



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 2020

Serving us in worship today:

Jim Craver, Pastor

Annette Stout, Roxanne Heckmann and Andrew Cave, Music

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ our Lord! We are blessed and honored that you chose to be with us today!

Pastor Jim will begin a sermon series today called "Faith Foundations, the essentials of our relationship with Jesus." Today's focus is on the gift of Holy Baptism! We will learn that Jesus Himself was baptized to identify with us and that we continue to celebrate God's work in Baptism! Paul, an Apostle of Jesus, writes in Romans 6: *"**For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.**"*

As we worship outside today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers while maintaining a safe distance and observing our COVID-19 protocols.

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN: *"Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?"*

(Refrain)

Have you seen Jesus my Lord
He's here in plain view
Take a look open your eyes
He'll show it to you

1) Have you ever look at the sunset
With the sky mellowing red
And the clouds suspended like feathers
Then I say..... you've seen Jesus my Lord *(Refrain)*

2) Have you ever stood at the ocean
With the white foam at your feet
Felt the endless thundering motion
Then I say...you've seen Jesus my Lord *(Refrain)*

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3) Have you ever looked at the cross
With a man hanging in pain
And the look of love in his eyes
Then I say..... you've seen Jesus my Lord *(Refrain)*

4) Have you ever stood in the Family
With the Lord there in your midst
Seen the Face of Christ on each other
Then I say...You've seen Jesus My Lord *(Refrain)*

INVOCATION:

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

P: As we come into the presence of God today, we are reminded that God is holy and we are not. This awareness comes from the fact that we have sinned against God and other people. Our Lord has given us a solution: confess our sins to Him, trust in the work Jesus did on the cross and He will forgive each one of us completely. So let's be honest with God and confess our sins.

C: Dear Father in heaven, I confess to You that I know You love me without conditions. I can come to You just as I am and you will receive me, forgive me and empower me. Yet I struggle to love others in the way You have loved me. Because of this, I am not at peace with You, with others nor with myself. I have sin and failure in my life. I am not proud of this. But I believe in Your Son and accept that He died and rose for me. In His name, I ask for Your pardon and Your power. Amen.

Pastor announces forgiveness in Christ Jesus

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ROMANS 6: 1-14

Here Paul reminds us that our baptism connects to the death and resurrection of Jesus! Baptism and faith brings God's claim on us and the forgiveness Jesus won on the cross!

¹Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of His wonderful grace? ²Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? ³Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined Him in his death? ⁴For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

⁵Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as He was. ⁶We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with Him. ⁹We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and He will never die again. Death no longer has any power over Him. ¹⁰When He died, He died once to break the power of sin. But now that He lives, He lives for the glory of God. ¹¹So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

¹²Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. ¹⁴Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

A: Here ends the reading.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

Matthew's gospel records the baptism of our Lord Jesus. This is the reading we will focus on in today's sermon.

¹³Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to talk Him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by You," he said, "so why are You coming to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus said, **"It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires."** So John agreed to baptize Him.

¹⁶ After His baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on Him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is My dearly loved Son, who brings Me great joy."

A: The gospel of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Andrew Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Baptized in Water"*

1) Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

3) Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our king:
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

SERMON: Series: "Faith Foundations, the essentials of our relationship with our Savior"

"Baptism – a sacred gift from God to you!"

Pastor Jim

(Please see sermon notes.)

OFFERTORY: *"CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART..."* (LBW Pg. 96)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – *Madelyn Nichole Mireault*

APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again

from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING and BENEDICTION

Pastor Jim

P: Church, who are we?

C: "We are imperfect people, saved by grace, willing to risk it all to share the Good News of Jesus Christ!" (Faith Lutheran's mission statement)

P: *Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. ²⁵ All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen. (Jude 24-25)*

C: AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Mighty to Save"*

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

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Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King (*Chorus*)

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

This week has been sponsored to the glory by Faith Lutheran Church.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Tim and Jo Ann Bogisch in honor of Madelyn's baptism today.

