



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 2020

Serving us in worship today:

*Andrew Cave, Message; Mike Andrews, Lay Reader
Annette Stout, Andrew Cave & LeAnne White, Music;
Amanda Serold, Children's Church*

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!

Youth Director Andrew Cave will be delivering the message today as we focus on God being an ever present presence in our lives.

"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. Romans 8:11"

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

Mike Andrews

OPENING HYMN: *"Better is One Day"*

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Repeat)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty

To find You in the place
Your glory dwells (to Chorus 2x)

Bridge
My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You (to Chorus 2x)

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BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

A: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: *If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness. (1 John 1: 8-9, NLT)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

A: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

A: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *"This is the Feast.."* pg. 81 LBW

P: This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory of our God, for the Lamb who slain
Has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12: 1-9 The Call of Abram

"The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. ⁵ He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.

⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants.[a]" And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the Lord, and he worshiped the Lord. ⁹ Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: JOB 1: 13-22 – The Suffering of Job

¹³ One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴ a messenger arrived at Job's home with this news: "Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them, ¹⁵ when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

¹⁷ While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news: "Three bands of Chaldean raiders have stolen your camels and killed your servants. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "Your sons and daughters were feasting in their oldest brother's home. ¹⁹ Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

²⁰ Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. ²¹ He said, "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be naked when I leave. The LORD gave me what I had, and the LORD has taken it away. Praise the name of the LORD!" ²² In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.

A: Here ends the reading.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: ROMANS 8: 31-39

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: Here ends the reading.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"* WOVS 752

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

SERMON: *"With Us, For Us, In Us"*

Andrew Cave

Please see sermon notes on back of bulletin.

OFFERTORY: *"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL..."* (LBW Pg. 86)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION with THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

Andrew Cave

CLOSING HYMN: *"On Our Way Rejoicing"* LBW 260

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

(DRIVE UP Communion at 9:30 for those unable to come to worship in person)

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

This week has been sponsored to the glory of God by Ed and Joyce Engelhardt In gratefulness for blessings of 60 years of marriage on August 14, for His many provisions during this time, and certainly for sharing God's word to listeners.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Pat Bodine in celebration of her daughter M'Liss Harrington's birthday on August 8!

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): **\$19,009.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$322,172.76**
(2020 budgeted offerings is **\$549,000**)

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of John M. Nash III, father of John "Bubba" Nash IV. Mr. Nash passed through death into eternal life on Saturday, August 8. A public celebration is planned for a later date. Please keep John and the rest of his family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

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 basket located in the narthex. 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!

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to 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.

LWR DONATIONS DESTROYED

According to a news story from Lutheran World Relief, three 40-foot shipping containers filled with humanitarian aid that included thousands of handmade quilts and kits were destroyed in the devastating August 4 explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon. The total value of the lost shipments was approximately \$624,000 and included 22,000 handmade quilts, 100 cartons of school supply kits, 300 cartons of personal care kits and 125 cartons of baby care kits. The quilts and kits from Faith are scheduled to be shipped this fall, and the ladies are accepting donations now for the school supply and health kits. If you would like to help LWR, you can visit <https://lwr.org/beirut> or Faith will be collecting a special monetary offering until the end of August to send to help replace and give aid to refugees living in Lebanon, principally from Syria and the Palestinian territories.

"With us, for us, in us" **Sermon Notes**

Notes

Trials are a part of the life of every believer.

Abram, Joseph & Job all experienced tremendous uncertainties in their lives.

God had a plan in all of their trials, even when they didn't see it.

God of the Rearview Mirror

Look back at God's Faithfulness in scripture and in your own life for confidence in your life today. God is never-changing and His love is never-ending! His people may experience hardships, but He always has a plan and works for the good.

Things we can count on!

- God is with us

Matthew 1: 23

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

- God is for us

Romans 8: 31

If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

- God is in us

Romans 8:11

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.