



## **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 2020**

*Serving us in worship today:*

*Jim Craver, Pastor; Chase White, Lay Reader; Kim Kauitzsch, Children's Church  
Annette Stout, LeAnne White 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 completes the sermon series *"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, the Bible as our foundation, the Inspiration of Scripture and the amazing grace of God. Today we focus on the key Bible teaching about the fear of the Lord. Fearing God is not living in terror, but fear shaped by the love God has for all people.

The key scripture we will focus on is Psalm 34: 8-9: *<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him! <sup>9</sup> Fear the Lord, you His godly people, for those who fear Him will have all they need.*

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

### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OPENING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"** *WOV # 699*  
*(Children meet at Bell tower for Children's Church)*

1) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

2) Perfect submission, perfect delight,

visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3) Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

## **INVOCATION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS:**

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have placed other gods before You. We have failed to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. We humbly ask that, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*Pastor announces forgiveness in Christ Jesus*

## **HYMN OF PRAISE: "Lord God, Heavenly King, ...." Pg. 80 LBW**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
Receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen

*Please be seated.*

## **READING FROM GOD'S HOLY WORD: Psalm 34: 7-15**

A: Our reading from the Word of God is from the Psalm 34: 7-15. In the Psalm, King David praises God for His character and reminds God's people to fear and respect God and His holiness. Today Pastor will focus on the fear of the Lord.

**<sup>7</sup> For The Angel of the Lord is a guard; He surrounds and defends all who fear Him. <sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!**

<sup>9</sup> Fear the Lord, you His godly people, for those who fear Him will have all they need.

<sup>10</sup> Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.

<sup>11</sup> Come, my children, and listen to me, and I will teach you to fear the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous?

<sup>13</sup> Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies!

<sup>14</sup> Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; His ears are open to their cries for help.

A: Here ends the readings.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Stand in Your Love"***

### *Verse 1*

When darkness tries to roll over my bones  
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own  
When brokenness and pain is all I know  
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

### *Chorus*

My fear doesn't stand a chance  
When I stand in Your love (3x)

### *Verse 2*

Shame no longer has a place to hide  
I am not a captive to the lies  
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind  
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken (*Chorus*)

### *Bridge*

There's power that can break off every chain  
There's power that can empty out a grave  
There's resurrection power that can save  
There's power in Your name power in Your name (*Chorus*)

Standing in Your love

**SERMON: *"Fearing the Lord!"***

**Pastor Jim**

*(Please see sermon notes on back of bulletin)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY:** *"Create In Me A Clean Heart..." Pg. 96 LBW*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

### **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**

#### **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Jim**

P: May the Lord go before you to lead you, behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, beneath you to uphold you, above you to protect you, within you to inspire you.

**CLOSING 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*

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 Jud and Jody Alexander in thankfulness for their many blessings.

## **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by Mark and Gail Herbold in celebration of their 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Ronnie and Linda Foreman's 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## **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	Debbie Lehmann	

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Month to Date (August): **\$10,529.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$313,692.76**  
(2020 budgeted offerings is **\$549,000**)

## **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. 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

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LWR SCHOOL KITS:**

This is the time of the year when people start thinking of school and school supplies. The stores have their shelves full of school supplies and the sales are on. So please remember to support the Women of Faith in providing school kits for Lutheran World Relief. In 2019, Charity Circle packed 151 school kits. We could not have done it without the contributions of school supplies by the members of Faith. Here is a listing of the school supplies needed for each kit:

- 4 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled)
- 1 30 cm ruler with inches on other side
- 1 2 1/2" eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ball point pens (no gel pens)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

Please place any school supplies in the bins/tubs in the little kitchen. Thanks for your help and support in this worthwhile project.

## **MEN OF FAITH**

Will be restarting their Bible Study/Breakfast meetings on Saturday, August 22, 8:30 - 9.45 AM. The meeting will take place in our Activity Center and will include a prepared breakfast. Pastor Jim will lead the Bible study. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place. Please join us!

## **COUNCIL CORNER**

The Church Council highlights did not make the August newsletter, so here are the approved discussion items from the July meeting:

Council approved the following:

- The donation of a water fountain in the garden area from Melvin Boelter.
- Discontinue babysitters for church services temporarily.
- Replace an air handler unit above the activity center using funds from the dedicated equipment repair funds.
- Updating QuickBooks and Microsoft Works

## **CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD**

Thank you for those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. August items are personal hygiene products. This includes things like shampoo, body wash, deodorant, and toothpaste. This week's update is **62 items** as of August 5.

## **STPCC BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

We would like to close this campaign this week. A reminder that we would like to have ALL Baby Bottles returned, whether you were able to contribute or not, during **this next week**. Call the church office if you need someone to pick up your bottle. We'd like to thank everyone for your continued generosity in contributing to the center.

## **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.fithsequin.org](http://www.fithsequin.org). See the Israel Trip tab, or contact Pastor Jim.

## Sermon: *Fearing the Lord!* (Foundations sermon series, part 7)

Big Idea: Rightly understood, the fear of the Lord leads us to His mercy!

### 1. What does *"Fear the Lord, you His godly people"* mean? Psalm 34:9

By reading the Bible you will notice many different types of fear of the Lord.  
Adam...Moses...Mount Sinai...Isaiah...

### 2. Fearing God is more than simply awe and reverence!

Most folks would say fearing God means having a sense of awe and reverence toward Him and in worship. However, Isaiah says something more (as do many other places in the Bible)

*"Make the Lord of Heaven's Armies holy in your life. He is the one you should fear.*

*He is the one who should make you tremble."* Isaiah 8:13

"[t]he self-assurance of modern Christians, the basic levity present in so many of our religious gatherings, the shocking disrespect shown for the Person of God, are evidence enough of deep blindness of heart. Many call themselves by the name of Christ, talk much about God, and pray to Him sometimes, but evidently do not know who He is. "The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life," but this healing fear is today hardly found among Christian men."

— A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy* (1950)

The New Testament describes Jesus as a Lamb, and a lion (Revelation 5:5)!

### 3. Rightly understood, the fear of the Lord is healthy and restraining.

Why does the Bible tell us to fear God? The answer is captured in Exodus 20:20. Moses tells the people, *"Don't be afraid,"* *Moses answered them, "for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!"*

*"But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear Him. His salvation extends to the children's children of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!"* Psalm 103:17-18