



Sunday, October 31, 2021

Reformation Sunday

Serving us in worship today: Pastors Rusty Bailey and David Mayer;
Lay Reader: *Bryan Terp*; Music: *Annette Stout, Hand Bell Choir, Edgar Meza,*
and Joyful Noise; Children's Church: *Kim Kautzsch*;
Ushers: *Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz*
AV: *Andrew Kuehne, Chase White*

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. 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: "A Mighty Fortress" with Organ, Hand Bells and Trumpet

(Introduction)

- 1) A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe,
Has sworn to work us woe!
With dread craft and might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2) No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

(Interlude)

3) Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

(Interlude)

4) God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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.

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: JOYFUL NOISE *“Clap Your Hands All You People”*

FIRST READING: Romans 3:19-31 *(ESV)*

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

PSALM: 46*(ESV)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁹He 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!"

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

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *(ESV)*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to

obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Please stand for the words of Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:44-51 (ESV)

⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

⁴⁵ "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? ⁴⁶ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed,' ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know ⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: JOYFUL NOISE *"My Lighthouse"*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: "Until Christ Comes Again"

Pastor Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Children of the Heavenly Father" LBW 474

(Please see next page.)

1. Chil - dren of the heav - en - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
 2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish; in his
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
 4. Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his

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in his bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird or star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose

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heav - en such a re - fuge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; in his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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.

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – *Cason Lee Hazel and Kylie Rae Hazel*

Pastor Introduction

Sponsors: I *(state your name)* present *Cason Lee and Kylie Rae* to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

In Christian love we present Cason and Kylie for Holy Baptism. Therefore, we promise to faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, we promise to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and share with them and teach them the Word of God, as the power of salvation through faith, that living in the covenant of this sacrament and in communion with the Church, they may lead a Godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. In this we ask God to help and guide us in Jesus' name. Amen

Please stand.

Profession of Faith - Apostle's Creed

P: I ask these who seek Baptism and all present to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in Jesus in which we baptize- Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

All: I do, with the help of God.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.**

You may be seated.

The Baptism

P: *Cason Lee Hazel*, we baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of The Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P: *Kylie Rae Hazel*, we baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of The Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Prayer

Blessing

Anointing

Baptismal Candle – The Light

Prayer of thankfulness (*Blessing of the parents and sponsors*)

Congregational Response

All: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**
Amen

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 as the ushers invite you by pew. Please bring your communion kit with you. If you would prefer to remain in your seats, you are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion in place.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *"I Love Tell the Story"* LBW 390
"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky" WOV 752

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"In The Cross of Christ I Glory"* LBW 104 **Vs. 1, 2, 3**

- 1) In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 2) When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3) When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FAITH

Worship Service – 9:00 AM

*Fellowship in Activity Center with **Cup of Faith** today*

Today is a “No Donation” Sunday for Cup of Faith)

Sunday School – 10:15-11:15 AM

- Pre K-5th Grade in Educational Wing
- Adult Sunday School in Activity Center
- Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center

Confirmation Class – 10:15 -11:15 AM in the small kitchen

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

Has been sponsored this morning to the glory of God by Pastor and Mrs. Bailey in thankfulness of the many blessings He has brought them at Faith Lutheran.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by BJ and Dianne Chambers in thankfulness of their many blessings.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on October 24 was 145; Month to Date (October): **\$29,758.00**. YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$391.395.41** (2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Ronnie Glenewinkel
Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling	Dot Day
Sandy Wille	Coreen Dube	Laurie (Bogisch) Perryman
Teresa Kiel	Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch
Carolyn Westerholm	Fred Blumberg	Leia Hill
Brad Flippin		

CASON LEE and KYLIE RAE HAZEL

Today Cason and Kylie receive the Promise of God in Holy Baptism, being born of water and the Spirit. Together with their parents, Christina and Mark, we share their joy as Cason and Kylie are received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for Cason and Kylie as they begin a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for Cason and Kylie are members of Faith Lutheran Church.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting a **“Trunk or Treat” TODAY** from 4:00-5:30 PM in the west parking lot. **We are asking for members to sign up to host a “trunk” and pass out candy and/or for members to donate bags of candy.** Both the trunk sign-up list (on the kiosk) and candy donation container are in the narthex. This is an awesome ministry to our community, and your support is much appreciated!

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The November item is **pasta**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of October 26, 2021 is 110. Keep up the great work!

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Faith is in need of help to staff the nursery during worship and Sunday school hours. **PLEASE** contact the church office if you are interested in this **PAID** position. We have several young families that could benefit from this.

COMMUNION and ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild and Worship committee are in need of more volunteers to assist with communion preparation, clean up and during worship. Please contact Susan Foerster at 830-305-2035 if you are able help.

ONLINE GIVING

Faith has teamed up with a service to give you the ability to send your offering online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We offer this service as a convenience to you - you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every Sunday. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. We have had this in place for some time now. A link is available right on our website:



<https://faithsequin.org/online-giving/> Or you may click here https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing?church_id=5083 to go directly to myEoffering site to sign up. Even better – scan this QR code with your camera!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, November 1	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Tuesday, Nov. 2	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, Nov. 2	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, Nov. 2	COMMITTEE Meetings	7:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 3	Quilting Group	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, Nov 3	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov. 3	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm)
Wednesday, Nov.3	Hand Bell Choir	6:15 PM (Sanc)
Wednesday, Nov. 3	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (choir rm.)

AV HELP

The worship committee is looking for interested people to volunteer during worship and special services running the AV equipment. Don't worry, you will be trained... and it's not that hard! **WE NEED YOU!** See Roxanne or Andrew Kuehne if interested!