

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Serving us in worship today:

Pastor: *Jeremy Pedersen*

Music: *Kate Oehlke*

Lay Reader: *Gina Mannel*

Children's Church: *Kim Kautzsch*

Ushers: *Bill Ermel, Alan Bonds, Bill Keller,
Cheryl Bonds, Stefan Hilbert*

Greeters: *Mike Andrews, Dianne Chambers*

Communion Helpers: *Gail Herbold, Dianne Chambers*

AV: *Matthew Fransen, Brian Baker*

Count: *Joanne Shanafelt, John Taddy*



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.

We ask everyone to please complete the attendance sheet in the **BLACK FOLDERS** at the end of the pews and then pass them to your neighbors. You may also use the QR code found on the screens or in this bulletin to sign in.

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: "God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord" LBW #270 Vs. 1,2,4

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.**

KYRIE LBW pp. 78-79.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 🎵 **Lord, have mercy.** 🎵

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 🎵 **Lord, have mercy.** 🎵

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 🎵 **Lord, have mercy.** 🎵

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 🎵 **Lord, have mercy.** 🎵

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: 🎵 **A-men.** 🎵

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is Feast..." LBW pp. 81-82.

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY LBW p. 82

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray,

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Genesis 3 (ESV)

PSALM 51:1-12

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-21 (ESV)

Please stand.

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

GOSPEL: John 8:34-36 (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: "Praise the Savior Now and Ever" LBW #155 Vs.1,2,3

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: John Durham Montgomery

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.

Please stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY: "Let the vineyards...." LBW p. 86

OFFERTORY PRAYER LBW p. 87

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

You may be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING LBW p. 88

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪ And also with you. ♪**

P: Lift up your hearts.

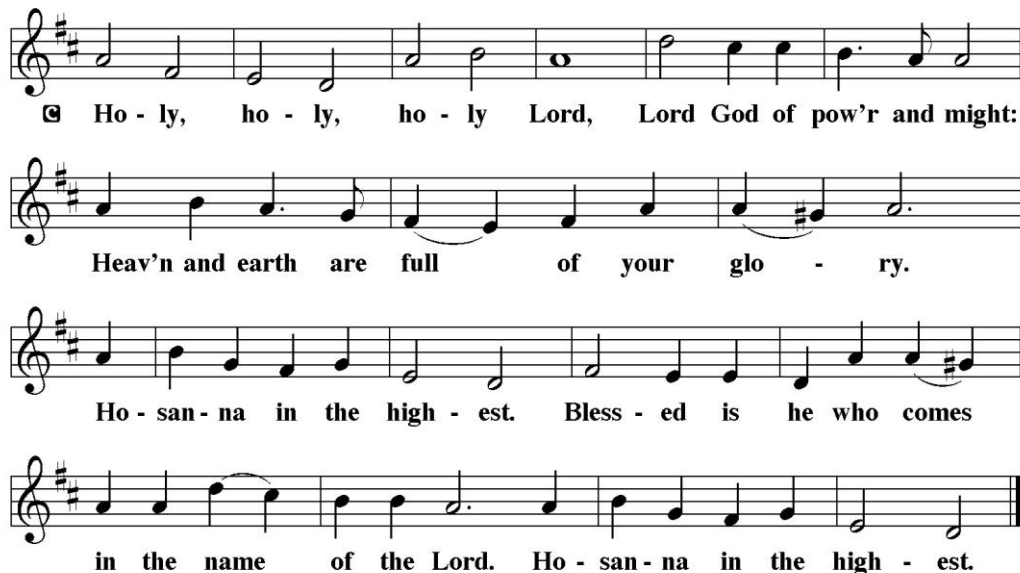
C: **♪ We lift them to the Lord. ♪**

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 commune 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

"Sanctuary"

"Eat This Bread, Drink this Cup"

"I Love to Tell the Story"

"On Eagle's Wings"

"In Christ Alone"

WOV #706

LBW #390

WOV #779

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER LBW p. 94

P: Let us pray,

C: We give you thanks,...

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: **"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"** LBW #221

DISMISSAL

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 and in Small Kitchen

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by John and Michelle Kuempel celebrating the loving memories and wonderful lives of Birdie and Edmund Kuempel.

"WORDS OF FAITH" Broadcast on KWED

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today by Faith Lutheran Church.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on September 13: 170; Month to Date September **\$22,027.35**

YTD Offerings and Misc. (2026) **\$333,625.87** **2026** budgeted offerings is **\$572,657**

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have donated to the Christian Cupboard in September. Our September item is cereal, any brand or style. The total number of items collected as of September 15 is 180.

