



Sunday, August 30, 2026

*60th Anniversary
Celebration Worship*



Serving us in worship today:

Pastor: *Jeremy Pedersen*

Music: *Kate Oehlke, Chancel Singers,
Hand Bell Choir, LeAnne White*

Lay Reader: *Lisa Owen*

Children's Church: *Kim Kautzsch*

Ushers: *Fred Blumberg, Cliff Lehmann, Bryan Terp, David Moltz, Brett Owen*

Greeters: *Kim Kautzsch, Debbie Vogel*

Communion Helpers: *Jody and Jud Alexander, Brett and Lisa Owen*

AV: *Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther; Count:* *Karen Huff, Betty Moltz*

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord! Our guests are encouraged to sign the red guestbook located at the Welcome Table in the narthex. A nursery (with a staffed attendant) is located down the education wing and is available during worship and Sunday School hours for your convenience.

Children are invited to come forward for a special blessing before meeting for Children's Church. (Ages Pre-K through 3rd grade)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

Please stand.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN: **"Lead On, O King Eternal"** Green LBW #495

PASTORAL GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** Vs. 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY LBW p. 82

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together,
All: **O God, you have promised through your Son
to be with your Church forever.
We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers,
and for the signs of your presence in our congregation.
Increase in us the spirit of faith and love,
And make our fellowship an example to all believers and all nations.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Chancel Singers "Rejoice Servants of God"

CHILDREN'S BLESSING/CHILDREN'S CHURCH ("Praise Him, Praise Him")

SPECIAL MUSIC: Hand Bell Choir "Forever Rejoice"

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 2:1-9 (ESV)

SPECIAL MUSIC: LeAnne White and Kate Oehlke "You Are the Branches"

PSALM 100

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia..." p.83 LBW

GOSPEL: John 15:1-17 (ESV)

C: 🎵 Glory to you, O Lord. 🎵 LBW p. 83

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: 🎵 Praise to you, O Christ. 🎵

You may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jeremy

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Green LBW #315

DEDICATION

L: Brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we have come together to rededicate this church for the worship and praise of the almighty God and, through Christian fellowship, the building of the community of Christ. For 60 years, this has been a place for the gathering of the people of God, a place for proclaiming the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, and a place for bringing life and hope in this community.

C: Today, we rededicate ourselves as a church community in Christ to this Gospel task.

L: Even as we celebrate this anniversary milestone, let us now affirm the baptismal promises that have carried those who have gone before us.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. By water and the Holy Spirit, you were made members of the Church which is the body of Christ.

- L: In the sight of God, I now ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.
- L: Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of evil that contend against God and his faithful servants?
- C: We do.**
- L: Do you renounce the influence and power of the world that are contrary to God's Word and will?
- C: We do.**
- L: Do you renounce the sin within your own heart, mind, and flesh, and call upon the Lord to deliver you from evil?
- C: We do.**
- L: Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**
- L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C: 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**
- L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.**
- L: May Almighty God who has brought you to this faith continue his good work in you until the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- L: You have made public profession of your Christian faith. I now ask you:
Will you continue to be diligent in your study of God's Word, knowing that it is the source of your faith and the norm of your life?
Will you be faithful to worship at the services of God's House: to hear God's Word and share in the Lord's Holy Supper?
Will you seek support within the Christian community and share in the joys and burdens of all the faithful, including your own?
Will you continue to be a witness to the Christian confession of faith that you have now professed?
Will you proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in your life through the various spiritual gifts with which you have been equipped?

Will you seek to be in service to others and love your neighbors, following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus?

C: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord, in all our activity with your most gracious favor and grant us success with your continual help in our mission to restore people to unity with you and each other, through Jesus Christ. We thank you for the many gifts of time and talent that are unnamed today, and we thank you for those who have gone before us. Continue to watch over this congregation as we witness to your Good News in this community. We ask this in your Son's name, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SENIOR RECOGNITION / GRADUATE BLESSING for **Kate Oehlke**

OFFERING

Visitors, feel free to pass the offering plate down the pew to your neighbor. To those who give via online, you may place the online contribution card located on the back of the pew in front of you in the offering plate if you desire.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Chancel Singers "The Goodness of God"

Please stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Vs. 1& 4 Green LBW #320

OFFERTORY PRAYER LBW p. 87

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father, **C: We offer...**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING LBW p. 88

P: The Lord be with you.

