



Sunday, January 31, 2021

Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;

Lay Reader: Fran Braun; Music: Annette Stout;

Children's Church: Sharon Stollewerk; Ushers: Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze,
Chase White and Jud Alexander; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Roxanne, Matt Fransen

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 and PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: *"Awake O Sleeper"* WOV 745 Vs. 1, 3 & 4

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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

A: This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia.

C: ♪ Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain,
 Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
 Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
 and honor and blessing and glory are his.

 This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

 Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might Be to God and Lamb forever. Amen.

 This is the feast of victory of our God, for the Lamb who slain

 Has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-22

The Lord informed Moses of the coming of the Messiah. From the time this was first spoken, the people of God were in anticipation of His coming. We know the fulfillment of this prophecy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Moses writes:

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' ²¹ And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'— ²² when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken;

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:27-2:4

The church at Philippi was the first congregation to form in Macedonia as is recorded in the Book of Acts. It was a Roman Colony named after the father of Alexander the Great. It was known as "Little Rome," populated mostly by former Roman soldiers. There was no Jewish presence, but being on the "Roman Highway," it was a major trade center hosting visitors from all the Roman world. Paul hopes to return there in his journeys and, therefore, encourages them in their new Christian life. Paul writes:

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by

being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

A: Here ends the reading

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

(ESV)

Mark served as scribe for the Apostle Peter when he was in Rome. According to Eusebius, who wrote "The History of the Church" around 321AD, Mark would record Peter's sermons, and these are what we credit today as "The Gospel of Mark." This record illustrates Jesus' divine power – He is the Lord of all. Mark records:

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "**Be silent, and come out of him!**" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

You may be seated.

Children's Church with Blessing

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Good, Good Father"

Please see screen for lyrics

SERMON "Gospel Worthiness"

Pastor Bailey

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards be fruitful"* pg. 86 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: ♪ 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 with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come. ♪

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

CLOSING HYMN: *"Lift High the Cross"* LBW 377 Vs. 1 & 5

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1) Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

5) So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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 Melvin Boelter in loving memory of his lovely wife Donna.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on 1/24 – 126. Month to Date (January): **\$26,592.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$26,592.00** 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, Feb. 2	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM (Kit)
Tuesday, Feb. 2	Confirmation Banquet Comm.	6:00 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 2	Exec. Council	6:30 PM (Kit)
Tuesday, Feb. 2	Committee Mtgs.	7:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday, Feb. 3	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 3	Joyful Noise	6:00-6:30 (Choir Rm)
Wednesday, Feb. 3	Hand Bells and Chancel Singers	6:00 and 7:00 (Sanc.)

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**.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY

Our Pre-School through 5th graders will resume their Sunday School classes in the Education wing today while the **Adult Sunday School classes will begin next Sunday, February 7**.

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 159.

JAM FISHING TRIP

During Sunday School on February 21st, the children will be studying the story in John 6:1-15 about the little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus. An amazing thing happened to those loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus fed thousands of people. After Sunday School, the children and their families are invited to a picnic lunch here at church to be followed by a fishing trip to the Koehler pond. If you love Jesus, like to fish, and want to join us on February 21st, please contact Andrew or Lisa.

SOUPer Bowl of Caring
Sunday, February 7, 2021

We encourage you to wear your favorite sport team's jersey or colors to church next week!

(Little League/HS/College/NBA/MBA/NFL etc.)

It's Super Bowl Sunday, and we would like to celebrate by donating a bunch of soup to the Christian Cupboard.

All you need to do to participate and help out with the SOUPer BOWL OF CARING is to bring some cans of soup with you to worship next Sunday! *(Monetary donations will be accepted as well.)*

While we might all watch "the game" that afternoon, this is a way to go "the full nine yards," by serving God while serving those in need.

