



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 26, 2020

Serving us in worship today:

Jim Craver, Pastor; Faith Youth, Lay Reader

Annette Stout, Ric Landvatter 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!

Today Pastor Jim continues a sermon series called "Faith Foundations, the essentials of our relationship with Jesus." In this series we have focused on the Bible's core teaching about Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the Bible as our foundation and the Inspiration of Scripture. Today we focus on the uniqueness of Jesus and that He alone is worthy to be our Lord and Savior!

The key scriptures we will ponder are "*There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.*" (Acts 4:12) and "*Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me."*" (John 14:6)

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: "*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*" WOVS # 765

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who pours out himself for them. *Refrain*

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

3. These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *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: Let us each take a moment to reflect on our lives and the reason we need Jesus our Savior: (Brief time for self-reflection)

C: Lord Jesus, I know that I need you to rescue me from my sins. I believe that you died to take the punishment I had coming. I trust in the power that raised you back to life. But I must also confess that I often push you to the edges of my life so I can go my own way. In my sin, I do not focus on deepening my relationship with my lord. For these and all of my sins, I ask for your forgiveness.

Pastor announces forgiveness in Christ Jesus

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "The Lost Key"

Andrew Cave

READING FROM GOD'S HOLY WORD: 1 Corinthians 15:1-9

Today God speaks to us about the fact that Jesus alone is worthy of our faith, hope and obedience. Our reading comes from three different books from God's Word.

In 1 Corinthians 15:1-9, Paul reminds us that the resurrected Jesus was seen by hundreds of people, proving that He rose from the dead:

Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. ² It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. ³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵ He was seen by Peter and then by

the Twelve. ⁶ After that, He was seen by more than 500 of His followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then He was seen by James and later by all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw Him. ⁹ For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

A: In Acts 4:10-12, Peter speaks to the Jewish religious leaders that Jesus is the only way God has given for people to be saved:

¹⁰ Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'

¹² There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

A: And in John 14:3-6, Jesus Himself proclaims that salvation and redemption are found only in Him:

³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where I am. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going."

⁵ "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where You are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me."

A: Here ends the readings.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Redeemed"

Verse 1

Seems like all I could see was the struggle
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past
Bound up in shackles of all my failures
Wond'ring how long is this gonna last
Then You look at this pris'ner and say to me
Son stop fighting a fight that's already been won

Chorus

I am redeemed You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
And wipe away ev'ry stain
Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be
(I am redeemed)

Verse 2

All my life I have been called unworthy
Named by the voice of my shame and regret
But when I hear You whisper child lift up your head
I remember O God You're not done with me yet

Bridge

Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me
'Cause his day is long dead and gone
Because I've got a new name a new life
I'm not the same and a hope that will carry me home

O God I'm not who I used to be
Jesus I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed
Thank God redeemed

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SERMON: "The Lordship of Jesus Christ!"

(Please see sermon notes on back of bulletin)

Pastor Jim

OFFERTORY: "Create In Me A Clean Heart..."

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

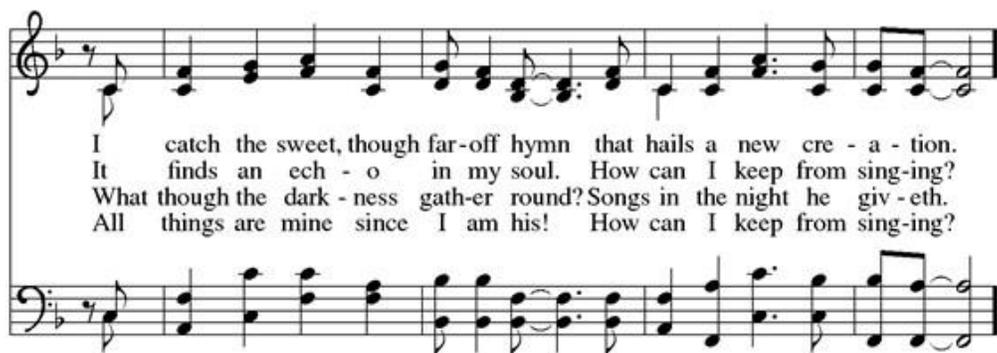
P: Church, who are we?

