



Sunday, February 21, 2021

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jackson Rollie White

Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Bill Ermel; Music: Annette Stout, LeAnne White; Children's Church: Lisa Owen; Ushers: Mike Andrews, Willie Bloch, Paul Kalkwarf, and Robert Raetzsch;
AV: Andrew Kuehne, Diane Gwyther

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

WELCOME and PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress" LBW 229 Vs. 1 & 2

- 1) A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old evil foe,
sworn to work us woe,
with dread craft and might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2) No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,

whom God himself elected.
Ask who this may be:
Lord of hosts is he!
Jesus Christ, our Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

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: Numbers 13:1-3 & 16

Numbers is counted as one of the 5 books of Tora and credited to Moses. It gets its name because of the two census it records, but the Hebrew title is "In the Wilderness." Numbers records the time the Israelites journeyed from Sinai to the land of Canaan.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them." ³ So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran, according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the people of Israel.

¹⁶ These were the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua.

A: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 147 *To be read responsively*

Luther writes, Psalm 147 is a psalm of thanks for various kindnesses and mighty works of God...to all who thirst...He cares for us, especially those who trust in His goodness. The faithless do not have God's word nor would they heed it, they do not know God.

Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹ He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!

¹³ For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.

¹⁴ He makes peace in your borders;
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

¹⁵ He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.

¹⁶ He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.

¹⁷ He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;
who can stand before his cold?

¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.

¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.

²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules. Praise the LORD!

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:19-30

The Apostle Paul writes that he is sending Timothy and Epaphroditus to them and his hope to follow shortly. It is good for the church to have such disciples. The work of the Lord is the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Blessed are the feet of those who bring the good news. It is with this joy that the Apostle writes:

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of

Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. ²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

A: Here ends the reading

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:23-25

John wrote this Gospel at the end of the 1st century. This means that his readers knew all that we know, for all the letters of the Apostles were known, as well as the 3 other gospels. John writes to encourage the faith of believers and that all who read his account will come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that by believing may have life in his name. (John 20:31)

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WITH BLESSING

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"* WOV 770

1. "I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

2. "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

3. "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

4. "I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

SERMON: *"Cherished Champions with a Caveat"*

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – Jackson Rollie White

Pastor Introduction

Sponsors: I (*state your name*) present *Jackson Rollie White* to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

In Christian love we present *Jackson Rollie* for Holy Baptism.
Therefore, we promise to faithfully bring him to the services

of God's house, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, we promise to place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and share with him and teach him the Word of God, as the power of salvation through faith, that living in the covenant of this sacrament and in communion with the Church he may lead a Godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. In this we ask God to help and guide us in Jesus' name. Amen

Please stand as you are able.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask these who seek Baptism and all present to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in Jesus in which we baptize- Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

All: I do, with the help of God.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God?

All: I believe 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.**

You may be seated.

The Baptism

P: *Jackson Rollie White*, we baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of The Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Prayer

Blessing

Anointing

Baptismal Candle – The Light

Prayer of thankfulness (*Blessing of the parents and sponsors*)

Congregational Response

**All: We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.
Amen**

INSTALLATION and BLESSING of 2021 Church Council

Today we welcome and install into office our new church council members for 2021: Tim Bogisch – President; Fran Braun – Vice President; Emma Jean Becker – Secretary; Matt Sherwood – Treasurer; Chase White – Assistant Treasurer; Karl Boysen, Brad Flippin, Diane Ratliff, Joanne Shanafelt and Brandon Westerholm. Recording secretary is Karen Huff.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

CLOSING HYMN: “*On Our Way Rejoicing*” *LBW 260*

(Please see next page)

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

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 Tim and Joann Bogisch in celebration of granddaughter Madelyn's 1st birthday.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN

Have been given to the glory of God by Richard and Sherrie White and Roxanne Heckmann, grandparents of Jackson Rollie, in thankfulness and celebration of his Baptism today.

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

This week has been sponsored to the glory of God by Pastor and Cindy Bailey in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on 1/31–126. Month to Date (February): \$20,220.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$53,182.00 (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	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
Carolyn Westerholm		

JACKSON ROLLIE WHITE

Today Jackson receives the Promise, which is given in Holy Baptism. Together with his parents, LeAnne and Chase, we share their joy as Jackson is received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for Jackson as he begins a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for Jackson are Andrew Kuehne, Amanda and Bailey Robbins, Amy Cantrell, Brent White and members of Faith Lutheran Church. Jackson's grandparents are Roxanne Heckmann, Mike Heckmann and Sherrie and Richard White.

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!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

(COVID safety protocols are followed at all church events)

Monday, Feb. 22	Charity Circle	7:00 PM (AC)
Tuesday, Feb. 23	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Feb. 23	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM (Kit)
Tuesday, Feb. 23	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, Feb. 24	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm.)
Wednesday, Feb. 24	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, Feb. 24	Chancel Singers	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, Feb. 24	Ash Wednesday Services	12:00 and 7:00 PM

PRAYER REQUEST

For the family of Mr. Lorain Kauitzsch, father-in-law of Kim Kauitzsch and grandfather of Shelby Atchley and Derrick Kauitzsch. Mr. Kauitzsch passed through death into eternal life on Thursday, February 18th in Bartlett, TX. Please keep his family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Lacy and Ryan Beran on the birth of their daughter, Kassidy Rose. Kassidy was born on Thursday, February 18th at 12:14 PM, weighing 7 lbs. and 3 oz. Proud grandparents are Mark and Gail Herbold.

AUDIO VISUAL TECH HELP NEEDED

Faith is looking for help during Sunday morning worship services. We need people who are interested in learning about running our screens/slides/sound and our Livestream. PLEASE contact Roxanne or Andrew Kuehne if you are interested! It's not as hard as you might think! YOU can do it! (We'll train you well)

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.

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.

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 2/18 is 18... **HOWEVER, SOUPer Bowl of Caring** on February 7 brought in **111 cans of Soup and \$61** that we were able to take to the Christian Cupboard this week! Thank you to all that participated in this fun and worthy event!

JAM FISHING TRIP

Scheduled for today has been POSTPONED. Stay tuned for an updated date.

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.



DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS (before March 31, 2021)

Start 2021 on a generous note! If you haven't already, you can still direct 2020 Choice Dollars® before they expire! With over 40,000 organizations to choose from, you can make an impact on the causes you care about most. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy. Go to **Thrivent.com**, then search for "Choice Dollars." **Want to make a bigger impact?** You can also make a personal donation to any organization in the Thrivent Choice Catalog, and we cover all the processing fees. That means 100% of your donation goes right to the cause! If you have any questions about directing Choice Dollars or making a personal donation, contact our call center at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice®" at the prompt.