



**Sunday, June 6, 2021**

***Second Sunday after Pentecost***

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

*Lay Reader: Emma Jean Becker; Music: Annette Stout, LeAnne White;*

*Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp,*

*David Moltz; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** *"I Love to Tell the Story" LBW 390*

- 1) I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
I'll sing this theme in glory  
and tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2) I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3) I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

## **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 and 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: 1Cor. 1:4-9, 18-30 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because

of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

**PSALM 1** *(To be read responsively)* **(ESV)**

Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree

planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**SECOND READING: 1Cor. 2:1-16** **(ESV)**

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except

the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup> The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

*Please stand in respect for the Word of Christ.*

**GOSPEL: John 4:23-38 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him. <sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

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

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH WITH BLESSING**

**MESSAGE:** "Christ the Power of God and the Wisdom of God" Pastor Bailey

## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

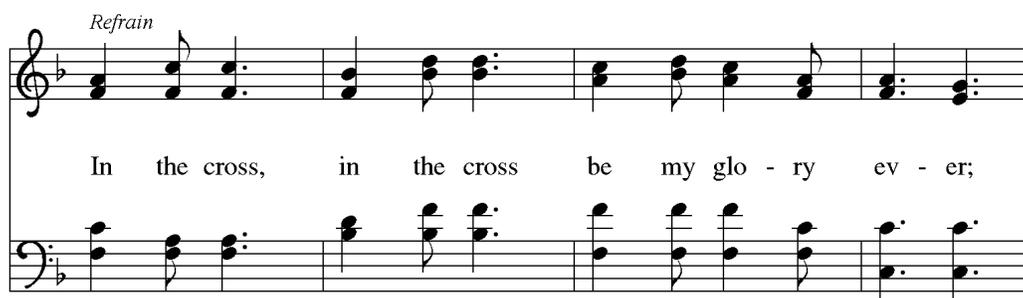


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

### 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**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"Lift High The Cross"* LBW 377

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *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 Stan and Nancy Wieding in celebration of Nancy's birthday today!

## **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by Roxanne Heckmann in celebration and memory of her mother Ruby Linsey on what would have been her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on May 30: 104; Month to Date (May): **\$36,501.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$179,269.55** (2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**)

## **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett	Ken Pfeil
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	Steve Foerster	Sandy Wille	Harold Bogisch
Carolyn Westerholm			

## **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.

## **RIDE TO CHURCH SERVICES**

We are looking for anyone who would like to volunteer to give a new Seguin resident a ride to Sunday morning services. She lives at Argent Court and would like to attend worship at Faith. PLEASE contact the church office if you or anyone you know would like to volunteer for her or possibly others in our congregation who might need help.

## **TIME AND TALENT CARD ADDITIONS**

If anyone would like to be added to the Time and Talent call list for ANY of the volunteer areas, please let the church office know. We are especially in need of helpers/food preparers for funeral receptions. If you still have not turned in a Time and Talent sheet, Angie is still accepting them in the church office.