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	Jim Hilbert
Ted Engelhardt	Debra Reiley		

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 27: Ushers: Brian Baker, Terry Freeman, Ben Weise, Joan Vanbeek;

Lay Reader: Brian Baker; **Greeters:** Sharon Stollewerk, Lisa Owen; **AV:** Chase White,

Jesus Garcia; **Count:** Diane Terp, Carol Welsch; **Lock Up:** Kathy Hamlett; **Security:** Jack

Hamlett; **Communion set up:** NA; **Communion Clean Up:** NA; **Communion Servers:** NA;

Communion Aide: NA.

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

Monday, September 21	Charity Circle	6:30 PM
Tuesday, September 22	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Wednesday, September 23	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wednesday, September 23	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, September 23	FLY	5-7:30 PM
Wednesday, September 23	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 23	Hand Bells	6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 23	Confirmation	6:30 PM
Wednesday, September 23	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM
Thursday, September 24	YET	11:3/1:00
Thursday, September 24	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Saturday, September 26	Cong. Conversation	10:00 AM (AC)

SAVE THE DATES

- ♥ Sunday, September 27 - Congregational Meeting
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Sunday
- ♥ Friday-Saturday, November 13-14 - Women's Retreat with First Methodist
- ♥ Sunday, November 15 - Preschool Sunday
- ♥ Sunday, November 22 - Congregational Budget Meeting
- ♥ Sunday, November 29 - **1st Sunday of Advent**

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?

ENDOWMENT FUND DISTRIBUTION APPLICATION

The Endowment Fund Committee is requesting applications for the distribution of the 2025 Church Funds earnings. Applications can be picked up at the Faith Lutheran Church office at 1326 Cedar Street or can be found on the Faith Lutheran Church website www.faithseguin.org . These applications will need to be completed and postmarked by or returned to the office in a sealed envelope by October 1, 2026.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Please plan to stay after worship for a **short congregational meeting next Sunday, September 27**. We will review the proposed constitutional updates and vote on whether to ratify these proposed amendments. Copies of the proposed changes, including both redlined and complete versions, are available in the Narthex. These have been reviewed and supported by your church council. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our congregation during this time.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS

Please plan to join us for one of our upcoming **Congregational Conversations** this fall. Together we will spend time in Scripture, hear about the direction our Church Council has been discussing, and engage in conversation about the future ministry of Faith Lutheran. These gatherings are intended to listen, encourage, and help shape our congregation's mission and priorities for the years ahead.

Each session will cover the same material, so please attend the date that works best for you.

- ***Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 am in the Activity Center***
- ***Tuesday, October 13 at 1:30 pm in the Activity Center***
- ***Sunday, October 25 at 11:15 am in the Activity Center***
- ***Monday, October 26 at 6:00pm in the Activity Center***

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of Kelyn Koehler, daughter of Rodger and Debbie Koehler. Kelyn passed through death into eternal life on Sunday, September 13. A memorial service was held at Tres Hewell Mortuary on Wednesday, September 16. Please keep her daughter Willow; her sister, Kiesha; her parents; and the rest of her family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead.

JOHN DURHAM MONTGOMERY

John Durham receives the gift of God's promise in Holy Baptism today. Together with his parents, Lance and Riley, and his older sister, Bennett, we share in their joy as JD is welcomed into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for him as he begins his new life in Christ. JD's sponsors are Camille Downing, Josh Ramos, and the members of Faith Lutheran Church.

CHURCH GROUP PHOTO

If you would like to purchase a group photo from the 60th anniversary celebration, you may contact Eric or Georgia Ramos at 210-473-3003 or info@ericjramos.com.

RESILIENT FOUNDATION-LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S SYMPOSIUM



The Resilient Foundation, formerly known as the Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center, will be hosting an event on Thursday, October 8, at the Seguin Public Library.

*Join us for a day of learning and support at the Living with Alzheimer's Symposium - let's navigate this journey together! Join us on **October 8, 2026, from 9am to 12pm, at the Seguin Public Library**, for our "Living with Alzheimer's Symposium." This event is designed to provide valuable information and resources for individuals, families, and professional caregivers affected by Alzheimer's. Dr. Angelica Davila is a Geriatrics and Supportive Care physician in the Department of Family and Community Medicine. Dr. Davila is a board certified family physician, Associate Professor/Clinical, Director - UT Health Geriatrics and Supportive Care Clinic, and Division of Geriatrics and Supportive Care. This event is completely free and co-sponsored by the Resilient Foundation, Emanuel's Lutheran Church, and Guadalupe Regional Medical Center. Onsite respite care for your loved ones will be available during the event, provided by our compassionate hospice volunteers, so caregivers can attend and fully participate with greater peace of mind.*

While free, registration is encouraged. For more information and to register, scan the QR code.



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Seats are limited — don't miss this important conversation.