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
Kelton Lange	Mike Andrews	Debbie Lehmann
Harold Bogisch		

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Month to Date (As of June 24): **\$31,525.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$255,508.73**
(2020 budgeted offerings is **\$549,000**)

COVID19 AND WORSHIP AT FAITH

COVID19 is again surging in Texas, including Guadalupe County and Seguin. A second Faith member was diagnosed with COVID19 just this week. I, like many of you, dearly miss worshipping together in our sanctuary and look forward to the day we can resume worship inside. I know that many of our members feel strongly about inside worship and outside worship, and I appreciate that. However, in the Christian spirit of love - for God, others and ourselves - we must continue to worship outside for the time being. I know this is not going to be well received by all, but we must fall on the side of love. Given

the fact that summer is now upon us, we will adjust the start time for worship outside to **8:30 AM to beat the Texas heat beginning July 5.** Let us all follow the command of Jesus in John 13: *"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples."* Sincerely, Pastor Jim Craver

MADELYN NICHOLE MIREAULT

Today Madelyn receives the Promise, which is given in Holy Baptism. Together with her parents, Tiffany and Alex, we share their joys as Madelyn is received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for Madelyn as she begins a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for Madelyn Nichole are Ashley Goins, TJ Goins and members of Faith Lutheran Church. Madelyn's grandparents are Tim and Jo Ann Bogisch and Greg and Keri Mireault. Great-grandfather is Harold Bogisch.

FAITH COMMITTEE NIGHT

Has been **canceled for JULY.** Please disregard previous announcements.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you for those of you that have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. This week's update is **94 items** taken as on Thursday, June 25.

WALL OF CROSSES

With the new renovation, we are re-purposing the walls in the hall off the Narthex. Three bulletin boards will be located on the South side and a new Wall of Crosses will be created 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!

YOU ARE NEEDED!

The South Texas Pregnancy Care Center - STPCC - has an urgent need for volunteers. You would be encouraging new mothers and fathers as they become parents for the first time or are adding to their family. There are many positions open in various capacities that would require as little as 3 hours of your time a week to as much as you are willing to give. If you feel this calling to help others, please call STPCC at 830-303-2151 and ask to speak to Amy Cantrell. Please visit the center's Virtual Walk for Life at <https://www.southtexaspregnancycenter.com/events>

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.faitheguin.org. See the Israel Trip tab, or contact Pastor Jim.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household" from Luther's Small Catechism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." [Matt. 28:19]

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." [Mark 16:16]

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." [Titus 3:5-8]

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Sermon Series: "Faith Foundations, the essentials of our relationship with our Savior"

Sermon Notes: Baptism – a sacred gift from God to you!

Big Idea: We often take for granted what we do as Church and why we do it. Baptism is a sacred gift to you and to the Church from the heart of God.

1. Baptism: A command leading to obedience – vs. 13-15

John the Baptizer looked at baptism as humans coming to God; Jesus reversed this thought by demonstrating that God comes to us!

But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires."

A miracle confirms the identity of Jesus – we must know this – *"This is My dearly loved Son"*

2. Baptism is a reminder that we cannot – under any circumstance – save ourselves!

⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. Romans 6

At Christ's baptism the Father said to the Son: *"This is My dearly loved Son"*

From the cross the Son spoke to the Father: *"Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."*

3. What should baptism mean to us on a daily basis?

- I. That God came to you and for you to save you!
- II. Faith in Jesus saves you now and forever!
- III. Baptism is not something that happened long ago, you *"... were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism..."*
- IV. You may forget the water and the Word, but God does not!

JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ABBREVIATION KEY: AC= Activity Center Attention Ed Wing= Education Wing LEC= Life Enrichment Center Rentals Sante= Sanctuary Kit= Small Kitchen Choir Room =CR						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00AM Worship w/ Communion	July 4th. Holiday Office Closed	9:00AM Staff Meeting	6:00-8:00PM FLY - Meeting Outdoor Or Online		July 4th. Holiday Office Closes at Noon	
Andrew Cave On Vacation		Andrew Cave On Vacation			Andrew Cave On Vacation	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00AM Worship	9:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30PM(Kit) Council Meeting Will Be On Zoom	9:00AM Staff Meeting	12:00 FLY - Meeting Outdoor Or Online			6PM Little League-Pizza in Field
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00AM Worship w/ Communion		9:00AM Staff Meeting				8:30AM Men of Faith Breakfast At Reynas Mexican Restaurant
				YouthFri.....	Trip.....23rd.....	26th
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00AM Worship	9:00AM Staff Meeting	9:00AM Staff Meeting	6:00-8:00PM FLY - Meeting Outdoor Or Online		LCMC Gathering & Youth Gathering Victoria Texas (July 31-Aug.1)	

This an UPDATED Calendar. (As of June 24) Please disregard the calendar in the July Newsletter you receive.