



Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Lay Reader: Kim Kautzsch; Music: Annette Stout, Children's Church: Katherine Biediger;

Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, and Matt Sherwood;

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 today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers in a manner in which you are comfortable. Please be respectful to one another concerning face coverings and social distancing. Feel welcome to join in fellowship on the patio for refreshments following worship.

Children will come forward for a special blessing before meeting for Children's Church. (Ages Pre-K through 3rd grade)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

Visitor / Prayer Cards

We invite guests to fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you. The back of the visitor card also has a place for prayer requests for anyone needing special prayer. Please place cards in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. First time visitors, be sure to pick up a red welcome bag in the narthex.

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: *"A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing"* LBW 157 Verses 1, 2, 6 & 7

1) A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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2) The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And with his faithful foll'wers see
their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6) Give us your joy on earth, O Lord,
in heav'n to be our great reward.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

When throned with you forever, we
shall praise your name eternally.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7) O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: *⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8-9, NIV)*

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: Exodus 1:22-2:1-10 (ESV)

²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

²Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to

nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

POEM *"A Mother's Love"* by **Helen Steiner Rice**

A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-12 (ESV)

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Please stand in respect for the Word of Christ.

GOSPEL: John 21:15-19 (ESV)

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, **"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"** He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, **"Feed my lambs."** ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, **"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"** He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, **"Tend my sheep."** ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, **"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"** Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, **"Do you love me?"** and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, **"Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go."** ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, **"Follow me."**

A: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WITH BLESSING

MESSAGE: "Resurrection Live: Real Forgiveness"

Pastor Bailey

HYMN OF THE DAY: ***"Will You Come and Follow Me"***

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Please see next page.

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Please Stand

OFFERING

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.

OFFERTORY: *"Create in me a clean heart..."*

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

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please stand for the closing hymn.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Thine The Amen"* WOV 801

1) Thine the amen thine the praise
 alleluias angels raise
 thine the everlasting head
thine the breaking of the bread
 thine the glory thine the story
 thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup
 is lifted up lifted up.

2) Thine the life eternally
 thine the promise let there be
 thine the vision thine the tree
 all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing
gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying
 what was loss lifted high.

- 3) Thine the truly thine the yes
thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee
thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing
then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving
evermore evermore.
- 4) Thine the kingdom thine the prize
thine the wonder full surprise
thine the banquet then the praise
then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story
then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing
at thy feast at thy feast.
- 5) Thine the glory in the night
no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree
then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy
celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness
only thee only thee.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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

Has been sponsored this morning to the glory of God by Kerry and Mary Koehler in thankfulness and celebration of Carolyn Westerholm's 97th birthday.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by The Kuempel family in honor of our mothers and grandmothers.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on May 2: 132; Month to Date (May): \$11,111.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$152,459.55 (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	Dorothy Burris
Donald Jackson	Charlie Koehler	Steve Foerster
Tootsie Rodgers	Sandy Wille	Ronnie Glenewinkel
Marcus Jahns	Harold Bogisch	Jody Alexander
Lydia Whitwell		

PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION REQUESTED FOR

Judy Saunders who will have surgery on Monday, May 10 in San Antonio.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FAITH?

If you are interested in joining Faith Lutheran Church, we welcome you! Please call the church office at 830-379-7036 for information. Our pastors will hold new member classes as needed.

VBS 2021

Registration for VBS has begun! (Paper-copy and on-line). **Rocky Railway** is scheduled for July 19-23, and hopefully, it will stay on track this year! As of now, we are hoping to have an in-person Covid -safe VBS. **If any of you feel comfortable volunteering and are available that week, please let Andrew or Lisa Owen know.** The number of volunteers we have will determine our format and the number of children we can invite. Registration available in church office or register online at **vbspro.events/p/9f58ad**

WORSHIP COVID PROTOCOLS

As we worship today, please note that the church council has decided to ease the protocol as we transition into a new season of dealing with Covid. We no longer require worshipers to wear masks. We are also opening up the pews in order to accommodate our growing attendance. However, we ask that you practice the use of face coverings and social distancing that you are comfortable with and that you respect the concerns of those who do. We will continue to offer alternatives for worship, i.e. places on campus with TV monitors of the worship stream and live-streaming on Facebook and YouTube.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The May item is **peanut butter and jelly**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected for May as of 5/3 was 5.

HOLY COMMUNION VISITS

If you or your family have not been able to receive Holy Communion during this season of Covid, please let the church office know as soon as you can. A pastor would like to come visit and offer you communion.

MEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST

You are invited to join the Men of Faith on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00 AM for a time of food, fellowship and scripture study. The scriptures and message from the previous Sunday will be discussed, so bring your bulletin!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, May 10	Prayer Group	10:15 AM (Sanc.)
Tuesday, May 11	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, May 11	Staff Mtg.	1:30 PM
Tuesday, May 11	Council Meeting	6:30 PM (AC)
Wednesday, May 12	Quilting Team	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, May 12	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, May 12	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM (LEC)

PRESCHOOL TEACHER POSITIONS OPEN

- 5 Day Pre-K Teacher needed for the 2021-22 school year. Seeking a loving, personable, and mature individual who relates well to children; Bachelor's degree in Education preferred, with two years experience in childcare field; approximately 20 hrs/week. Salary based on education and experience.

Applications for these positions are available in the church office. Contact Director Sharon Stollewerk at 379-7074 if interested or for more information. Resumes may be emailed to sstollwerk02@yahoo.com.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR STPCC

The Social Concerns Team is sponsoring the Baby Bottle Campaign Drive for the South Texas Pregnancy Care Center. The primary mission of the center is to promote life for the unborn child and to offer support for the mother and child during pregnancy, birth, and the baby's early years. The fundraiser will begin on **Sunday, May 9, and conclude on Sunday, May 23**. Baby bottles will be available after church services or in the narthex during the week. **You can make a check out to STPCC and mail it to the church.** We will include it in our campaign contribution. We thank all of you who give a monthly gift to support the pregnancy center. We encourage you to join other churches in the Seguin area by placing change, dollar bills, and/or checks (made out to STPCC) in the baby bottles to help support the services that the center provides. Services include pregnancy tests, sonograms, counseling, educational materials, prayers, newborn gift baskets, and slightly used baby items at no charge to clients. One hundred percent of the funds raised go directly to support the center's budget. The South Texas Pregnancy Care Center exists to offer hope to people who mistakenly believe abortion is their only option. Please return the bottles to the church no later than **Sunday, May 23**, and place them in the basket in the narthex.

GAME NIGHT AT SEGUIN ASSISTED LIVING IS BACK!

The Social Concerns Ministry Team will again sponsor "Game Night" on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Seguin Assisted Living. We invite you to join us in playing dominoes, cards or board games with the residents as we share in fellowship and fun. Everyone attending will be required to have their temperature taken at the door and wear a face covering while attending. This month's date is Tuesday, May 25. We meet from 6:30—8:00 PM at Seguin Assisted Living, 226 Preston Drive.



