



Lutheran Church

Sequin, Texas

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Georgie Dittrich; Music: Annette Stout, LeAnne White,
Ushers: Melvin Boelter, Bill Ermel, Clem Howe and Cody Goetz
Children's Church: Sharon Stollewerk; AV: Tim Bogisch, 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 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.

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: "God of Grace and God of Glory" LBW 415

1) God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2) Lo! The hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3) Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
let us miss your kingdom's goal.

4) Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

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.

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

JOYFUL NOISE

FIRST READING: Ruth 1:1-18 *(ESV)*

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you

therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.”¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.¹⁵ And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.”¹⁶ But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

PSALM 46 *To be read responsively (ESV)*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:14-26 (ESV)

¹⁴ Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. ¹⁶ But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, ¹⁷ and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. ¹⁹ But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."
²⁰ Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. ²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. ²² So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. ²³ Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. ²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, ²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 21: 20-25 (ESV)

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" ²³ So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"
²⁴ This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

A: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Shout With Joy"*

JOYFUL NOISE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SERMON: *"Resurrection Life: Real Relationship"*

Pastor Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"* LBW 424

- 1) Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given
blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.
- 2) Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 5) Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces,
with your love our love renew.

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: *"Let the Vineyards be fruitful, Lord..."* pg. 86 LBW -Setting One

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

Please be seated.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

C: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* LBW 170

- 1) Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;

hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

3) Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

5) Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Faith flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

6) Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

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 Jud and Jody Alexander in thankfulness for His many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Georgie Dittrich in memory of her parents and grandparents.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on May 9: 138; Month to Date (May): **\$19,400**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$160,748.55** (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		

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.

†† THE CANVAS PANELS ††

Hanging on both sides of the sanctuary walls are gifts to the congregation from the 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 Confirmation classes. The first two panels were started by the 1996 class and illustrate portions of John Ylvisaker's hymn, "I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry." They include words from the beginning and end of the hymn. The panels that followed in the next years depict major themes from each of the stanzas. The artistic style of French painter Henri Matisse was a strong influence on the overall design.

Completed in Vacation Bible School art classes, the canvases were painted by Confirmation students, who were assisted by Patti Zimmerman, Cathy Cordes, Nancy Hartfiel and Karen Huff. The construction, framing and hanging were done with help from Ronnie Pargmann, Dillon Pargmann, Mike Heckmann and Rick Ehlers.

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**

UPDATE – Registration will be available next Sunday, May 23, before and after worship! We are limiting the number of registrants this year! Act now! Find Kim Kautzsch in the narthex for help! VBS workers/volunteers are still needed! PLEASE consider helping!

THANK YOU FROM CUP OF FAITH

Thank you to all who donated to Cup of Faith last Sunday! The youth raised \$200. This money will go to **Hebrews 10:24 Ministry**. This is a church plant ministry that Chuck Knudson started in San Antonio that serves the homeless and many others. Please visit their website to learn more about what they do.

<https://www.lcmctexas.org/hebrews-1024-a-new-way-to-start-a-church/>

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 5/10 was 9.

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 17	Prayer Group	10:15 AM (Sanc.)
Monday, May 17	Charity Circle	7:00 PM (AC)
Tuesday, May 18	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, May 18	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 18	Love Circle	9:30 AM (AC)
Wednesday, May 19	Quilting Team	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, May 19	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM (LEC)
Thursday, May 20	HOPE Circle	2:00 PM (AC)
Thursday, May 20	Preschool Graduation (Parents only)	7:00 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.