C:  **And also with you.** 

P: Lift up your hearts.

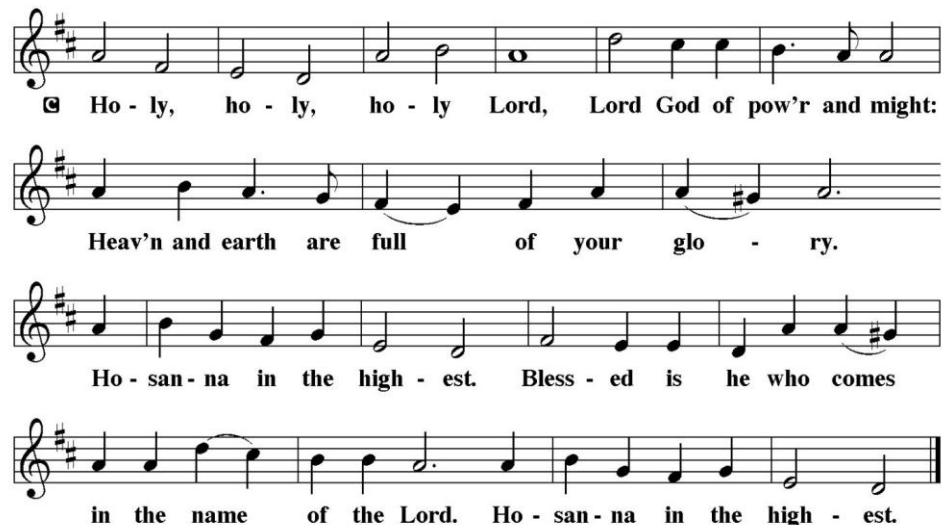
C:  **We lift them to the Lord.** 

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C:  **It is right to give him thanks and praise.** 

P: It is indeed right and salutary.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy..." Green LBW p. 89



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine and who are baptized. You may commune with either wine or white grape juice. Both are available in serving trays. Gluten free wafers are also available upon request from your server. If you prefer to communion from your pew, our ushers will relay your requests for service after all tables have been served.

COMMUNION HYMNS: **"Lamb of God"** LBW p. 92

SPECIAL MUSIC: Hand Bell Choir **"Blessed Assurance"**

"Built on a Rock" LBW #365

"Holy, Holy, Holy" LBW #165

"Amazing Grace" LBW #448

"How Great Thou Art" LBW #532

"One Bread, One Body" WOV #710

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER LBW p. 94

P: Let us pray, C: **We give you thanks,...**

BENEDICTION: Chancel Singers

CLOSING HYMN: **"A Mighty Fortress"** Green LBW #229

DISMISSAL

We will all gather on the front lawn immediately following worship for a special 60TH ANNIVERSARY PANORAMIC GROUP PHOTO. Please make your way outside and listen for instructions on how to line up and arrange ourselves. And don't forget your smile!

After the photo is taken, we will gather in the Life Enrichment Center for a delicious BBQ meal and a special program celebrating 60 years of God's faithfulness.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FAITH

Worship Service - 9:00 AM

Fellowship on patio following worship

Sunday school - 10:15-11:15 AM

Pre K- in Educational Wing

K-2nd Grade Preschool Building

3rd -5th Grade in Education Wing

6th -12th grade in the LEC Loft

Adult Sunday School-in Activity Center & the Sm. Kitchen

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR and the "WORDS OF FAITH" Broadcast on KWED

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Ted and Doris Engelhardt in celebration of and thanksgiving for their 58th wedding anniversary and in gratitude for the many blessings they have received during those 58 years.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on August 23: 139; Month to Date August **\$35,057.75** YTD Offerings and Misc. (2026) **\$302,757.82** **2026** budgeted offerings is **\$572,657**

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have donated to the Christian Cupboard in August. Our August item is pasta, spaghetti, or noodles, any brand or style. The total number of items collected as of August 25 is 107.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Carolyn Sagebiel	Doris Rinn	Steve Foerster	Annette Stout
Clara Fischer	Patti Jahns	Paul Quello	Dale Nauert
Georgie Dittrich	Don Hilbert	Sue Blumberg	Brian Dahl
Clem & Jan Howe	Wally Braun	Candi Andrews	Diane Gwyther
Bertha Marie Keller	Mary Barnes	Mark Hazel	
Ted Engelhardt	Debra Reiley	Jordan Schlather	

