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**Leading our community into a deep connection in Christ**

**Worship Service for August 27, 2023 at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Invocation**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

**P:** Our Heavenly Father asks us to come into His presence, But we are sinful and unworthy. Truly, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, but Jesus Christ died on the cross that we may be forgiven and washed clean of all our sins by His blood poured out on the cross.
**C:** Lord, if You wash us, we will certainly be clean and pure.

**P:** We join together in singing, “At the Cross”

**At the Cross (Love Ran Red)**

There’s a place where mercy reigns and never dies.

There’s a place where streams of grace flows deep and wide.

*Pre-Chorus:*

All the love, I’ve ever found,

Comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*Chorus:*

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.

I’m in awe of you. I’m in awe of you.

Where your love ran red, and my sins washed white.

I owe all to you. I owe all to you, Jesus.

There’s a place where sin and shame are powerless,

Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness.

*Pre-Chorus:*

All the love, I’ve ever found,

Comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*Chorus:*

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.

I’m in awe of you. I’m in awe of you.

Where your love ran red, and my sins washed white.

I owe all to you. I owe all to you, Jesus.

**P:** We take a moment to bow before the His cross and silently reflect on our lives and confess our sins.

 *(a time of silence to reflect and personally confess our sins)*

**C:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ and His suffering and death on the cross, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

**At the Cross (Love Ran Red) continues…**

*Bridge:*

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground.

Here I bow down. Here I bow down.

Here arms open wide. Here you saved my life.

Here I bow down. Here I bow.

*(Repeat Bridge)*

*(Chorus 2x)* © Countless Wonder Publishing

**P:** The Lord our God is merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Therefore I announce unto you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**C:** Amen.

**Song of Praise and Thanksgiving:** Praise To The Lord The Almighty

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.

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?

Praise to the Lord! O 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. © Public Domain

**Old Testament Reading -** Isaiah 51:1–6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading -** Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**C:** Praise be to You, o Christ.

**Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn -** I Surrender All

Verse 1:

All to Jesus I surrender. All to Him I freely give.

I will ever love and trust Him. In His presence daily live.

Chorus:

I surrender all. I surrender all. All to Thee my blessed Savior,

I surrender all.

Verse 2:

All to Jesus I surrender. Humbly at His feet I bow.

Worldly pleasures all forsaken. Take me, Jesus, take me now.

Chorus

Verse 4:

All to Jesus I surrender. Lord, I give myself to Thee.

Fill me with Thy love and power. Let Thy blessing fall on me.

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**Sermon -** "Offer Yourself as a Living Sacrifice"

Romans 11:33-12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
 or who has been his counselor?”
“Or who has given a gift to him
 that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Prayers:** *Text in prayer requests to (813) 326-5255‬*

**Apostles' Creed** *(stand)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And 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 there he will come 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.

**The Lord's Prayer** *(stand)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  Amen

**Offering** *(sit)*

**Words of Institution** *(stand)*

**Peace** *(stand)*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.
**C:** And also, with you.
**P:** We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

**Distribution**

**Prayer** *(stand)*

**Benediction** *(stand)*

**Closing Song -**Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus *(stand)*

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.

Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.

From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead

Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;

Stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day.

Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes;

Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone.

The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.

Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.

Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not belong;

This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.

The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see

And with the King of Glory shall reign eternally. © Public Domain

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| **Serving This Week** |
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| **O.T. Reader:** Vanessa Frost | **Children’s Church Teacher:** |
| **Epistle Reader:** N/A | Terrell Jordan |
| **Acolyte:** Griffin Frost | **Children’s Church Assistant:** |
| **Com. Asst:** Larry Chmiel | Emily Shuck |
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| **Serving Next Week** |
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| **1st Reader:** Thomas Horness | **Children’s Church Teacher:** |
| **2nd Reader:** Kelsey Torgrimson | N/A – Youth Service |
| **Acolyte:** Lawrence Finnerty | **Children’s Church Assistant:** |
| **Com. Asst:** Larry Chmiel | N/A – Youth Service |

**Upcoming Events**

**September 10, 11 AM – Faith and Food Worship Service**
Faith Lutheran Church

**September 10, 11 AM – Service and Outreach Planning**
Faith Lutheran Church

**September 10, After the Service – “God Squad” Youth Group**
Faith Lutheran Church

**September 12, 7 PM – Growth Group**
Renee’s Home - 3436 Chapel Creek Cir. Wesley Chapel, FL 33544. Gate: #7369 (Ch 2-3 of the book, A Week in the Life of Corinth)

**September 17, After the Service – Confirmation**
Faith Lutheran Church

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