

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

Serving us in worship today:

Pastor: *Jeremy Pedersen*

Music: *Kate Oehlke, Chancel Singers, Elaine Kalkwarf, Brass Sextet, Joyful Noise*

Lay Reader: *Bill Keller*

Children's Church: *Kim Kautzsch*

Ushers: *Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, John Taddy, Chunkie Harwell*

Greeters: *Debbie Vogel, Candi Andrews*

Communion Helpers: *Elaine Bennett, Fran Braun*

AV: *Matt Fransen, Diane Gwyther*

Count: *Emma Jean Becker, Wally Braun*



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

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Chancel Singers "God Is Worthy of Our Praise"*

Please stand.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN: *"A Mighty Fortress" LBW #229*

PASTORAL GREETING LBW p. 78

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Joyful Noise "This Little Light of Mine" (Boomwhackers)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-8 (ESV)

PSALM 105:1-11

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-15 (ESV)

Please stand.

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

GOSPEL: John 8: 56-58 (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: "Faith of Our Fathers" LBW #500

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

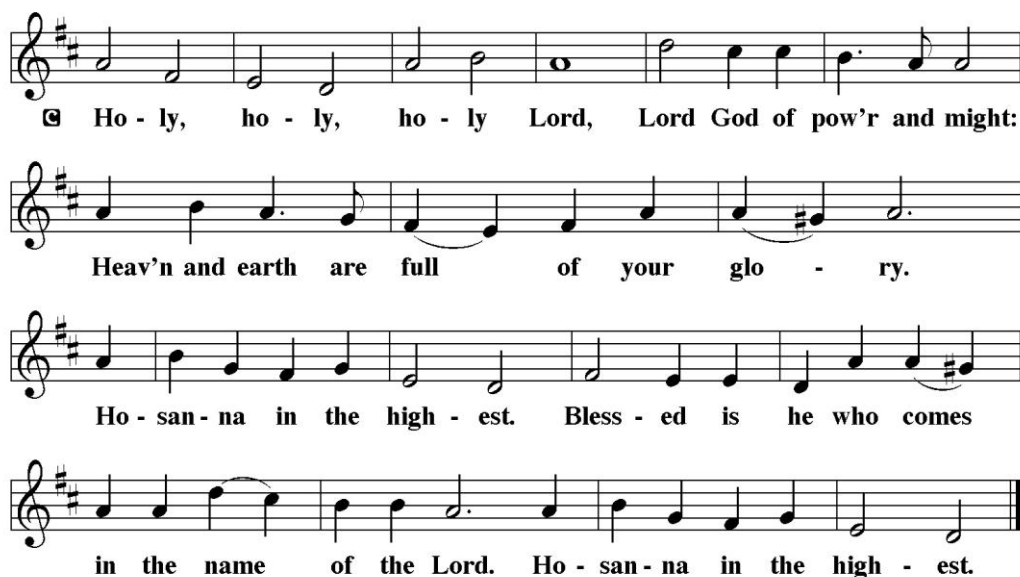
C: **♪ We lift them to the Lord. ♪**

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"

"Just As I Am"

LBW #296

"I Love to Tell the Story" LBW #390

"One Bread, One Body" WOV #710

"On Eagle's Wings" WOV #779

"In Christ Alone"

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER LBW p. 94

P: Let us pray,

C: **We give you thanks,...**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: **"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"** LBW #363

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 Mark and Sharon Westerholm in gratefulness for their many blessings, family and friends.

"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 October 18:129; Month to Date October **\$ 79,360.00**

YTD Offerings and Misc. (2026) **\$425,469.57** 2026 budgeted offerings is **\$572,657**

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have donated to the Christian Cupboard in October. The total number of items collected as of October 20 is 83. Our October item is SOUP, any brand or style.

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	Angie Rohde	Judy Sagebiel
Paul Kalkwarf			

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 1: Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, John Taddy, Chunkie Harwell;
Lay Reader: Rose Mary Ermel; **Greeters:** Brian and Carol Baker; **AV** Matt Fransen, Diane Gwyther; **Count:** Bill Ermel, Mark Herbold; **Lock Up:** Greg Schlather; **Security:** Mike Andrews; **Communion set up:** Jody Alexander, Susan Foerster; **Communion Clean Up:** Cathy Wensinger, Gail Herbold; **Communion Servers:** Jud Alexander; **Communion Aide:** Jody Alexander

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!



SPECIAL MUSIC

Thank you to the following musicians for sharing their wonderful talents with us this morning!

