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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.

Readings: Acts 5:25b-33
Romans 13:1-10

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:
**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel: **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-6

Response after the Gospel: **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

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

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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.

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Baptized Today

Sunday, September 6, 2020

at the 10:10 a.m. service

Caleb Samuel Carlson

son of Samuel and Casey Carlson

Sponsors: Jake and Tori Loken

“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.

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