



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 2020

Serving us in worship today:

Message: Chris Meyer; Lay Reader: Gail Herbold

Music: Annette Stout, Andrew Cave, Cole Formwalt;

Children's Church: Lisa Owen

Ushers: Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, Matt Sherwood;

AV: Andrew Kuehne. Roxanne Heckmann

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, wearing your face covering at all times, 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.

Prelude: *Special Music*

Andrew Cave and Cole Formwalt

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Tim Bogisch

Please stand as you able.

OPENING HYMN: *"This is Amazing Grace"* Video and Lyrics on Screen

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"You are My King"*

Joyful Noise

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸What sorrow awaits you who say,
"If only the day of the LORD were here!"

You have no idea what you are wishing for.

That day will bring darkness, not light.

¹⁹In that day you will be like a man who runs from a lion—
only to meet a bear.

Escaping from the bear, he leans his hand against a wall in his house—
and he's bitten by a snake.

²⁰Yes, the day of the LORD will be dark and hopeless,
without a ray of joy or hope.

²¹"I hate all your show and pretense—
the hypocrisy of your religious festivals and solemn assemblies.

²²I will not accept your burnt offerings and grain offerings.

I won't even notice all your choice peace offerings.

²³Away with your noisy hymns of praise!

I will not listen to the music of your harps.

²⁴ Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice,
an endless river of righteous living.

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. ¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words.

A: Here ends the reading.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, ⁴ but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. ⁵ When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ "At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!' "All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. ⁸ Then the five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' ⁹ "But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.'

¹⁰ "But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. ¹¹ Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!'

¹² "But he called back, 'Believe me, I don't know you!'

¹³ "So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return."

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

You may be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Great are You Lord"*

(Children meet for Children's Church)

1) You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

Chorus

It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

2) You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord *(Chorus 2x)*

And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord *(2x) (Chorus 2x)*

SERMON

Chris Meyer

OFFERTORY: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart..."* (LBW Pg. 96)

♪ 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. ♪

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Chris Meyer

CLOSING HYMN: *"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"* WOVS #781 Verses 1 & 4

1) My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

4) The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

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 David and Betty Moltz in thankfulness for their many blessings.

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

This week is sponsored by Willie and Brenda Bloch for as Romans 10 tells us: *13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?*

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Month to Date (November): **\$9,634.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$416,546.66**
(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	Pat Sagebiel	Debbie Lehmann
Dorothy Burris	Donald Jackson	Robert Vogel
Charlie Koehler	Lisa Owen	Tootsie Rodgers
Willie Bloch	Sandy Wille	Julie Gellert

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

(COVID safety protocols are followed at all church events)

Tuesday, Nov. 10	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Nov. 10	Staff Mtg.	1:30 PM (Kit)
Wednesday, Nov. 11	Sewing (Quilters)	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, Nov. 11	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, Nov. 11	Joyful Noise	6:00-6:30 PM (Choir Rm)
Wednesday, Nov. 11	Hand Bells	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, Nov. 11	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (Sanc.)
Saturday, Nov. 14	Decorate Altar/Pews	9:00 AM

ENDOWMENT FUND APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The Endowment Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the distribution of the 2020 Endowment Fund earnings. Applications can be picked up in the church office or can be found at www.faihseguin.org. These applications must be completed and returned to the office in a sealed envelope **by December 4, 2020**. If delivered or mailed, please indicate the contents of the envelope on the outside.

HELP DECORATING FOR THANKSGIVING

The Worship Committee and Women of Faith invite anyone who would like to help decorate the altar/sanctuary for Thanksgiving and place the quilts out for display to join them on **Saturday, November 14th, at 9:00 AM** in the sanctuary. If you have decorative items you would like to lend, please bring them to the church before Friday, November 13th.

The un-decorating will take place on **Saturday, November 28th, at 9:00 AM**.

SALVATION ARMY KICKS OFF BELL RINGING CAMPAIGN

Once again, as in past years, Faith members are called upon to participate in the annual local Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. The Guadalupe County/Seguin unit is known locally as the “go to” resource for offering financial assistance with utility bills and rent, temporary housing, and disaster relief. **There are two sign-up sheets located in the narthex, one for Thursday, December 10th, and one for Thursday, December 17th.** Locations for these bell ringing days will be the Market entrance of the Seguin Walmart on the 10th and the Home and Pharmacy entrance on the 17th. Hours for Faith are from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM on the 10th and 9:00 AM—9:00 PM on the 17th. The Salvation Army will provide all the personnel protective equipment that is deemed important: gloves, masks, sanitizing wipes, hand sanitizers, etc. They also are making movable full body shields that volunteers can choose to use. Aprons will not be used this year. Please consider giving a gift of your time this holiday season and volunteer for a two-hour time slot. For more information, contact Bryan Terp or any member of the Social Concerns Committee.

FLOWERS and WORDS OF FAITH CHART

The following dates are open on our 2020 Altar Flower sponsor chart. If you would like to provide flowers on 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:** December 27th.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The November items are beans. Any variety or brand. This week’s update is **117 items** as of October 26.

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.**

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) (Prepackaged snack items/bags or cans of fruit etc.) You may drop off at preschool at your convenience.

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

Name _____

(Please print)