



Sunday, February 7, 2021

Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Mike Andrews; Music: Annette Stout, Andrew Cave, Cole Formwalt, LeAnne
White; Children's Church: Lisa Owen; Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Bryan Terp;
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.

PRELUDE

Annette Stout, Andrew Cave and
Cole Formwalt

WELCOME and PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: "I, The Lord of Sea and Sky" WOVS 752 Verses 1 & 3

1) "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3) "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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.

JOYFUL NOISE - *"Make a Joyful Noise"*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 57:14-19

The Old Testament book of Isaiah extends over the time of 4 kings of Judah, Uzziah through the time of Hezekiah, or between the times of the Assyria conquest of Israel in the north to the prophecy of the return of Judah from their Babylonian captivity. The prophecy of Isaiah exposes the idolatry of Judah, the judgment of the Lord on their sins but also the promise of redemption and hope in the Messiah, the son of David, to come. The word of the Lord given to Isaiah:

¹⁴And it shall be said,

"Build up, build up, prepare the way,

remove every obstruction from my people's way."

¹⁵For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,

who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

"I dwell in the high and holy place,

and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,

to revive the spirit of the lowly,

and to revive the heart of the contrite.

¹⁶For I will not contend forever,

nor will I always be angry;

for the spirit would grow faint before me,

and the breath of life that I made.

¹⁷Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry,

I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,

but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.

¹⁸I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;

I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,

¹⁹ creating the fruit of the lips.

Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the LORD,

"and I will heal him.

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

In these verses from Paul's letter to the church in Phillipi, he affirms their faith and urges them to desire "the mind of Christ." These verses are believed to be a hymn of the early church. How beautiful are these verses that open our understanding of Christ Jesus the Lord. Paul writes:

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A: Here ends the reading

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:28-30

(ESV)

Matthew is credited by the early church writings to be the first Gospel account. Only later criticism of the 19th century disputed this on literary grounds. That aside, Matthew presents Jesus as truly our “Immanuel,” or as interpreted “God with us.” He is the one prophesied by Moses and the prophets of old; he is the fulfillment of God’s plan of salvation. Matthew records the words of Jesus:

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH WITH BLESSING

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“How Great Thou Art”*

1) Oh Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed

Refrain

Then sings my soul
My Saviour, God, to Thee
How great thou art
How great thou art
Then sings my soul
My Saviour, God, to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

4) When Christ shall come,
With shout of acclamation,
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim,

"My god, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

SERMON

Pastor Mayer

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: *"Let us Talents and Tongues Employ"* WOV 754 Vs 1 & 3

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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 for God's love and blessings.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on 1/31-126. Month to Date (January): **\$32,942.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$38,352.00** (2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**)

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	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. 9	Men's Bible Study/Brkfst.	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Feb. 9	Staff Mtg.	1:30 PM (Kit)
Tuesday, Feb. 9	Council Mtg.	6:30 PM (AC)
Wednesday, Feb. 10	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 10	Joyful Noise	6:00-6:30 (Choir Rm)
Wednesday, Feb. 10	Hand Bells and Chancel Singers	6:00 and 7:00 (Sanc.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY

Our Pre-School through 5th graders resumed their Sunday School last week, while all Adult classes will resume today.

PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LWR

Love Circle is preparing Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Nancy Wieding or Rose Mary Ermel. All items are being purchased in bulk online. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

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.

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 February item is **Canned Meats (Tuna, chicken, chili etc.)**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of 1/31 is 188.



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

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

(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.

