



Sunday, August 27, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Intern Pastor Andrew Cave;
Lay Reader: Emma Jean Becker; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Ed
Engelhardt, Missy Sagebiel, Pat Sagebiel, Ben Weise; AV: Chase White, 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: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LBW #158

- 1) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

- 2) Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

3) Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's redeemer, hear our plea
Where songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

4) Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

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.

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 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge
the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

PSALM 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,

⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8 (ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"** ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, **"But who do you say that I am?"** ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, **"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."** ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE:

Andrew Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Cornerstone"* (Please see screen for lyrics)

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.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* LBW #543 Vs. 1, 2 and 4

1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

2) Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

4) Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

DISMISSAL

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Everyone is invited to the Life Enrichment Center for refreshments, fellowship and
Sunday School Rally Day activities!**

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 Ted and Doris Engelhardt in thankfulness and celebration of 55 years of marriage and of God's many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God by George and Gina Mannel in thankfulness for 44 years of wedded bliss, love of family and friends and the blessing of God in their lives.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on August, 20 was 167; Month to Date (August): **\$27,314.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$302,732.25** 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
David Moltz	Fred Blumberg	Joan Vanbeek	Sue Harwell

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 3-Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz; Lay Reader: Gail Herbold; Greeters: Dawn Peterson, Sharon Stollewerk; AV: Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther; Count: Candi Andrews, Betty Moltz; Lock Up: Jody Alexander; Security: Carlee Goetz; Communion set up: Fran Braun, Mary Koehler; Communion clean up: BJ Chambers, Kathy Taddy; Communion Servers: Jody Alexander, Jud Alexander, Julia Glenewinkel; Communion Aid: Matt Sherwood.

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 22 is 90.

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, August 28	Preschool Board Meeting	7:00 PM
Monday, August 28	VDC Ultreya	6:30 PM (AC)
Monday, August 28	Pastoral Care Committee	6:30 PM
Tuesday, August 29	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, August 29	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, August 29	Member rental	5:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday, August 30	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, August 30	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Wednesday, August 30	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, August 30	Joyful Noise	6:00-6:30 PM
Wednesday, August 30	Hand Bell Choir	6:00-6:50 PM
Wednesday, August 30	Chancel Singers	7:00-7:50 PM
Thursday, August 31	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 24TH – 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH – Outdoor Worship and Picnic
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND- Women of Faith **Thankoffering Service**
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH – **Reformation** Sunday/First Communion
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH – **Trunk or Treat** 4:00-6:00 PM
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH- All Saints Sunday
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH – **Preschool** Sunday and **Polka** Sunday
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH – Faith Family Christmas Celebration

FLY REQUEST

Volunteers are needed to assist Allison, our new Youth and Family Minister in variety of ways. Please see the FLY table in the narthex for a description of the types of help needed and to sign up.

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 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.