



Sunday, July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*Serving us in worship today: Pastors David Mayer and Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Bill Ermel; Music: Andrew Cave, LeAnne White, Diane Gwyther and Roxanne Heckmann; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Wall Braun, Albert Menn, and John Taddy; AV: Matt Fransen, 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.

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

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.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: *"Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?"*

(Refrain)

Have you seen Jesus my Lord
He's here in plain view
Take a look open your eyes
He'll show it to you

1) Have you ever look at the sunset
With the sky mellowing red
And the clouds suspended like feathers
Then I say..... you've seen Jesus my Lord *(Refrain)*

2) Have you ever stood at the ocean
With the white foam at your feet
Felt the endless thundering motion

Then I say...you've seen Jesus my Lord *(Refrain)*

3) Have you ever looked at the cross
With a man hanging in pain
And the look of love in his eyes

Then I say..... you've seen Jesus my Lord *(Refrain)*

4) Have you ever stood in the Family
With the Lord there in your midst
Seen the Face of Christ on each other

Then I say...You've seen Jesus My Lord *(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 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: Isaiah 53:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are
healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:12-27 (ESV)

¹² If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more?

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ. ¹³ Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? ¹⁴ In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

¹⁵ But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting. ¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the

law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Please stand in respect for the Word of Christ.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-26 (ESV)

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.**

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

Please be seated.

VBS INSTALLATION (*Vacation Bible School volunteers please come forward.*)

A: (To cong.) Tomorrow morning we begin an exciting VBS adventure. This year's theme is Rocky Railway. We will learn about Jesus' power and how it pulls us through! Many people have made a commitment to provide leadership for this program. We recognize these people this morning.

A: (To the volunteers) Faith Lutheran Church wishes to thank you for the vital role you will play in ministering to all the children who will be here this week. We give thanks that God has given you such talent and the desire to share your gifts with others.

A: (To the volunteers) *You have recognized God's call in your lives to serve as VBS leaders this year. Will you be faithful to the task, taking seriously the commitment of time and talent, loving each child and pointing them to the cross of Jesus Christ?*

VOLUNTEERS: *We have heard God's call to teach and lead Vacation Bible School for our church. We teach, trusting in God's support, sustaining grace and empowerment for this task. We teach, relying on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

We teach, depending on our church family to uphold us in prayer, love and support.

A: (To cong.) Will you support the work of these VBS volunteers and pray for God's guidance in their work?

CONGREGATION: We joyfully support them through prayer and encouragement.

A: Gracious God, you have entrusted us with the message of your power, grace, justice, and love. We ask for your guidance, that we may be teachers and learners together. Thank you for these people you have called to your service. Bless each one gathered here, enabling them to be channels of your grace. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH *"Your Power Will Pull Us Through"* VBS Video Song

MESSAGE: *"Getting I, Me and Mine Out of the Way of the Gospel"* Pastor Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"*

- 1) Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, by now am found,
Was blind but now I see
- 2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My Chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

- 3) The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures *Chorus*

- 4) The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine. Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Stand in Your Love"*

- 1) When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know

I won't be shaken I won't be shaken
Chorus My fear doesn't stand a chance, When I stand in Your love (3x)

2) Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken (*Chorus*)

Bridge There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name ...power in Your name (*Chorus*)

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 Kim Kautzsch and Marilyn Rosenblad in memory of Larry Rosenblad and David Kautzsch and in honor of all of the VBS volunteers this week.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by the Kuntschik family in honor of Kailey's 17th birthday.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on July 11: 108; Month to Date (July): **\$15,539.25**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$232,295.40** (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	
Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling	Dot Day	
Teresa Kiel	Pat Sagebiel	Dorothy Burris	
Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch	Carolyn Westerholm	

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Laurie Coleman and Tim Pyatt who were married here at Faith on Friday, July 2. Prayers and blessings to them as they begin their life together.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of Nancy Allen, sister of Andrew Koenig. Nancy passed through death into eternal life on Monday morning. Please keep her family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

ROCKY RAILWAY VBS 2021 STAFF

Director – Kim Kautzsch

Assistant Director – Lisa Owen

Media/Audio Visual/Photography- Roxanne Heckmann, Jessica Westerholm

Chew-Chew Snack Managers – Patti Jahns, Joyce Seidel, **Snack Assistants-** Diane Ratliff, Doris Engelhardt

Pre-K Crafts Station Leaders- Shelby Atchley, **Assistant** –Angela Hisey

Imagination Station Leaders- Nancy Schlather, **Assistant**-Emily Schlather

Opening/Closing Leaders – LeAnne White, Andrew Cave

Locomotion Games Leader – Andrew Cave, **Assistants** – Colby Wilke, Randall Wilke, Rylee Flippin

Sandbox Storyteller – Diana Ball

Pre K Bible Storyteller –Caroline Cloughly, **Assistant** – Kendalynn Pruitt

Bible Adventure Storyteller – Stephanie Kautzsch, **Assistant** – Sharon Westerholm

Kid Vid Leader – Katherine Biediger

Pre K Kid Vid Leader – Avis Herrick

Pre-School Crew Leaders and Assistants – Dawn Kremer, Sharon Stollewerk, Paula Neuman, Della Sires, Chanel Ramon, Krystal Trevino, Jody Alexander, Kailey Kuntschik, Makenna Kelm.

Elementary Crew Leaders and Assistants – Brenda Bloch, Leanna Rawlings, Julia Glenewinkel, Candi Andrews, Laura Beedy, Elaine Kalkwarf, Ava Gonzales

Rover – Cathy Wensinger

TIME TO BUY SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LWR SCHOOL KITS:

Stores have their shelves full of school supplies and the sales are on. So please remember to support the Women of Faith in providing school kits for Lutheran World Relief. For a listing of supplies needed, please see the list on the Kiosk Bulletin Board or the list in the August Newsletter. Place any school supplies in the appropriate bin/basket in the Narthex by the doors. If you prefer to donate money, please give it to Doris Engelhardt. Thanks for your help and support in this worthwhile project.

LCMC CHURCH DEDICATION IN MCDADE

The congregation is invited to the Dedication Service for a new church building at New Hope Lutheran Church in McDade, TX on Sunday, August 1 at 5:00 PM. The dedication service will be followed by a catered meal served in the new Fellowship Hall. If you can attend, please email Pastor Caleb Williams at hnl.pastor@gmail.com or call him at (817) 933-3835. New Hope Lutheran is located at 1970 US 290, McDade, TX 78650.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, July 19	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Monday, July 19 –Fri. 23	VBS Begins!	8:30-12:00
Monday, July 19	Camp Eagle Info Mtg.	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Monday, July 19	Men’s Prayer	7:00 PM (Sanc)