



Sunday, October 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday

Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer; Lay Reader: Georgie Dittrich; Music: Annette Stout, Dawn Peterson, Chancel Singers, Hand Bell Choir, Joyful Noise; Children's Church: Kim Kauitzsch; Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, Albert Menn, John Taddy; AV: Chase White, 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! Our guests are encouraged to sign the red guestbook located at the Welcome Table in the entry hall. First time visitors, be sure to pick up a red welcome bag in the narthex.

We ask everyone to please complete the attendance sheet in the black folder and then pass it down the pew.

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

Prayer Cards

You will find prayer request cards on the back of the pew in front of you. We ask that anyone needing special prayer please fill them out and place cards in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress" LBW #229 Verses 1, 2, 4

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.

Ask who this may be: The Lord of hosts is he!

Jesus Christ, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.

He holds the field victorious.

- 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.

HAND BELL CHOIR: *"A Thanksgiving Medley"*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10 (NIV)

⁷How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,

who proclaim peace,
 who bring good tidings,
 who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
 "Your God reigns!"

⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
 together they shout for joy.
When the LORD returns to Zion,
 they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together,
 you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
 in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
 the salvation of our God.

SECOND READING: Galatians 2:15-21

(NIV)

¹⁵ "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶ know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ "But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

¹⁹ "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 19:23-26

(NIV)

²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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

You may be seated.

JOYFUL NOISE: *"Everywhere I Go"*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: *"Saved by Grace"*

Pastor Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"The Church's One Foundation"* LBW #369 Verses 1,3,5

- 1) The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

- 3) Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping: Their cry goes up: "How Long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

- 5) Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

OFFERING

CHANCEL SINGERS *"Built on the Rock"*

Please stand.

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.

LUTHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*Book of Concord, Kolb and Wengert
Fortress Press, Minneapolis*

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the Last Day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

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. Our ushers will direct you. You may use a communion kit from our ushers, or you may receive traditional communion with wafer and wine. If you would prefer to remain in your seats, you are also welcome to celebrate Holy Communion in place with a communion kit.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*
 "In Christ Alone"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"* LBW #363 Verses 1, 3, 5

- 1) Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
In death his love shall never die.

- 3) Not throned afar, remotely high
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior with the Father reigns.

- 5) Christ is alive! Ascended Lord--
he rules the world his Father made,
till, in the end, his love adored
shall be to all on earth displayed.

BENEDICTION - CHANCEL SINGERS

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 – 10:30-11:30 AM

- Pre K-1st Grade in Educational Wing
 - 2nd-5th Grade in Education Wing
 - 6th-12th Grade in LEC Loft
- Adult Sunday School- * *That The World May Know* class in Activity Center
 - * New Testament Class in Sanctuary
- Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST ON KWED

Has been sponsored to the Glory of God by John and Michelle Kuempel. They are happy to share the words of the Lord with you today.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on October 16 was 141; Month to Date (October): **\$28,475.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$377,282.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, October 31	Prayer Group	10:15
Tuesday, November 1	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, November 1	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, November 1	Committee Mtgs.	7:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday, November 2	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, November 2	FLY	6:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, November 2	Joyful Noise / Adult Hand Bells	6:00 PM (CR) / and Sanct.
Wednesday, November 2	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (CR)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 6: Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz; Lay Reader: Bill Ermel; Greeters: Jud Alexander, Emma Jean Becker, AV: Andrew Kuehne, Matthew Fransen; Count: Dianne Chambers, Doris Engelhardt, Lock Up: _____; Security: Carlee Goetz; Communion set up: Susan Foerster, Carlee Goetz; Communion clean up: Gail Herbold, Cathy Wensinger; Communion Helpers: Elaine Bennett, Carolyn Zipp, Gail Herbold; Communion Aid: Fran Braun.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Ronnie Glenewinkel	Kelton Lange
Gladys Fruehling	Sandy Wille	Donald Jackson
Harold Bogisch	Brad Flippin	Steve Foerster
Georgie Dittrich	Lillian Lippe	Clara Fischer
Birdie Kuempel	Gail Herbold	Doris Rinn
Willie Bloch	Irene Menn	

TRUNK OR TREAT

Faith Lutheran will host a "Trunk or Treat" **TODAY** from 4:00-6:00 PM in the west parking lot. Everyone who comes is being asked to bring a food item for Thanksgiving baskets that FLY will assemble for families in need. This is an awesome ministry to our community, and your support is much appreciated!



SAVE THE DATES

- **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**—November 6th
- **FLY FALL RETREAT** – November 11- -13-
- **PRESCHOOL SUNDAY** – November 13_
- **RING SA BELL AT WALMART**—November 19th
- **JAM FRIENDSGIVING** –November 20th
- **THANKSGIVING DAY**—Thursday, November 24th
- **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** –November 27-
- **LIVING NATIVITY Drive Through** – December 10-
- **FAITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS**– December 18-

GVCCC BBQ FUNDRAISER

The Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center is holding a "Chicken for the Soul" **drive-through only** BBQ fundraiser **TODAY** from 10:00 am –1:00 pm at Faith. Plate will consist of smoked chicken and a sausage link.



PHOTO DIRECTORY



We are still missing **several PICTURES** for our printable/digital Church Directory! Please send your family or individual pictures to communications@faithseguin.org to get them included! You are also free to just grab Roxanne after service and have her take a quick photo of you!

PRESCHOOL BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Faith Lutheran Preschool will be selling delicious Butter Braid breads, cookies and cinnamon rolls beginning October 10th.



CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our October item will be **canned fruit**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of October 25 is 134.