



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2020

Serving us in worship today:

Andrew Cave, Message

Annette Stout, LeAnne White, and Roxanne Heckmann, Music

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ANDREW CAVE

OPENING HYMN: *"Lord Of Glory, You Have Bought Us"* LBW 424 (Vs 1, 2 & 5)

1 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given
blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

5 Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces,
with your love our love renew.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness in Christ Jesus

C Amen.

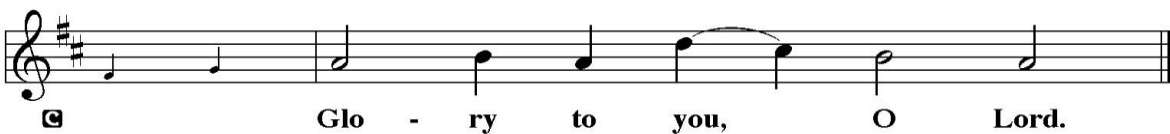
THE FIRST READING: Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT)

¹⁸One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. ¹⁹Jesus called out to them, **“Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”** ²⁰And they left their nets at once and followed him.

²¹A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. ²²They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

A: Here ends the reading

A: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.



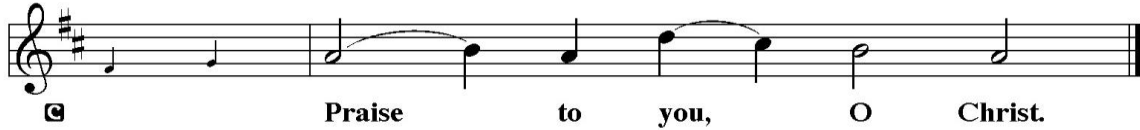
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15: 1-7 (New Living Translation)

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. ²This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

³So Jesus told them this story: ⁴**“If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?”** ⁵And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. ⁶When

he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Owen

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"*

1) Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, by now am found,
Was blind but now I see

2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My Chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

3) The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My Chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

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- 4) The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

SERMON: *"Jesus – The Great Fisherman"*

Andrew Cave

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION with THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Drive through communion distribution following service)

BENEDICTION

Andrew Cave

CLOSING HYMN: *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* LBW 415

- 1) God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

- 2) Lo! The hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

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3) Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4) Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

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

This week has been sponsored to the glory of God by Donna and Melvin Boelter in thankfulness of His many blessings.

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 (May): **\$31,889.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$197,727.45**
(2020 budgeted offerings is **\$549,000.**)

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of Liz Hamlet, mother of Shelia Ullrich. Mrs. Hamlet passed through death, into eternal life on Monday, May 11 here in Seguin. Please keep Shelia and the rest of her family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

RETURN TO CORPORATE WORSHIP

The news everyone has been waiting for! We will be returning to corporate worship (**WEATHER PERMITTING**) with and **outdoor service** on **Sunday, May 24**. The service will be held on our front lawn and you are encouraged to bring your own chairs. Social Distancing and protection protocols will be in place. Pastor Craver has written a letter with more information on plans for the next few weeks. You should expect to receive the letter any day now. Here is a preview of some of the information detailed in the letter:

- ✝ May 24: Outdoor worship at 9 AM – weather permitting – we will follow social distancing guidelines and includes the encouragement of using Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) such as masks and hand-sanitizers. Worshippers will be asked to bring their own chairs. Should the weather not cooperate, we will worship online as we are now. (Access to the building will be limited to the restrooms if needed.)
- ✝ May 29 – Good Friday observance: brief outdoor worship by the cross at 8 PM, weather permitting.
- ✝ May 31 Easter celebration: A renewal of Hope! Outdoor sunrise at 7 AM - weather permitting, or in the gym should the weather not cooperate. Worship at 9 AM will be in the sanctuary and limited to 90 people, overflow seating will be available in the gym. Worshippers are asked to pick one time to attend this Sunday.

CHARITY CIRCLE

The Women of Faith Charity Circle will meet Monday, May 18 at 7:00 PM in the Activity Center. Attendees are encouraged to bring and wear a mask.

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.

RENOVATION UPDATE

Thanks to a generous donor, the Activity Center has been remodeled: a new kitchen, several sliding walls removed and the walls have been painted. In addition to this, the connecting hall between the Activity Center and the main building all the way to, and including, the entry hall to the Worship Center has been painted! We are excited for you to see this and to begin using the buildings again!

WALL OF CROSSES

With the new renovation, we are re-purposing the walls in the hall off of the Narthex. Three bulletin boards will be located in the South side and a new Wall of Crosses on the North side of the hall! Pastor Jim and Diana Craver have donated the first of what we hope to be many crosses! Hand-made or store bought, let's honor the cross of Jesus with a wall of crosses!

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. **This week's update is 113 items!**

NEWS FROM YOUR SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY TEAM

Faith will not be hosting the SA Food bank food distribution in June. The city and other government organizations have teamed up to hold "mega distributions" in the community. We encourage you to volunteer with them to help this cause.

FAITH'S HOLY LAND TRIP NOVEMBER 2021

If you are interested in visiting the Holy Land, Faith is sponsoring a trip to Israel in November of 2021. Details for this trip are available on our website: www.faithseguin.org. See the Israel Trip tab, or contact Pastor Jim.