



Faith Lutheran Church

LCMC

Hutchinson, Minnesota, MN

September 6, 2020 ~ 10:10 a.m. Library Square

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Season Color: Green

Gathering Music: "As We Gather"

**As we gather may Your Spirit work within us. As we gather may we glorify Your name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship, we'll be blessed because we came,
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Greeting/Announcements

Song "Sing a New Song"

***Refrain: sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.***

**Yahweh's people dance for joy; oh come before the Lord,
And praise the Lord on glad tambourines and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain***

**Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.
The Lord has turned your sorrow to joy and filled your soul with song. *Refrain***

**Glad my soul, for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives. *Refrain***

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 5:25b-33

“Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!” Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them.

Second Reading: Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God’s servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Faith Seeds:Pastor Paul Knudson

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation “Good Soil”

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of Your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow, and peace is understood.

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-6

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Sermon: “The Heart of Romans: Avoiding Politics” Pastor Dave Wollan

Song “Change My Heart O God”

Change my heart O God, make it ever true. Change my heart O God, May I be like You?

You are the potter I am the clay, Mold me and make me this is what I pray.

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Baptized Today

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Caleb Samuel Carlson

son of Samuel and Casey Carlson

Sponsors: Jake and Tori Loken

Apostles’ 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.

Welcome for Newly Baptized

Pastor: God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive him with love and rejoice with him at his entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

“Seed Scattered and Sown”

Refrain: Seed, scattered and sown; wheat, gathered and grown;

Bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God.

***Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work our hands; One cup that is shared by all;
the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.***

Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?

Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured? *Refrain*

The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.

The seed within good ground will flower and have life. *Refrain*

As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,

So may the church of God be gathered into one. *Refrain*

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Benediction

Closing Song “May You Run”

May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.

And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.

And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy.

And may the road you travel always lead you home.

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“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:
Romans 13:1-10

- † Think of the political issues that really fire you up. Is the gospel at stake? How does your answer to that impact what your response should be?
- † How ought a Christian engage in politics? How ought a Christian think of and talk about governing authorities?
- † How does an understanding of the Two Kingdoms put politics and government in perspective?

Important Notes!

- *If you or anyone in your home feels at all unwell, please stay home and watch one of the broadcasts.
- *If you are anxious about gathering at the church, feel free to stay home for now.
- *In light of current health guidelines, we encourage you to print and bring your own copy of the bulletin through the summer to cut down on the contact passing them out entails. The bulletins can be found weekly on our Facebook page and website.
- *We ask family/household groups to maintain social distance when in the church and the park.
- *According to state guidelines, wearing a face mask indoors is now mandated, with some exceptions.
- *More information is available on Faith's Facebook page or in the church office.

~ **Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored by Dodie Fenske in honor of the Faith Lutheran Church staff and volunteers.

~ **Lectionary Texts for next week:** Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12 and Matthew 28:21-35

~ **Crossways Bible Study:** *Crossways* is a "big picture" study of the entire Bible including an overview of each book placed in the framework of the Bible's "big story." Want to know your Bible better? *Crossways* is for you! The **NEW** class will begin on Mon., Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Faith Center. Contact Pr. Scott to register so he can have materials on hand for you. Year 2 resumes Thurs., Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m. and year 3 resumes Sun., Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

~ **Volunteers Urgently Needed**

- 1) **Greeters:** Marsha is looking for two or three people to hand out bulletins and receive offerings at Library Square next Sunday. Contact Marsha if you can help.
- 2) **Sunday School Teachers Needed:** With this year being a bit different, the need for **NEW Sunday School teachers** is greater than ever. Please consider helping out this year! The commitment does not have to be every Sunday if we have enough teachers to work in teams. Please contact Laura at lauraw@faithlc.com or 587-2093 to find out how you can help.

~ **Confirmation Note:** 7th & 8th grade students and parents - plan to attend confirmation orientation on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

~ **Next Sunday:** Sunday September 13 will be an extra Sunday of worship in Library Square (weather permitting). This special day will include: Sunday School in the park at 9 a.m. Plan to bring your children early so they can find their teachers. There will also be one Digging Deeper option in the park at 9:15 a.m., "The Worst Parents." Meet pastor Dave and join him in a look at what NOT to do from Old Testament parents! Then, after worship, plan to hang around for a BYO picnic lunch. The Congregational Life team will provide drinks and dessert, while you pack your families' favorite picnic lunch, plates and silverware, and a blanket for seating. (There will be a limited number of picnic tables for those who cannot sit on the ground.) This will be a wonderful opportunity for all ages to hang out and catch up with one another.

~ **You are Invited:** The Augustana District of LCMC is honored to invite members of Faith Lutheran to attend, at no charge, part of the (delayed) 10th Anniversary District Celebration being held here on Saturday, September 26, 2020, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. After an opening worship service, the keynote speaker, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice G. Barry Anderson, formerly a member of Faith, will speak on "Religious Liberty: What It Is and Why We Need It," with a time to ask questions following. There will also be an update from the Augustana District, presentation of its Distinguished Service Award and an opportunity to hear from the new national LCMC Service Coordinator, Mike Bradley. Faith Lutheran has been instrumental in forming and sustaining the AD, and the District Council would be honored to have Faith's members join in this event. Space is limited to the first 75 people who respond. Please contact the church office to reserve your spot today. Anyone who would like to attend the full event can register and pay at augustanadistrict.org.

