



Sunday, February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Gail Herbold; Music: Praise Band,
Children's Church: Lisa Owen; Ushers: Ed Engelhardt, Missy Sagebiel, Pat
Sagebiel, Brandon Westerholm, and Ben Weise; AV: Andrew Kuehne,

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

Please Stand.

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Chorus

Come, Now is the time to worship...
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship...
Come, just as you are before your God...Come.

- 1) One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God.
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly chose You now. *Chorus*
- 2) Willingly we choose surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength-
We gladly choose
You now. *Chorus*

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, I Lift Your Name on High”

(Please see the screen for lyrics)

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Romans 5: 1-11 (ESV)

Faith is powerful, it is the produce of the grace of God within a believer. Being made right or acceptable before God means that all the consequences of sin, the disobedience of unbelief, have been removed from our record. While we remain in the flesh, we will suffer the tribulations of sin, but Christ Jesus has given us the power and ability to overcome our natural ways of sin and live in His love as the reconciled.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces

endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A: Here ends the reading.

PSALM: 22:23-31

(ESV)

The 22nd Psalm is a Psalm of prophecy. Jesus quotes it from the cross as recorded in the Gospels. Through the agony of the cross, Christ Jesus brought salvation to all who believe in Him. By His obedience He has reconciled us to God; He alone has done it.

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred

the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,

and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:1-11 (ESV)

The focus of this part of the Apostle's letter warns believers not be tempted or persuaded by rituals that are not of God. The old rituals of the Hebrews have been replaced with a new covenant – no longer a covenant of law measured by deeds of obedience but a covenant of grace that is sealed by faith and lived in love.

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

²Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

A: Here ends the reading

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38 (ESV)

To this teaching of Jesus, let the reader hear and understand. It was necessary that Jesus fulfill every prophecy concerning the Messiah. God is true, Jesus is the truth. Christians in faithfulness to Christ and God the Father will suffer the same tribulations Jesus suffered. This is the Christian's cross. We bear our cross in the hope of our resurrection by the confession of our faith and promise of God.

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, **"Who do people say that I am?"** ²⁸ And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ And he asked them, **"But who do you say that I am?"** Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, **"Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."** 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: "Mighty to Save"

- 1) Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

- 2) So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing -For the glory of the risen King
Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing -For the glory of the risen King (*Chorus*)

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SERMON: *"Losing All – Gaining Everything"*

Pastor Bailey

Please stand.

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

You may be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"How Great is Our God"*

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me, How great is our God
And all will see how great, How great is our God
And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End -Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb (*Chorus*)

Bridge

Name above all names - Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing - How great is our God (2x)

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me, How great is our God
And all will see how great, How great is our God
Then Sings My Soul -My Savior God to Thee
How Great Thou Art - How Great Thou Art (2x)

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 Janet Wolber in thankfulness for her many blessings.

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

This week has been sponsored to the glory of God by Janet Wolber in thankfulness for her many blessings.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on 2/21-137. Month to Date (February): \$26,729.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$59,691.00 (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	Carolyn Westerholm

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)

Tuesday, March 2	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, March 2	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM (Kit)
Tuesday, March 2	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Tuesday, March 2	Ministry Team Meetings	7:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday, March 3	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm.)
Wednesday, March 3	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, March 3	Chancel Singers	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, March 3	Lenten Service	7:00 PM

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! If we want to continue to provide livestreaming, we need MORE HANDS. 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.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The March item is **Canned Meats (Tuna, chicken, chili etc.)**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of 2/22 is 18.

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.

PRAYER GROUP

Anyone interested in joining for a time of prayer, please join us in the Sanctuary each Monday morning at 10:15 AM. Pastor Mayer invites any and all to join him. Don't feel obligated or intimidated, just come and be a part of this short but powerful time with God.