



Sunday, April 2, 2023



*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Andrew Cave;
Lay Reader: Jan Quello; Music: Gina Sanders; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch;
Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, Albert Menn, John Taddy;
AV: Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther*

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please Stand.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OPENING PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* LBW 108

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor To you, redeemer, king.
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

1) You are the king of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

3) The multitude of pilgrims With palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present. *Refrain*

4) To you, before your Passion, They sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

A: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

You may be seated.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,

All: Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC: [Chancel Singers and Joyful Noise](#) - *"Hosanna!"*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a (ESV)

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

PSALM: 118:19-29 *(To be read responsively)* **(ESV)**

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SERMON

Pastor Dan Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Amazing Love"

(Please see screen for lyrics.)

OFFERING

Please stand as the Offertory begins.

OFFERTORY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; ♪
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: you gave your Son both as sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

If you would prefer to commune from your pew our communion helpers will come to you after all tables have been served.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* LBW #212

"Blessed Assurance" WOV #699

"I Love to Tell the Story" LBW #390

"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.

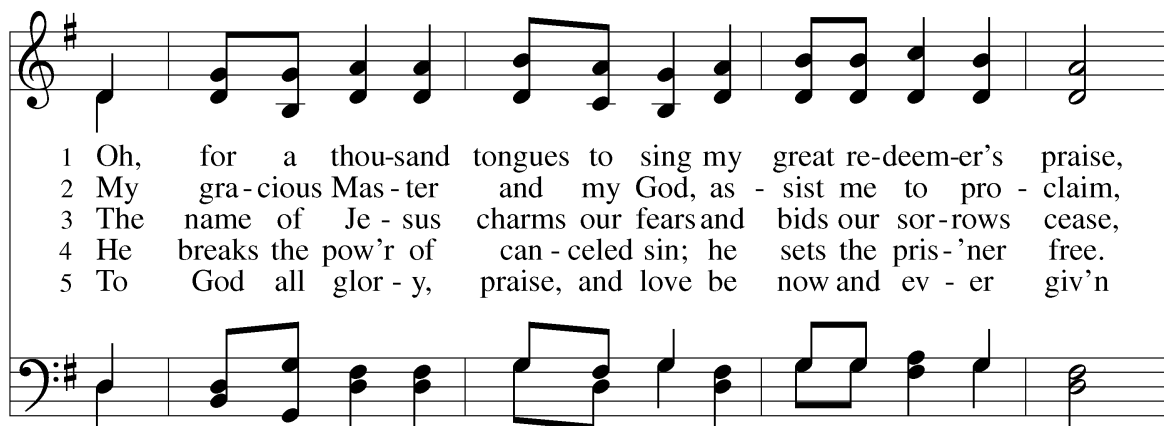
Please stand.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

(Please see next page.)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

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-1st Grade in Educational Wing
- 2nd-5th Grade in Education Wing
- Adult Sunday School- **The Easter Experience* class in Activity Center
 - Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST ON KWED

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

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by John and Kathy Taddy, in memory of Kathy's father, Andrew Raetzsch, on what would have been his 100th birthday.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on March 26 was 169; Month to Date (March): **\$41,502.79**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$113,396.27** (2023 budgeted offerings is **\$511,000.00**)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett	Carolyn Sagebiel
Ronnie Glenewinkel	Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling
Sandy Wille	Donald Jackson	Brad Flippin
Steve Foerster	Lillian Lippe	Clara Fischer
Birdie Kuempel	Doris Rinn	Candi Andrews
Paul Quello	Bertha Marie Keller	Dale Nauert

MOTHER/DAUGHTER SALAD LUNCHEON

All Mothers/Daughters (all ages)/Grandmothers and Friends are invited to join us on Saturday, April 29th, at noon in the LEC (gym) for our first potluck salad lunch – just bring a salad (or dessert). You will enjoy fellowship and some entertaining games for all ages. There will be PRIZES. There will also be a Silent Auction of hand-made quilts of different sizes. Proceeds will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Although not necessary to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the Kiosk in the Narthex letting us know how many to expect in your party. That way we will know how many tables and chairs to set up. You can also email granny.doris.engelhardt@gmail.com to RSVP.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT FAITH?

