



Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2020

Serving us in worship today:

Jim Craver, Pastor;

Annette Stout, LeAnne White, Andrew Cave and Roxanne Heckmann, Music

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PASTOR CRAVER

OPENING HYMN: *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* (Vs 1, 2, 4 & 6) *LBW 352*

- 1) I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!**

- 2) He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.**

- 4) He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

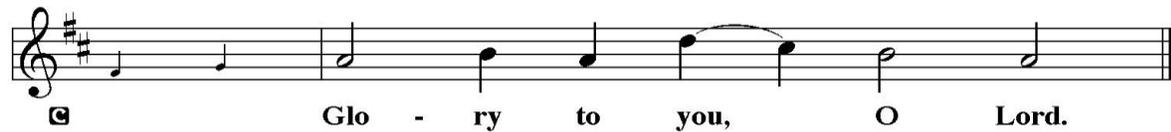
- 6) He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor announces forgiveness in Christ Jesus

C Amen.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 7th chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 7:1-17 *(New Living Translation)*

When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people, He returned to Capernaum. ² At that time the highly valued servant of a Roman officer was sick and near death. ³ When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some respected Jewish elders to ask him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ So they earnestly begged Jesus to help the man. "If anyone deserves your help, he does," they said, ⁵ "for he loves the Jewish people and even built a synagogue for us."

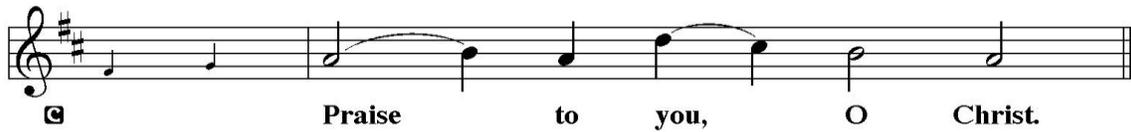
⁶ So Jesus went with them. But just before they arrived at the house, the officer sent some friends to say, "Lord, don't trouble yourself by coming to my home, for I am not worthy of such an honor. ⁷ I am not even worthy to come and meet You. Just say the word from where You are, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my servants, 'Do this,' they do it."

⁹ When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following Him, he said, "I tell you, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!" ¹⁰ And when the officer's friends returned to his house, they found the servant completely healed.

¹¹ Soon afterward Jesus went with His disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed Him. ¹² A funeral procession was coming out as He approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, His heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" He said. ¹⁴ Then He walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," He said, "I tell you, get up." ¹⁵ Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ Great fear swept the crowd, and they praised God, saying, "A mighty prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited his people today." ¹⁷ And the news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding countryside.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Sing along Video to *"My Lighthouse"*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"How Firm A Foundation"* (LBW 507)

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

SERMON: *"Faith That Amazes Jesus!"*

Pastor Craver

OFFERTORY: *"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL..."* (LBW Pg. 86)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION with THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* (LBW 170)

1

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

3

Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

6

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 8 AM ON KWED 1580 AM RADIO

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PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Dorothy Burris	Judy Saunders
Nora Lavelett	Carolyn Sagebiel	Donna Boelter
Kathy Ersch	Ric Landvatter	Dot Day
Gladys Fruehling	Teresa Kiel	Sue Blumberg
Pat Sagebiel	Faye Talley	Johanna Lange
Hagan Boysen	Megan Harvey	Kelton Lange

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Month to Date (April): **\$45,928.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$162,713.45**
(2020 budgeted offerings is **\$549,000.**)

UPDATES

Keeping up with some of our congregation family and friends, we are pleased to announce that Pat Sagebiel is HOME after a very lengthy hospital/rehab stay. Johanna Lange has also been released from the hospital and is doing well. Kelton Lange has moved to Guadalupe Valley Nursing Center. Jo Ann will be staying at Seguin Assisted Living.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of Al Bacon. Al passed through death into eternal life on Wednesday, April 29. Please keep Derrick, Brian and the rest of his family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Lee and Kylie (McNabb) Gudgell on the birth of their baby girl, **Katherine Darcy Gudgell**. Katherine was born in Seguin on April 21st, weighing 5 lbs., 15 oz. She is welcomed not only by her parents, but her big sister Lizzie, proud grandparents Larry and Diane Ratliff and great grandmother Joyce Seidel!

TIME FOR A CHECK-IN. HOW ARE YOU DOING?

