



Sunday, July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*Serving us in worship today: Pastor David Mayer and Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Avis Herrick; Music: Annette Stout, Roxanne Heckmann;
Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Bill Ermel, Clem Howe, and Cody Goetz;
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 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: *"America the Beautiful"*

- 1) O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

2) O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.

3) O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

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 say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8-9, ESV)*

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: *"This is the Feast,"* pg. 81LBW

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: Proverbs 3:1-10 (ESV)

My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
²for length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.
³Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.
⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
⁷Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
⁸It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.
⁹Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
¹⁰then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:1-17; 36-40**(ESV)**

Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." ² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. ³ The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. ⁶ Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. ⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. ⁸ To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. ⁹ But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion. ¹⁰ To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband ¹¹ (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife. ¹² To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³ If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. ¹⁶ For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? ¹⁷ Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

³⁶ If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—it is no sin. ³⁷ But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well. ³⁸ So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better. ³⁹ A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. ⁴⁰ Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

Please stand in respect for the Word of Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV)

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

A: The gospel of our Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WITH BLESSING

MESSAGE: *"Passion, Marriage and Serving God"* Pastor Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* LBW 566

- 1) My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring.
- 2) My native country, thee,
land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.
- 3) Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
- 4) Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty,
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light. Protect us by thy might,
great God, our king.

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.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards be fruitful"* pg. 86 LBW

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

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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

If you feel comfortable, you are invited to come to the altar rail for Holy Communion. Please bring your communion kit to the altar rail with you. If you would prefer to remain in your seats, you are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion in place.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Battle Hymn of the Republic"* LBW 332

1) Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

- 2) He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

- 3) In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.

As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,

while God is marching on. *Refrain*

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 Willie and Brenda Bloch honoring 1 John 2:3-6. ³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Pastor Rusty and Cindy Bailey in thankfulness for the Blessings of Freedom.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on June 27: 115; Month to Date (June): **\$38,706.50**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$216,656.15** (2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett	Sandy Wille
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Ronnie Glenewinkel	Willie Bloch
Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling	Lydia Whitwell	Dot Day
Teresa Kiel	Pat Sagebiel	Dorothy Burris	Jody Alexander
Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch	Carolyn Westerholm	

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For Clarence Urban, who is hospitalized at GRMC here in Seguin.

(Since COVID restrictions are beginning to lift, please make sure you notify the church office if you or anyone in your family is admitted to the hospital or nursing home.)

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.

QUILTING GROUP REQUEST

Please consider joining the quilting group. NO experience is necessary! We will be more than happy to teach you. We meet every Wednesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Activity Center. Come spend a few hours of fun, laughs and possibly learning a new skill all for a good cause. Thanks, hope to see you there!

LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT ANNUAL GATHERING

What do you call it when Lutherans from across Texas get together to eat great food, fellowship with like-minded believers, share ministry opportunities, be challenged by incredible teaching, and worship the Most Awesome God? We call it the LCMC District Annual Gathering! (Taken from Texas LCMC website) Registration is open now at lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering. This year's gathering is hosted by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Victoria, TX and will be held July 30-31.

INVITATION TO WOMEN'S NOON SALAD LUNCHEON

ALL Women of Faith are invited to a July 13 Salad Luncheon at noon in the Activity Center!! Bring your favorite salad and learn more about the NEW LIFE CHILDREN'S CENTER at Canyon Lake. This residential treatment center provides a safe place for girls to grow and thrive after severe abuse and neglect. If you would like to bring a gift for the girls, they could use: Twin sheet sets (assorted colors); Hair ties and scrunchies (no metal); Flip flops (women's sizes 5-11); Lip balm or chap stick in the plastic tubes; 6 packs of soda (plastic bottles only).

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The July item is Hamburger or Tuna Helper, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected for June 28, 2021 was 47.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, July 5	Church office CLOSED	
Monday, July 5	Closing Ceremony Field of Honor	10:00 AM
Tuesday, July 6	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, July 6	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wednesday, July 7	Quilting Team	9:00 AM (AC)
Thursday, July 8- Sun. July 11	Youth at Concan (Frio River) for Spiritual Retreat	

ROCKY RAILWAY VBS

We are on the right track to Faith VBS 2021! On July 19-23, kids have received a ticket and will climb aboard the Rocky Railway, so we can share God's amazing love for us. Over 40 volunteers will help make this happen, and we are so appreciative of all the help. We are in need of a few donations. So, in the next few weeks, look for the Cargo board in the Narthex to see how you can help make it a success.