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 6: Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, Albert Menn, John Taddy, Chunkie Harwell; **Lay Reader:** Kim Kautzsch; **Greeters:** Joanne Shanafelt, Joshua Webb; **AV:** Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther; **Count:** David Moltz, Brett Owen **Lock Up:** Greg Schlather; **Security:** Jud Alexander; **Communion set up:** Sharon Westerholm, Susan Foerster; **Communion Clean Up:** BJ Chambers, Kathy Taddy; **Communion Servers:** Doris Engelhardt; **Communion Aide:** Dianne Chambers.

SIGN IN!

You'll notice a QR code in your bulletin or on the screens today. Simply scan it with your phone, and it will take you right to a page where you can enter the same information you usually write in the black book—no pen required!



THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Tuesday, September 1	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, September 1	First Day of Preschool	8:30 AM
Wednesday, September 2	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wednesday, September 2	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, September 2	FLY	5-7:30 PM
Wednesday, September 2	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 2	Confirmation	6:30 PM

SAVE THE DATES

- ♥ Sunday, September 27 - Congregational Mtg.
- ♥ Sunday, October 11 - Women of Faith Thankoffering Service
- ♥ Sunday, October 18 - Outdoor Polka Service and Picnic at Nolte Island
- ♥ Sunday, October 25 - Reformation Sunday and Trunk or Treat

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Collin and Jordan Schlather on the birth of their baby boy, Cooper Wayne. Cooper was born Tuesday, August 18, here in Seguin. Mom and baby are doing well, and we pray that God continues to bless the Schlather family as they welcome this precious new addition.

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP

Pastor Dan Cave will lead a GriefShare support group at St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels, beginning Wednesday, August 26. Sessions will be held weekly from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will continue through November 18.

Attendance is free, but registration is encouraged.

To register, please visit: <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/297136>

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Could **YOU** be the one to help instill the love of Jesus in the hearts of our kids?

Our K-5 Sunday School students need some willing volunteers to step up and help teach/lead them on Sunday mornings. Mrs. Kim says it does not have to be every week, as there can be a schedule worked out with the Faith Staff that is already teaching. We all understand that Christian education is vital for our young ones! Is it in your heart?

LWR SCHOOL KIT SUPPLIES COLLECTION

Thanks to the generous support of Faith members, the **Charity Circle** was able to send **252 School Kits to Lutheran World Relief in November 2025**. We are grateful for your continued contributions and invite you to help us with this year's effort.

Our greatest current need is for 70-sheet spiral notebooks (wide- or college-ruled). Wal-Mart and H-E-B currently have these notebooks available for approximately **35¢ each**. Since **each School Kit requires four notebooks**, your donation can make a significant impact.

Additional supplies needed include:

- 24-count boxes of crayons
- 30 cm rulers (with inches on the opposite edge)
- Black or blue ballpoint pens
- Unsharpened #2 pencils
- 2½-inch erasers
- Blunt scissors
- Pencil sharpeners

Please place donated school supplies in the designated bin/basket in the **Narthex** by the doors.

Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase needed supplies online. Contributions may be given to **Doris Engelhardt** or submitted through the church office. Please note **"School Supplies"** in the memo line.

Thank you for your generous support of this important ministry and for helping provide educational resources to children around the world.

LWR PERSONAL CARE KIT SUPPLIES COLLECTION

Thanks to the generous support of Faith members, the **Hope Circle** was able to send approximately **65 Personal Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief in November 2025**. We are grateful for your continued contributions and invite you to help us with this year's effort.

Items needed for kit include:

- **Lightweight, dark colored bath towel**
- **bath size bars of soap** (any brand, but must be in original wrapping)
- **adult size toothbrush** (in original packaging) *
- **sturdy comb** (remove packaging)
- **metal nail clippers** (File optional, but remove packaging)

** Toothbrush multipacks may be separated and individuals placed in a sealed business-sized envelope.*

Please place donated school supplies in the designated bin/basket in the **Narthex** by the doors.

Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase needed supplies online. Contributions may be given to **Karen Huff** or submitted through the church office. Please note **"Care Kits"** in the memo line.

Thank you for your generous support of this important ministry and for helping provide personal care items to children around the world.

