



Sunday, January 24, 2021

*Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Tim Bogisch; Music: Annette Stout, LeAnne White;
Children's Church: Rose Mary Ermel; Ushers: Ed Engelhardt, Missy Sagebiel,
Pat Sagebiel, Brandon Westerholm, and Ben Weise;
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.

WELCOME

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)" WOVS 718 Verses 1 & 4

Please Stand.

(Please see next page.)



Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

♪ 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: Proverbs 3:5-8; 4:1-6; 9:10 (ESV)

3 ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

⁷Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

⁸It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

4 Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain insight,

²for I give you good precepts;
do not forsake my teaching.

³When I was a son with my father,
tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,

⁴he taught me and said to me,

"Let your heart hold fast my words;
keep my commandments, and live.

⁵Get wisdom; get insight;
do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

⁶Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;
love her, and she will guard you.

9 ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1: 19-26 (ESV)

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and

continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

A: Here ends the reading

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8: 34-38

(ESV)

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

You may be seated.

(Children meet for Children's Church)

HYMN OF THE DAY: "In Christ Alone" Verses 1 & 2

1) In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2) In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

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: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" WOV 723 Verses 1 & 4

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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 Joan and Ron Vanbeek in thankfulness of a blessed 86 years of life for Joan as she is celebrating her birthday today!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on 1/17 – 97. Month to Date (January): \$18,407.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$18,407.00. 2021 budgeted offerings is \$_____)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Kathy Ersch
Kelton Lange	Dot Day	Gladys Fruehling
Teresa Kiel	Pat Sagebiel	Debbie Lehmann
Dorothy Burris	Donald Jackson	Robert Vogel
Charlie Koehler	Steve Foerster	Tootsie Rodgers
Jo Ann Lange	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. 26	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Jan. 26	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM (Kit)
Wednesday, Jan. 27	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm)
Wednesday, Jan. 27	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 27	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, Jan. 27	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (Sanc.)

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Faith will be holding our annual **Commitment Sunday TODAY**. 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 will be presented/turned in today. Extra copies may be found on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship **TODAY**. 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**.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

For the family of Delbert "Del" Schlueter. Del was a former, long time Faith member and passed through death into eternal life on Wednesday, January 20 here in Seguin. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Joyful Noise is Faith's music group for our young people in ages K-8. They create joyful noises by singing and playing different musical instruments! All children are welcome to come join us! We meet in the choir room (LEC) on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:30.

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. Total number of items collected as of 1/18 is 151.