



Sunday, February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer,

Lay Reader: Bill Ermel; Music: Annette Stout; Children's Church: Georgie Dittrich;

Ushers: Mike Andrews, Brandon Westerholm, Paul Kalkwarf, and Robert Raetzsch;

AV: Roxanne Heckmann, 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. 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: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* LBW 543

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* LBW 527 Verse 7

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

♪ Let all things their Creator bless, ♪
And worship God in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

Refrain

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-15 (ESV)

³And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

PSALM 103:1-13 (To be read responsively) (ESV)

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
 who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
 who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶ The LORD works righteousness
 and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
 his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
 so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
 so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 (ESV)

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

³⁰ Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³ Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it

dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38 (ESV)

²⁷ "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³² "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE:

Pastor Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"* LBW 424 Vs.1, 2, 4

- 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.
- 4) Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings Which on ev'ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you;
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay,
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.

OFFERING

(The offering plate will be passed down each pew with the help of our ushers.)

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards be fruitful"* pg. 66 LBW

Please stand as the offertory begins.

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 now. 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.

Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.
but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;
gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.



for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!
one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

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 on Patio following worship

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

CUP OF FAITH TODAY!

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

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today by Stan and Nancy Wieding in thankfulness for His many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given the glory of God by Mark and Gail Herbold in celebration of granddaughter Cassidy's 1st birthday!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on February 13 was 145; Month to Date (February): **\$18,041.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$50,865.00** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, February- 27 Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold, Joan Vanbeek, Ron Vanbeek; Lay Reader: Gail Herbold; Greeters: Jud Alexander, Joanne Shanafelt; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Diane Gwyther; Count: Lisa Owen, Joanne Shanafelt; Lock Up: Matt Sherwood.

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	Correen Dube	Teresa Kiel
Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch	Carolyn Westerholm
Brad Flippin		

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the fall 2022-2023 school year is open. We currently have openings in the full-time 2 year old class and the Mothers Morning Out class. Your deposit of \$200 will secure a place for your child. Contact Lisa Owen at 379-7074.

TIME AND TALENT / PLEDGE CARDS

We are all asked to remember to *be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus* (1 Thessalonians 5:18) as we commit to giving back of our

time, our talents and our treasure. Pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets can still be turned in to the church office. (You may place pledge cards directly on the altar if you prefer.) Please fill out TT sheets and return them, indicating areas in our church ministry in which you would be willing to serve.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation class and their teachers are looking for **volunteers to organize the annual banquet**. Confirmation is slated for Sunday, April 24, with the banquet held the Saturday night before. (April 23) The tradition has been for first year students and family to host the banquet, but there are no first year students this year! Please consider being on this team to help celebrate our confirmation students. See Andrew Cave if interested.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, February 21	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Monday, February 21	Men’s Prayer Group	7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 22	Men’s Bible Study	7:30 AM
Tuesday, February 22	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, February 22	Game Night at SAL	6:30 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 23	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, Feb. 23	FLY	6-8:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 23	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 23	Hand Bell Choir	6:15 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 23	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM

JOB POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT PRESCHOOL

FLP is now accepting applications for a **teacher’s aide** and **part-time custodian**. The teacher aide position is full-time working in the two-year-old room. If interested in either one of these positions, please fill out an application (1326 E. Cedar St.), send a resume (preschool@faithseguin.org), or call 830-379-7074.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS

Love Circle is preparing Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Nancy Wieding or Rose Mary Ermel. All items are being purchased in bulk online. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

COMMUNION and ALTAR GUILD

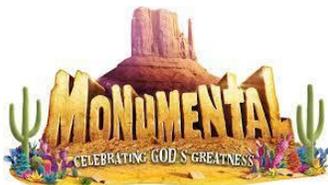
The Altar Guild and Worship committee are in need of more volunteers to assist with communion preparation, clean up and during worship. Please contact Susan Foerster at 830-305-2035 if you are able help.

THANK YOU

The worship committee would like to recognize and give thanks, although very belated, to the Lifebridge group and other congregation members for their help with decorating during the Christmas season. We are grateful, as well, for the group’s donation of the new tree in the narthex. It takes a village!

VBS SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for June 27—July 1 for Vacation Bible School 2022! Go off-road for a **MONUMENTAL** adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. Registration and more information soon!



CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The February item is **canned meat**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected for February - 11. (Plus the 120 cans of soup for SOUPer Bowl Sunday!)

SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION

Faith Lutheran Church and our Social Concerns committee will be hosting a food distribution on Saturday, March 19th. We are in need of several volunteers for this ministry! We need any where from 25-40, but "Special" volunteers would be:

1. 3-5 "heavy" lifters in case of heavy items coming off the food truck
2. 3-5 computer people to float along the cars to be certain they are in the SAFB computer. If not, to input them into the SAFB computer.

Please sign up on the list posted on the kiosk to volunteer. See Pat Sagebiel or Elaine Bennett for more information.

SAVE THE DATES

- **ASH WEDNESDAY** – Wednesday, March 1st. (Two services: 12:00/7:00 PM)
- **FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION** – Saturday, March 19th
- **PALM SUNDAY** – Sunday, April 10th
- **MAUNDAY THURSDAY** – Thursday, April 14th
- **GOOD FRIDAY** – Friday, April 15th
- **EASTER SUNDAY** – Sunday, April 17th
- **CONFIRMATION BANQUET** – Saturday, April 23rd
- **CONFIRMATION** – Sunday, April 24th
- **SENIOR RECOGNITION** – Sunday, May 15th
- **VBS** – June 27th – July 1st
- **FLY BEACH GATHERING** – July 17th-20th

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!

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!



USHER TEAMS

Our worship usher teams are looking for new members! If you would be willing to volunteer your time once a month, please contact Bill Ermel. Thank you in advance!