$23,053.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$254,331.50** 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

Monday, July 17	Charity Circle	7:00 PM
Monday, July 17	JAM @ Fischer Park	11:30 AM
Tuesday, July 18	Men’s Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, July 18	Love Circle	9:30 AM
Tuesday, July 18	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wednesday, July 19	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, July 19	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Wednesday, July 19	FLY	6:00-7:30
Thursday, July 20	Hope Circle	2:00 PM
Thursday, July 20	Book of Job Bible Study	7:00 PM (AC)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, July 23-Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold, Joan Vanbeek; Lay Reader: Gina Mannel; Greeters: Missy Sagebiel, Lisa Owen; AV: Chase White, Matthew Fransen; Count: Betty Moltz, Joanne Shanafelt; Lock Up: Cathy Wensinger; Security: Matt Sherwood; 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 July item is cereal, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of July 11 is 16.