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)

CLOSING HYMN: *"My Live Flows On in Endless Song"* WOV #781

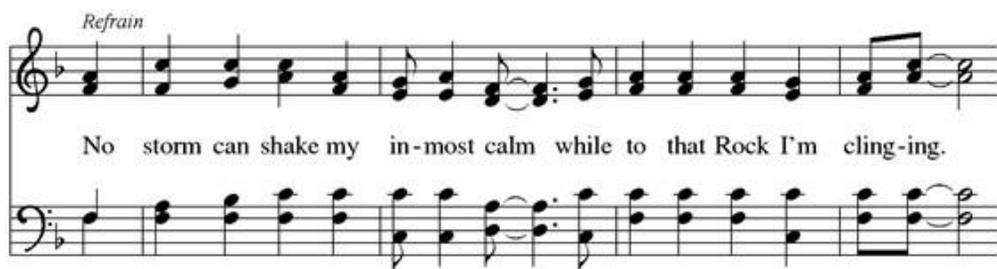


1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

P: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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

This week has been sponsored to the glory of God by John and Pat Dikes in honor of all the doctors, nurses and care givers all around the world.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Pastor and Diana Craver and Faith Lutheran Church.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	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	Debbie Lehmann
Callie Atchley		

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Month to Date (As of July): **\$30,946.03**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$294,809.76**
(2020 budgeted offerings is **\$549,000**)

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of Pastor Wilbert Doerr. Pastor Doerr passed through death into eternal life on Wednesday, July 15. Please keep the family of Pastor Doerr in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

HOW YOU CAN HELP DURING THIS PANDEMIC

As mentioned in our email announcements from July 10, we want to let our members know of some ways that they can help those on the front lines of this pandemic. The staff AND the patients at GRMC, could use our help and encouragement. Here's what we have planned so far: Our youth group is going to be handwriting notes and letters of encouragement to doctors, nurses and patients. Our Preschool students are going to hand paint a banner holding GRMC up in prayer. Here's where you can help: Our staff would like to put together some "goodie baskets" for the staff at GRMC. Anything from chocolate to salty snacks (all individually wrapped please) or drinks. Even more notes of encouragement! If you would like to donate, either monetarily or any of the items for the baskets, **PLEASE bring them by the church by Tuesday, July 28th.** (Sunday would be a great time to do this)

COVID19 AND WORSHIP AT FAITH

COVID19 is again surging in Texas, including Guadalupe County and Seguin. **Faith has had four members with confirmed cases.** 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

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. August will be hygiene products. This week's update is **24 items** as of July 9.

THE SOUTH TEXAS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Social Concerns Team is sponsoring the Baby Bottle Campaign Drive for the South Texas Pregnancy Care Center. The primary mission of the center is to promote life for the unborn child and to offer support for the mother and child during pregnancy, birth, and the baby's early years. The fundraiser began on **Sunday, July 19, and will conclude on Sunday, August 9.** Baby bottles will be available in the narthex for Faith members to pick up and take home. If you are unable to pick one up and would like a bottle delivered to you, please leave your name with the church and a team member will deliver one to you. **Or you may make a check out to STPCC and mail it to the church.** We will include it in our campaign contribution. We thank all of you who give a monthly gift to support the pregnancy center. We encourage you to join other churches in the Seguin area by placing change, dollar bills, and/or checks (made out to STPCC) in the baby bottles to help support the services that the center provides. Services include pregnancy tests, sonograms, counseling, educational materials, prayers, newborn gift baskets, and slightly used baby items at no charge to clients. One hundred percent of the funds raised go directly to support the center's budget. The South Texas Pregnancy Care Center exists to offer hope to people who mistakenly believe abortion is their only option. Please return the bottles to the church no later than **Sunday, August 9,** and place them in the baskets in the narthex.

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 we hope to be many crosses! Hand-made or store bought, let's honor the cross of Jesus with a wall of crosses!

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

Sermon: *The Lordship of Jesus Christ!* (Foundations sermon series, part 5)

Big Idea: The Bible is very clear on this truth: only Jesus is worthy to be the Lord and Savior of your life!

Why is Jesus alone worthy to be your Lord and Savior?

1. He alone is both God and human!

Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' Acts 4

This truth tells us something critical about God –He knows and understands humanity!

God is not interested in a long-distance relationship with anyone! He desires closeness with you!

2. Jesus alone offered the Father a perfect life!

³ I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵ He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve.
I Corinthians 15

No matter how hard you try, no matter how good you are... you cannot perfect an imperfect heart!

You really have only one truthful choice: Let Jesus be your Lord and Savior!

3. Only Jesus has defeated sin, death and the evil one!

1 Corinthians 15:3-6

4. Only Jesus is Lord, only He can give you a relationship that lasts forever!

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me."

Interestingly, after the resurrection that disciples called Him 'Lord' (the Greek word "*Kurios*" that translates "*Yahweh*."