



Sunday, January 10, 2021

*Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Bryan Terp; Music: Annette Stout, LeAnne White;
Children's Church: Laline Jensen, Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, John
Kuempel, and Matt Sherwood. AV: Andrew Kuehne, Tim Bogisch*

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.

WELCOME

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" LBW 551 Verses 1 & 3

Please Stand

- 1) Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 3) Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,

all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

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

C: Amen.

P: 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.

P: *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.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess 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 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.

P: 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 – “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 ♪

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Philippians 1:1-11 (ESV)

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Acts 16:11-15 (ESV)

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

A: Here ends the reading

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:12-17 (ESV)

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

You may be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Blessings"

(Children meet for Children's Church)

1) We pray for blessings
We pray for peace comfort for family
Protection while we sleep
We pray for healing for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand To ease our suffering
And all the while You hear each spoken need
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

Chorus

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
And what if trials of this life
Are Your mercies in disguise

2) We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness, We doubt Your love
As if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough
And all the while You hear each desp'rate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe *(Chorus)*

Bridge
When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win
We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not, this is not our home
It's not our home

Chorus 2
'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is a revealing of a greater thirst
This world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life
The rain the storms the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise

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SERMON *"An Attitude of Gratitude"*

Pastor Mayer

OFFERTORY: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"...* pg. 96 LBW

P: Blessed be the Lord our God of all faithfulness. By your grace we receive all that we need, and in this abundance may we faithfully share with all in good stewardship, this that you have first given us. Receive this offering to the glory of your Holiness and the work of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

C: ♪ **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. ♪

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God,

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

CLOSING HYMN: *"From All that Dwell below the Skies"* LBW 550

1) From all that dwell below the skies
Let the creator's praise arise;
Let the redeemer's name be sun
Through ev'ry land, in ev'ry tongue.

2) Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends your Word;
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

BENEDICTION

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 Stan and Nancy Wieding in thankfulness of their many blessings.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Month to Date (January): \$5709.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$5709.00
(2021 budgeted offerings is \$_____)

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	Steve Foerster	Tootsie Rodgers
Willie Bloch	Sandy Wille	Ronnie Glenewinkel
Marcus Jahns	Harold Bogisch	Jonathan Edwards

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

(COVID safety protocols are followed at all church events)

Tuesday, Jan. 12	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Jan. 12	Staff Mtg.	1:30 PM (Kit)
Tuesday, Jan. 12	Council Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 13	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Faith will be holding our annual **Commitment Sunday on January 24, 2020**. We are all asked to remember to *be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus* (1 Thessalonians 5:18) as we commit to giving back of our time, our talents and our treasure. Pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets have been mailed to members. Extra copies may be found on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, January 24**. The Nominating Committee has submitted the names of the following people as candidates for election to the Church Council to be voted on at this meeting. The three candidates are **Tim Bogisch, Fran Braun, and Brad Flippin**.

HOSPITALITY CART HELP

Faith is in need for volunteers to help with the hospitality cart on Sunday Mornings. There are several ways in which you can help. Would you be willing to provide 2½ - 3 dozen cookies (homemade or bought)? Would you like to help serve? We are trying to stay Covid friendly but need some people to extend a helping hand. It would also help if someone would like to arrive right before 8:00 am to make the coffee on one Sunday a month. There would be help in putting the cart together. If any of this interests you, please call Katherine Biediger (210-326-3399) to volunteer.

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE DIRECTOR POSITION

Faith Lutheran Church is seeking an educational director who is energetic, passionate, and committed to excellence for the preschool program. He/she should possess a Bachelor's Degree in Education, have previous teaching experience, organizational and communication skills, and a strong ethical code. The start date for this position is June 1, 2021. Applications are available in the church office along with a detailed job description. Please contact Preschool Board members Stan Wieding, Cody Goetz, or Kim Kautzsch for more information.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

Registration for the Fall 2021-22 school year begins this month for all currently enrolled students and church members. A \$150 deposit will secure a spot for your child. Contact Sharon Stollewerk at 830-379-7074.

FLOWERS AND WOF SIGN UP for 2021

The 2021 Altar Flower Chart and the Words of Faith Chart are posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices. If you would like to provide flowers or sponsor our radio broadcast during the year, please remember to sign up for the Sunday of your choice as soon as possible.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The January item is **SOUP**, any variety or brand.