If you are interested in finding out more information about Faith, please see Andrew or contact him at 248-687-0485.

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!

SAVE THE DATES

- **MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 6th**
- **GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 7th**
- **EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 9th**
- **EASTER EGG HUNT – Sunday, April 9th (after worship)**
- **LIFEBRIDGE SPONSORED 5K RUN/WALK – Saturday, April 22nd**
- **MOTHER/DAUGHTER SALAD LUNCHEON – Saturday, April 29th**

- POTLUCK BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP – Sunday, April 30th
- FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION—Saturday, June 3rd
- FIELD OF HONOR – June 10th-17th
- FLY Frio Trip – June 12th –June 15th
- VBS – June 26th – June 30th

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, April 3	Preschool Board Mtg.	6:00 PM
Tuesday, April 4	Men’s Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, April 4	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, April 4	Committee Meetings	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 5	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, April 5	Prayer Group	10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 5	Joyful Noise	6:15 PM
Wednesday, April 5	Chancel Singers	6:15 PM
Thursday, April 6	Preschool Easter Egg Hunt	
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion	7:00 PM
Friday, April 7	Good Friday Church office closes at 12:00	
Friday, April 7	Good Friday Service	7:00 PM

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 9 (Easter) 9:00 -Ushers: Jud Alexander, Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze, Chase White; Lay Reader: Gina Mannel; Greeters: Jody Alexander, Dianne Chambers; AV: Matthew Fransen, Andrew Kuehne; Count: Mike Andrews, Bill Ermel; Lock Up: Brian Baker; Security: Ted Engelharst; Communion set up: Sharon Westerholm, Susan Foerster; Communion clean up: Gail Herbold, Cathy Westerholm; Communion Servers; Communion Aid:

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

A new fellowship is available for Faith members over 50! YET will meet for lunch and/or other social activities on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Join us at 11:30 each month at El Ranchito. Call or text Syndra Schulze at 830-305-3377 to make a reservation or for more information! Join in the fun!

2023 FLOWER AND WORDS OF FAITH CHARTS

Are now posted in the hallway outside of communications office. Please sign up for dates you would like to sponsor altar flowers or our Words of Faith Broadcast in 2023.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our March item is HB or Tuna meal helpers, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of March 28 is 117.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

Faith has prepared (and will continue to update) an online/printable church membership directory. This includes not only our members, but families and individuals who have been active and participating in services and events with us. We are asking members to submit a photograph of yourself or your family that you would like to appear next to your name and information in the 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!

***Note** - The directory has been updated to 2023. If you would like a printed copy of the 2022 or the 2023 directory, please let the office know. Download the FREE app on your smart phone! Search "Instant Church Directory." Use the email we have on file for you to login in and create an account.



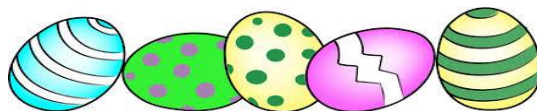
Faith Lutheran Lifebridge Group is sponsoring a 5k River Run/Walk to benefit the Seguin Christian Cupboard! This is a wonderful opportunity to come out and walk or run along the beautiful Guadalupe river. It's a family event, so bring everyone! You and your family can enjoy our local park and fellowship time with community members. Scan the QR code below or visit

<https://www.athleteguild.com/event/seguin-tx/2023-seguin-5k-river-runwalk> for more information. Via this link there are opportunities to help sponsor the event, to donate and to register as a participant. Remember, all proceeds benefit the Christian Cupboard!



EASTER EGGS AND EGG HUNT

The Children's Ministry Team is asking for donations of filled plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt. Please bring the eggs to the church office by noon on Friday, April 7th. Everyone is invited to the Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:00 AM worship on Easter Sunday. It will begin in the LEC following patio fellowship.



EASTER LILIES

For those who would like to order an Easter lily to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, the cost is **\$9.00** per plant. **Deadline for ordering is 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 4.** Please leave checks or cash (clearly marked and made out to Faith Lutheran) and the completed form below in the church office. Please place your order soon. We have ordered 54 plants.

Name: _____

Number of Lilies: _____

In Honor or Memory of: _____

(Please circle one)
