



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 12, 2020

Serving us in worship today:

Jim Craver, Pastor; Lisa Owen, Children's Ministry Leader

LeAnne White, Chase White, Jeff Schievelbein, Cellie Buchanan 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 continues his sermon series called "Faith Foundations, the essentials of our relationship with Jesus." Today we focus on the foundation of the Word of God! The words in Matthew 7:24–27 conclude one of the most practical sermons ever preached. Jesus Christ brings to culmination the great Sermon on the Mount, and He does so with a poignant truth about the foundational nature of God's Word. God's Word is the foundation of the Church, Faith Lutheran Church and should be for our lives as well! That God's Word is foundational is seen in these Words of Jesus: "*Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.*" Matthew 7:24.

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: "Holy is the Lord"

Verse 1

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Verse 2

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing *Chorus*

Bridge

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing *(Chorus)*

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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 before the Lord our God, let's be honest with Him and ourselves about our true condition.

C: Father in heaven, I confess that I am not as close to You as I should be. This is my fault. I do not love You with all my heart, soul and mind. I do not know Your Word as deeply as I could. For these and all of my sins I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe and accept that by faith in Jesus, You forgive, accept and will always love me. Amen.

Pastor announces forgiveness in Christ Jesus

PRAYER OF THE DAY (FROM PSALM 27:4-6):

⁴ The one thing I ask of the LORD— the thing I seek most— is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD's perfections and meditating in His Temple.

⁵ *For He will conceal me there when troubles come; He will hide me in His sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.*

⁶ *Then I will hold my head high above my enemies who surround me. At His sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy, singing and praising the LORD with music.*

SONG OF PRAISE: *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – Emilia Jolene Mannel

READING FROM GOD'S HOLY WORD: Matthew 7: 24-27

Building on a Solid Foundation

²⁴ "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

A: The gospel of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Lisa Owen

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Raise a Hallelujah"

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive

Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me *(Chorus)*

Bridge

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

Bridge (2x)

Sing a little louder -in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder - louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder - my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder - Heaven comes to fight for me *(Chorus)*

I raise a hallelujah...

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SERMON: "Building on what will last forever!" (Foundations series, part 3)

OFFERTORY: "Sanctuary"

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: "*Blessed Be Your Name*"

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Chorus

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say *(Continued on next page)*

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name *(Chorus)*

Bridge (2x)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Ending Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

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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 Kerry and Mary Koehler in thankfulness for their many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Kirby and Pam Fransen in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary and Kimberly and Scott Barns' 1st wedding anniversary this week.

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
Debbie Lehmann

Faye Talley
Harold Bogisch

Johanna Lange
Callie Atchley

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Month to Date (As of July): **\$9,111.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$277,204.91**
(2020 budgeted offerings is **\$549,000**)

EMILIA JOLENE MANNEL

Today Emilia receives the Promise, which is given in Holy Baptism. Together with her parents, Ivana and Joseph, we share their joys as Emilia is received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for Emilia as she begins a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for Emilia Jolene are Javier Estrada and Karen Damwijk and members of Faith Lutheran Church. Emilia's grandparents are George and Gina Mannel and Francisco and Veronica Estrada.

VBS PACKETS

Don't forget to pick up your Virtual VBS Packets this morning! Check Facebook Monday through Wednesday for daily Videos of song, stories and crafts!

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

LCMC DISTRICT GATHERING

Originally scheduled for the end of July in Victoria, the gathering has been **canceled** and rescheduled for July 23-24 2021.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you for those of you that have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The July item is canned meat. This includes tuna, salmon, chicken, stew, chili, and corned beef. This week's update is **24 items** as of July 9.

THE SOUTH TEXAS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

This campaign was canceled in April due to the Covid shutdown. The Social Concerns Team would like to reschedule this event in support of this wonderful ministry. The STPCC has continued to operate and see to the needs of young mothers and families. Next Sunday, July 19, we will have baby bottles available for you to pick up and fill with whatever donation you are able to give. We will also distribute them on July 26 and August 2. You may put in coins, bills, or checks made out to STPCC and return the bottles to

church. There will be a display in the narthex for pick up and return of the bottles. Please return all bottles (filled or empty) by August 9.

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>

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

will be made of crosses! If you have a cross to donate, please bring it to the church. If you have a cross to buy, let's honor the cross of Jesus with a wall of crosses!

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

Sermon: Building on what will last forever! (Foundations sermon series, part 3)

Big Idea: Jesus makes it clear that His Word is the only unshakable foundation upon which we can build our lives!

1. The two men in the parable have this in common:

- They had the same vision for what to do
- They had the same Divine Words of truth
- They faced the same storm

2. The two men in the parable differed in these areas:

- They had different moral character
 - To be foolish is not to lack information, but to do nothing with the information you have – to choose to be a moron!
- They built their lives on different foundations
- They had different results

3. The foundation Jesus offers needs to be built before the 'storms' come!

Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock.