



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2020

Serving us in worship today:

Pastor Don Ofsdahl, Sermon; Tim Bogisch, Lay Reader;

Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze, Chase White, Jud Alexander, Ushers;

Lisa Owen, Children's Church; Annette Stout, LeAnne White 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!

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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Andrew Cave

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN: "God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord" Verses 1 & 2

1) God of our life, all-glorious Lord,
be now and evermore adored!
Into the op'ning of this day
bring grace and love and peace, we pray.

2) Make clear our path, that we may see
where we must walk to be with thee
and ever listen for thy voice,
that we may make thy way our choice.

BREIF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

L If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L Most merciful God,

C Have mercy on us we confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen

L With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - men.

Please be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC – Handbell Choir: *"I'm Just a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger"*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ In Jerusalem, the Lord of Heaven's Armies
will spread a wonderful feast
for all the people of the world.

It will be a delicious banquet
with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat.

⁷ There he will remove the cloud of gloom,
the shadow of death that hangs over the earth.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever!
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears.
He will remove forever all insults and mockery
against his land and people.
The Lord has spoken!

⁹ In that day the people will proclaim,
"This is our God!
We trusted in him, and he saved us!
This is the Lord, in whom we trusted.
Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!"

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-13

⁴ Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵ Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. ⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of

praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. ¹¹ Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. ¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

A: Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus also told them other parables. He said, ² "The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. ³ When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come!

⁴ "So he sent other servants to tell them, 'The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!' ⁵ But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. ⁶ Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them.

⁷ "The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town. ⁸ And he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren't worthy of the honor. ⁹ Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.' ¹⁰ So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to meet the guests, he noticed a man who wasn't wearing the proper clothes for a wedding. ¹² 'Friend,' he asked, 'how is it that you are here without wedding clothes?' But the man had no reply. ¹³ Then the king said to his aides, 'Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are called, but few are chosen."

A: The gospel of the Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

(Children meet for Children's Church)

Verse 1

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, by now am found,
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My Chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

SERMON:

Pastor Don Ofsdahl

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

Please stand as you are able.

♪ 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. ♪

L: Let us pray. Most merciful God,

C: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

CLOSING HYMN: *"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"*

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

 Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

P: 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 Andrew and Kelli Cave in thankfulness for their many blessings and in celebration of Reagan's 1st birthday.

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

This week has been sponsored to the glory of God by Stan and Nancy Wieding in thankfulness for their many blessings.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Month to Date (October): \$15,777.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$385,810.97
(2020 budgeted offerings is \$549,000)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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| 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 | Donald Jackson | |

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

(COVID safety protocols are followed at all church events)

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| Tuesday, Oct. 13 | Men's Breakfast/Bible Study | 7:30 AM (AC) |
| Tuesday, Oct. 14 | Staff Mtg. | 9:00 AM |
| Tuesday, Oct. 13 | Church Council | 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday, Oct. 14 | FLY | 6:00-8:00 PM (LEC) |
| Wednesday, Oct. 14 | Joyful Noise | 6:00-6:30 PM (Choir Rm) |
| Wednesday, Oct. 14 | Hand Bells | 6:00 PM (Sanct.) |
| Wednesday, Oct. 14 | Chancel Singers | 7:00 PM (Sanct.) |
| Thursday, Oct. 15 | Hope Circle | 2:00 PM (AC) |

NEW WORSHIP UPDATE

We have gone back to our regular worship schedule of ONE service at 9:00 AM. 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 18th; November 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th; December 6th and 13th.

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 **14 items** as of October 8.

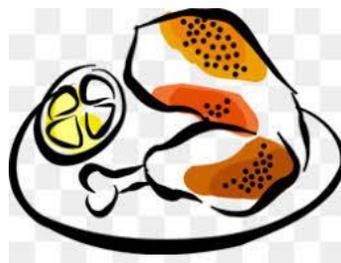


TRUNK OR TREAT

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!



PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool staff would like to thank all of the volunteers who have provided snacks for our little ones over the years. Because of the preschool's increased enrollment and food and nutrition guidelines we have to follow, the preschool committee has decided to ask not only for snack contributions, but monetary contributions as well. The staff would then use the contributions to purchase the needed food items. We feel the staff is better equipped to know the quantities, brands, and sizes of the specific items needed.

If you would like to help our preschool, we would like you to check the option you prefer below, and return the form to the church office or to Sharon Stollewerk at the preschool. Thank you in advance for always supporting this wonderful ministry!

_____ I would prefer to purchase and contribute needed snack items *as specified* by the preschool director. (379-7074)

_____ I would prefer to make a monetary donation for the purchase of needed snack items for the preschool.

Name _____
(Please print)