



**Sunday, September 3, 2023**

***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

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

*Lay Reader: Gail Herbold; Children's Church: Betty Moltz;*

*Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, and 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 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:** *"Open Now Thy Gate of Beauty"* LBW #250 Verses 1, 3 & 5

- 1) Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!

3) Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be  
fruitful unto life in me.

5) Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

P: When we confess our sins, God forgives us and separates our sins as far as the East is from the West. We sin in what we think, what we do, and what we fail to do. Lord, we come to you this morning and confess that we are sinners in need of a savior.

C: Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

P: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C: Help us to love others the way that you love us.

P: You are the way, the truth and the life, show us the way of righteousness.

C: May we delight in your will and walk in your ways.

P: By Jesus' blood, and God's love, you are Forgiven, Free, and Redeemed.

C: Thanks be to God!

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,

C: Amen

*You may be seated.*

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – Parker Reed Maltony**

*Please respond when indicated.*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promise?

All: We do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

*Baptism continues.*

All: We welcome you in to the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he

turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the

glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

A: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*You may be seated.*

## MESSAGE

*Pastor Dan Cave*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"The Church's One Foundation"* LBW #369 Vs. 1, 4 & 5

- 1) The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 4) Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest
- 5) Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

## 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,

C: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*You may commune with either wine or white grape juice. Both are available in serving trays.*

### 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: *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* LBW #370

### Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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- Grade in Educational Wing
  - K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Preschool hallway
  - 3<sup>rd</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 Stan and Nancy Wieding in thankfulness for the Faith Lutheran Church congregation and for our church’s faithful leadership.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been sponsored to the glory of God by Mary and Kerry Koehler in thankfulness for God’s many blessings and in celebration of Kerry’s birthday.

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

Attendance on August 27 was 156; Month to Date (August): **\$35,896.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$311,314.25** 2023 budgeted offerings is **\$511,000.00**

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

Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett	Carolyn Sagebiel	Kelton Lange
Gladys Fruehling	Donald Jackson	Brad Flippin	Steve Foerster
Lillian Lippe	Clara Fischer	Birdie Kuempel	Doris Rinn
Paul Quello	Dale Nauert	Patti Jahns	Debbie Lehmann
Fred Blumberg	Joan Vanbeek	Sue Harwell	

### **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, September 10**-Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, Matt Sherwood, Joh Ullrich; Lay Reader: Fran Braun; Greeters: Jody Alexander, Emma Jean Becker; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Betty Moltz; Count: Doris Engelhardt, Susan Foerster; Lock Up: Julia Glenewinkel; Security: Matt Sherwood; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Servers: NA; Communion Aid: NA.

### **PARKER REED MALTONY**

Parker receives the Promise, which is given in Holy Baptism today. Together with his parents, Leah and Marlin, we share their joy as Parker is received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for Parker as he begins a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for Parker are Reed and Hannah Maltony, and members of Faith Lutheran Church.

### **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.

**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD** Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our August items are Hamburger and Tuna Helpers, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of August 30 is 97.

**FIRST RESPONDERS MEAL**

On September 7th, FLC is providing lunch to the First Responders of the Seguin Police Department, Sheriff's Department and Fire Department in appreciation for all they do for the community. Please consider helping with this event by providing a Chicken Spaghetti Casserole, Cookies or Bread. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. If you have question, please contact Julia Glenewinkel at 830-463-9854.

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Monday, Sept. 4	Church office <b>CLOSED</b> For Labor Day	
Tuesday, Sept. 5	First day of Preschool	
Tuesday, Sept. 5	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Sept. 5	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	7:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday, Sept. 6	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, Sept. 6	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Wednesday, Sept. 6	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 6	Joyful Noise	6:00-6:30 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 6	Hand Bell Choir	6:00-6:50 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 6	Chancel Singers	7:00-7:50 PM
Thursday, Sept. 7	Gospel of Mark Bible Study	7:00 PM

**BIBLES REQUESTED FOR CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD**

The Christian Cupboard has noticed that after a small donation of Bibles from Faith was made, they were chosen from the bookshelves rather quickly. The want and need from the community is obviously there. If you have any extra Bibles and would like to donate them, please leave them with the food items in the CC basket located in the narthex.

**SAVE THE DATES**

- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – Outdoor Worship and Picnic
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>- Women of Faith **Thankoffering Service**
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – **Reformation** Sunday/First Communion
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – **Trunk or Treat** 4:00-6:00 PM
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>- All Saints Sunday
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> – **Preschool** Sunday and **Polka** Sunday
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> – Faith Family Christmas Celebration



## FLY REQUEST

Volunteers are needed to assist Allison, our new Youth and Family Minister, in variety of ways.

We will be thrilled to have you participate as your schedule allows. We could never pull off an amazing youth program without the help and support of our faithful and dedicated Faith members. Thank you!!

## MUSIC GROUPS

All of Faith's music groups will begin **rehearsals on Wednesday, August 23**. ALL groups always welcome **NEW MEMBERS!** PLEASE consider joining us! You **DO NOT** have to be any kind of "accomplished musician" or be able to read music! We all make music to the Glory of God! (And have fun doing it!)

- **Joyful Noise** – This group is for students K-8. Joyful Noise meets Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:30pm in the choir room. There will be singing, ringing and playing instruments, while the focus is faith development. LeAnne White, the leader of this group, can be contacted at [lwhite@faithseguin.org](mailto:lwhite@faithseguin.org) if you have questions.
- **Hand Bell Choir** – The Hand Bell choir meets and rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the Sanctuary. Faith Lutheran owns a four octave set of Shulmerich Bells, and we enjoy ringing several different styles and genres of worship music!
- **Chancel Singers**- Our adult choir meets and rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We perform during church services on an average of once or twice a month and enjoy several different styles and genres of music!

## MEN'S DEVOTION BREAKFAST

Intern Pastor Andrew will be offering a Men's breakfast fellowship on **Saturday morning, September 16**. They will meet for breakfast and devotion at 8:30 AM. Contact Andrew for more information.

**South Texas Pregnancy Care Center's  
23rd Annual Banquet**  
Thursday, September 28, 2023  
Seguin Event Center/Coliseum  
950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX 78155  
12pm & 6pm

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

Come hear about how God is orchestrating the construction of the new center.

Learn about the expansion of services the new facility will allow.

See first hand the progress that is being made.

Use this QR code or Call 830-303-2151 To Register by Sept 18th

**BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding...Proverbs 3:5