



***Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost* October 4, 2020**

Serving us in worship today:

Message: Mike Andrews; Lay Reader: Emma Jean Becker;

Music: Annette Stout, LeAnne White;

Children's Church:

First Communion Admission: Andrew Cave, Lisa Owen;

Ushers: Jesse Atzger, Fred Blumberg, David Moltz, Bryan Terp

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!

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

Children's Church, for ages pre-K through third grade, will meet their leader during the hymn of the day. *Please keep your mask on during the service and as you are ushered out.* We ask that you join in fellowship OUTSIDE and do not congregate in the Narthex before or following the service.

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Chase White

Please stand as you able.

OPENING HYMN: "*Blessed Assurance*"

1) Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus

This is 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

3) Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love *(Chorus)*

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.

You may be seated.

JOYFUL NOISE: "This Little Light of Mine"

FIRST READING: PSALM 147:1-6

¹ Praise the Lord!

How good to sing praises to our God!

How delightful and how fitting!

² The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem
and bringing the exiles back to Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted
and bandages their wounds.

⁴ He counts the stars

and calls them all by name.

- ⁵ How great is our Lord! His power is absolute!
His understanding is beyond comprehension!
⁶ The Lord supports the humble,
but he brings the wicked down into the dust.

A: Here ends the reading.

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 16:31-33

³¹ Jesus asked, "Do you finally believe?" ³² But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. ³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Am the Bread of Life" Vs. 1 & 5

(Children meet for Children's Church)

1) "I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
Unless the father beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day."

5) Yes, Lord, I believe
That you are the Christ,
The Son of God,
Who has come into the world. *Refrain*

MESSAGE

Mike Andrews

OFFERTORY: *"Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful..."* (LBW Pg. 86)

♪ Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them the prayers we offer. Grace our table
with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come. ♪

ADMISSION TO FIRST COMMUNION

L: The following young people have been instructed and approved by the ministry team of Faith Lutheran Church and are now presented for admission to Holy Communion:

Rylee Flippin
Addison Seidel

L: In Holy Baptism these young people were received into the family of the church and accepted by Christ as His own. As a gift of His love, our Lord Jesus Christ gave His church His Holy Supper and invited His own to receive this sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins, as He said: "Do this is remembrance of me." Now these young people have learned what Christ has done for them and the gift that is being offered them. They know the joy of being loved and accepted by Him. They are eager to say thank you by sharing the love they have received. Therefore, as members of the family, they are now ready to receive the Lord's Supper:

L: Let us all confess the faith of the Church:

All: 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.

L: Do you believe that in Holy Baptism God accepted you as His child?

Children: I believe

L: Do you believe that you should share in the Lord's Supper with joy because in it Christ comes to you, forgives you sin, and strengthens you to trust Him and to love one another?

Children: I believe

L: You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Supper. You will have to continue to learn so that you may better understand and live in the Christian faith. You will want to come to the Lord's Supper as often as you can. When you are old enough, you will be confirmed and take a more active part in the Church and its work. All this will help you to live as God wants you to live as His own baptized child.

So I ask you: Do you promise to do this, knowing that God will help you?

Children: I do, with the help of God

L: By the authority of Christ and the church, I now invite you young people to the Lord's Table to receive with us His gracious presence in this sacrament.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION with THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

Andrew Cave

CLOSING HYMN: *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

1) Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended,
Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action For God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

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

C: Thanks be to God!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Faith Lutheran Church.

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

This week has been sponsored to the glory of God by Melvin Boelter in thankfulness of our many blessings.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Month to Date (September): \$28,004.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$369,699.91
(2020 budgeted offerings is \$549,000)

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	Ronnie Foreman
Dorothy Burris		

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

(COVID safety protocols are followed at all church events)

Monday, Oct. 5	Preschool Board Mtg.	6:30 PM (AC)
Tuesday, Oct. 5	Committee Meetings	7:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday, Oct. 6	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, Oct. 6	Joyful Noise	6:00-6:30 PM (Choir Rm)
Wednesday, Oct. 6	Hand Bells	6:00 PM (Sanct.)
Wednesday, Oct. 6	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (Sanct.)

NEW WORSHIP UPDATE

Beginning Sunday, October 4, **we will go back to our ONE SERVICE at 9:00 AM schedule.** COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed, including wearing a face covering and taking temperatures at the door. Children’s Church will take place during the sermon. (For approximately 20-25 minutes)

SUNDAY SCHOOL and CHILDREN’S CHURCH LEADERS

Our Children’s Ministry team is looking for **Sunday school teachers** for our Pre K – Kindergarten **and for volunteers to lead Children’s Church occasionally.** Please let Lisa Owen know if you would like to help out in this important ministry.

FLOWERS and WORDS OF FAITH CHART

The following dates are open on our 2020 Altar Flower and WOF sponsor chart. If you would like to provide flowers or sponsor any of these dates, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the communications office.

FLOWERS: October 18th and 25th; November 15th and 22nd; December 6th, 20th, and 27th.

WOF: October 11th, and 18th; November 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th; December 6th and 13th.

PRESCHOOL POSITION NEEDED

Our Mother's Morning Out 2 year old class is seeking a Lead Teacher. The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings each week. (approximately 8 hours a week) Child care experience is required. Please see or call Sharon Stollewerk for more details. 379-7074

GOLF CARTS NEEDED

The National Via De Cristo Gathering will be held here in Seguin at TLU in July of 2021, and many plans need to be made in advance. They are in need of several 4-6 passenger golf carts to be used to transport guests with mobile issues to and from events around campus. If you have a 4-6 passenger cart that you would consider loaning them for a weekend, please contact Doris Engelhardt at 830-303-9999.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The October items are pasta and pasta sauce/kits. This week's update is **6 items** as of September 29.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Faith is once again hosting a community Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 25**, from **4:00 – 6:00 PM** in the west side parking lot. We are asking for help from our congregation by donating bags of candy to distribute and/or signing up to host a "Trunk." This has been a wonderful ministry the last two years, and we hope you find in your heart to help us continue to share with our members and the community! Please see Andrew or Lisa for more details!



GVCCC ANNUAL BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

The Christian Counseling Center really needs your support. The annual BBQ Fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, October 25**, from **10:00 AM -1:00 PM**. Due to COVID safety concerns, the Board of Directors have decided to hold a **DRIVE THROUGH only event this year**. Bar-B-Que **Chicken Halves** will be sold for **\$8.00** each and can be picked up via a drive through in the alley behind Faith Lutheran. This is the perfect time to stock up for a family or small group get together! You can even stock your freezer for chicken spaghetti, King Ranch Casserole, or chicken salad! Tickets are available from Janet Wolber, B. J. Chambers, the church office or at Parker's City Pharmacy's drive through window. The Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center appreciates your support!

