



Seventh Sunday of Easter May 24, 2020

Serving us in worship today:

Jim Craver, Pastor; LeAnne White, and Annette Stout Music

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PASTOR CRAVER

OPENING HYMN: *"On Eagle's Wings"* (WOV #779)

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

3. For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor announces forgiveness in Christ Jesus

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 13
Translation)

(New Living

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

⁸ Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! ⁹ Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! ¹⁰ But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. ¹² Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

¹³ Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Borning Cry"* (WOV #770)

1. "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

2. "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

3. "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

4. "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – *Harrison James Hodges*

SERMON: *"Our Basic Need"*

Pastor Craver

PRAYERS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Bind Us Together"* (WOV #748)

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, Lord;
bind us together in love.

1. There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one Body;
that is why we can sing: *Refrain*

2. You are the fam'ly of God.
You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire,
you are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

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

Has been sponsored to the glory of God by Bryan and Diane Terp in celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary and in memory of all of the men and women who gave their lives serving our country.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Month to Date (As of May 19): **\$39,279.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$205,117.45**
(2020 budgeted offerings is **\$549,000.**)

HARRISON JAMES HODGES

Today receives the Promise, which is given in Holy Baptism. Together with his parents, Zachary and Samantha, we share their joys as Harrison James is received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for Harrison as he begins a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for Harrison James are Johnathan Andrews, Mitchell Hodges, Morgan Stautzenberger and members of Faith Lutheran Church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jessica and Brandon Westerholm on the birth of their baby girl, Ava-Jane. Ava-Jane was born on Friday, May 15 here in Seguin. Ava-Jane is welcomed by her big brother Boone and grandparents Sharon and Mark Westerholm as well.

Malerie and James Eichenholz on the birth of their baby girl, Finley Reese. Finley was born Friday, May 15 and is welcomed by her big brothers Thatcher and Sawyer.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of Donna Boelter. Donna passed through death into eternal life on Saturday, May 16 here in Seguin. Funeral service for Donna will be held Tuesday, May 26 at 1:00 PM here at Faith. Overflow seating will be available in the LEC and the service will broadcast live on Faith Lutheran's Facebook page and on our website. Please remember Melvin and the rest of Donna's family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- ✠ 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.
- ✠ June 7-14 (or longer if deemed necessary): Indoor worship with two services, one following the liturgy at 9 AM in the worship center and one relaxed praise worship at 10 AM in the gym. Worshippers will be asked to pick one worship time only each Sunday.

RETURN TO WORSHIP PROTOCOLS:

- Contracted service to professionally clean and disinfect (sanitize all surfaces and a microbial fogging) of all worship spaces each week for at least the next four weeks. Institute increased sanitation/cleaning and hygiene measures at church.
- All people engaging in worship, worship support, or serving MUST wear masks (gloves are optional – they keep the wearer safe but are not very effective in keeping others safe) while in the buildings. You may bring your own mask or use the disposable ones provided by Faith Lutheran.
- Sanitation stations will be placed throughout the building at entry points.
- Those with no underlying conditions or who do not have family members with underlying conditions at home are encouraged to consider returning to worship. Family units may sit together (if you live together, you can sit together) in the same pew / area.
- All sanctuary and gathering spaces will have spaced out seating. We will maintain physical distancing in worship (at least six feet, excluding households) by blocking every other pew and encouraging social distancing of worshippers.
- Ushering folks in and out to avoid potential contact between people as they transition.
- Close common areas (fellowship hall, church offices, coffee spaces) for the time being. Entry to worship will be from the Narthex door or, for the gym, from the west and south doors.
- We will refrain from handshakes, touching and hugs, passing plates and printed bulletins until we know that the measures we are taking are sufficient.
- Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes will likely resume in late June or early July.
- Fellowship can occur only outside of the buildings and must follow the social distancing guidelines.
- Paper announcements will be only distributed by gloved ushers following worship to those who desire them.
- We will continue online worship for those who choose to remain at home and for outreach to those not worshipping with us.