With the COVID-19 crisis comes a new opportunity for us to connect with and serve one another and our community. To assist in this, **Faith Lutheran Seguin is launching a recurring, weekly survey** to our congregation to get an accurate pulse on how we can be serving you best.

What is the Weekly Check-In? A recurring survey designed to provide our leadership team with a status report on how you are doing with health, relationships, job, finances, and faith in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis. The survey is 20 questions or so long and should only take a few minutes to complete. Why is Faith Lutheran participating? Your wellbeing is our top priority. Participating in this weekly survey will give us insights into our congregation's current needs, ability to serve, and confidence in the midst of navigating COVID-19. We will use your responses to:

- Allocate the resources to those in need
 - Tailor our ministry programs
- Inform our sermon focus for the coming weeks

We invite and encourage all adult church attendees of Faith to join us in taking the simple survey to better align our resources to the needs of the congregation. A new survey (new questions) begins every Tuesday. You may access that week's survey from Tuesday through Monday. **Assessment #2 is open from April 28- May 3.**

To take the Weekly Check-In -

- 1) Send a TEXT (message) that says: **FAITHSEGUIN2** to the number **90888**
- 2) You will get a response that asks you to reply "yes" to take the survey.
- 3) After replying YES, you will receive a link to the survey.

NEWS FROM WOMEN OF FAITH

We have discovered that the Texas District LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League – women from the Missouri Lutheran Church) have a project called Lutheran World Relief STAMPOREE, and they have invited us to support them. This project is saving all cancelled postage stamps. They collect the stamps, sort them and then sell them to dealers. The money is then used to support LWR Project Comfort, which provides funding for the shipping of quilts, kits and clothing to those in need around the world. Over the years this project has provided more than \$40,000 for LWR Project Comfort.

Anyone (so we invite all members of Faith) can participate by saving cancelled stamps (cut ¼" around each edge of the stamp, so as not to damage it). **You actually don't even have to cut the stamps off the envelopes.** Ask your friends, neighbors, and any business that might receive a lot of mail to save their envelopes for you. Then when you have a bag or large envelope full of either envelopes, or stamps that were cut off as indicated, bring them to the small kitchen and place them in the bin for LWR items. They will then be delivered to the LWML Stamporee Chairman in Kyle, TX.

If you want to participate or have questions, please contact Doris Engelhardt for more details.

ACTIVITY CENTER RENOVATION

The work in the activity center and hallways leading to the room is well underway! The room has been painted and the kitchen is getting new cabinets! We can't wait for everyone to see it!

SEWING MACHINE

Our Bookkeeper, Debbie Mozikek, is looking for a sewing & quilting all in one machine. If you have any information or ideas for her, please call her at 830-556-7703.

VBS REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE

Registration for Faith Seguin Rocky Railway VBS 2020 is now open! Visit the online registration site at: vbspro.events/p/9f58ad. VBS is scheduled for July 13-17. (Dates are subject to change as we evolve into our "new normal" in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic.)

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you for those of you that have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. We delivered 92 items this week!

Sermon Notes – Faith that amazes Jesus!

"When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following Him, He said, "I tell you, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!"
Luke 7:9

1. Faith that amazes Jesus begins with _____ and _____!
(Vs 1-10)

Although this Roman commander was powerful, his attitude and approach when coming to Jesus demonstrates total humility!

The Roman commander also demonstrated great confidence – he believed Jesus was capable of meeting his needs.

Does your faith in Jesus demonstrate these qualities as well?

2. Faith that amazes Jesus is demonstrated by deep _____! (Vs 11-15)

Death is always tragic, in this case it is the only son of a mom, and she was a widow.

"When the Lord saw her, His heart overflowed with compassion." (Vs 13)

The way that Jesus' heart flowed out to this woman is the same way His heart goes out to all people!

¹⁶ Great fear swept the crowd, and they praised God, saying, "A mighty prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited his people today." ¹⁷ And the news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding countryside.
(Vs. 16-17)

3. Applying this Word of God to our lives:

- a) How faith in Jesus helps us when bad things happen to Christ-followers:
- b) What is faith?
 - i. When God does what I want Him to?
 - ii. Or, when we trust that God is God and He knows what He is doing?
- c) Amazing Faith: amazing faith is a firm and certain conviction of God's goodness towards us, no matter what we see or face.
"To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. It was by their faith that people of ancient times won God's approval." (Hebrews 11:1-2 GNT)