Mark Watley - *Trumpet*
Ricky Flores - *Trumpet*
Terry Boehnke - *F Horn*

Kyle Friesenhahn - *Euphonium*
Jenni Willis-Opalenik - *Trombone*
Jay Clemons - *Tuba*

SAVE THE DATES

- ♥ 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**
- ♥ Saturday, December 12 - Living Nativity
- ♥ Sunday, December 13 - **Faith Family Christmas Celebration**

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, Oct. 26	Congregational Conversations	6:00 PM (AC)
Monday, Oct. 26	Fire Dept. visits Preschool	
Tuesday, Oct. 27	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Oct. 27	Property Comm. Mtg.	6:00 PM
Wed. Oct. 28	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wed. Oct. 28	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed. Oct. 28	FLY	5-7:30 PM
Wed. Oct. 28	Hand Bells	6:00 PM
Wed. Oct. 28	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (Sanc.)
Thursday, Oct. 29	Bible Study	7:00 PM (AC)
Friday, Oct. 30	Youth and Helpers Park Cars for SHS football game	

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF SHARE

The holiday season can be especially difficult when grieving the loss of a loved one. Pastor Dan Cave will lead a Surviving the Holidays GriefShare session at St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels on Saturday, November 7, from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. This helpful one-day workshop is offered at no charge. Registration is requested; please register at: <https://find.griefshare.org/events/297135>

FAITH FAMILY:

Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, cards, and sweet text messages during my absence. Your support has meant the world to me and my family. ❤️ Angie Rohde

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOGISCH AND GOINS FAMILIES!

Tim and Jo Ann Bogisch are pleased to announce the arrival of their grandson, Rhys Thomas Goins (pronounced Reese), born on October 6 in Plano to proud parents TJ and Ashley (Bogisch) Goins. Rhys is also joyfully welcomed by his Uncle Brandon Bogisch and Great-aunt Tammy Bogisch. Please join us in celebrating this precious gift from God.

TRUNK OR TREAT is TODAY!

According to the local community calendar, we are the ONLY TT/Halloween event happening today! We could have SEVERAL families join us; let's be prepared to welcome them!

Ways you can help and participate:

- Decorate a pumpkin for the Pumpkin Decorating Contest! 🎃
 - ** Attendees will vote for their favorite pumpkin by placing a non-perishable food item in the corresponding collection tub.
 - All food donations will be donated to the Christian Cupboard!
- Host a Trunk! 🚗
 - ** Decorate your vehicle and help create a fun, welcoming experience for our young trunk-or-treaters by handing out candy.
- Donate Candy! 🍬
 - ** A collection tub is in the narthex for candy donations. We'll distribute it as needed during Sunday's event!

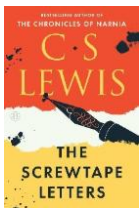
Thank you for helping us make this a fun, safe, and welcoming event for our community!

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS

Please plan to join us for one of our upcoming **Congregational Conversations** this fall. There are two more dates left! 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.

- **Sunday, October 25, at 11:15 am in the Activity Center - *TODAY!***
- **Monday, October 26, at 6:00pm in the Activity Center**

PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB - **NEW!!**



Join Pastor Jeremy for a new monthly book club as we explore C.S. Lewis's classic *The Screwtape Letters*. Through a series of fictional letters from a senior devil to his nephew, Lewis offers a humorous, insightful, and sometimes uncomfortable look at temptation, faith, and the Christian life. Each month, we'll gather for conversation about what Lewis writes, how it connects to our everyday lives, and what scripture tells us about living in faith.

Whether you are an avid reader or simply enjoy good conversation, all are welcome!

Our first gathering will be November 2 at 7pm at Faith's Activity Center. We will have a few snacks and drinks to enjoy. We will provide a few copies of the book, but you can purchase your own on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0060652934>.

Women's Retreat at First Methodist

The women of Faith Lutheran are invited to attend the *Something Beautiful* event at First Methodist in Seguin. Registration is still open. Simply fill out the form or find the form via the QR code below, and drop it, along with payment, off at First Methodist anytime M-F, 9:00-3:00. If you'd like to leave it here at Faith's office, we will make sure it gets to our friends at First Methodist.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Something Beautiful

"He has made everything beautiful in its time."
ECCLESIASTES 3:11

NOVEMBER 13-14, 2026

Friday, November 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Christian Life Center
First Methodist Church
710 N. Austin St., Seguin, TX 78155

Early Bird Registration	Registration
\$35	\$40
September 9 - October 2	October 3 - November 1

No refunds after October 2

Registration Information

Home Church _____
Name _____
Email _____
Phone Number _____

Payments may be made by cash or check payable to First Methodist Church. Checks may be brought to the church office or placed in the offering plate. Financial donations are appreciated and help cover retreat supplies, meals, materials, door prizes, and scholarships. Please indicate whether your payment is for retreat registration or a donation.

Included in Registration

All retreat materials	Friday dinner	Saturday breakfast and lunch	Door prizes
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