



Sunday, March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave and Andrew Cave;
Lay Reader: Kim Kautzsch; Music: Roxanne Heckmann, LeAnne White;
Children's Church: Betty Moltz; Ushers: Matt Alfred, Bill Ermel,
Cody Goetz, Bill Keller; AV: Chase White, Joe Eledge*

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please Stand

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Come Thou Almighty King" LBW #522 Verses 1, 2, and 3

(Please see next page.)

VERSES 1, 2, & 3

Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray, Lord God...

C: Amen

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Handbell Choir *"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
"You are our gods."

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as my dedicated one,

or blind as the servant of the LORD?

²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹ The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

PSALM 142 *To be read responsively* *(ESV)*

With my voice I cry out to the LORD;
with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

² I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.

³ When my spirit faints within me,
you know my way!

In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me.

⁴ Look to the right and see:
there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me;
no one cares for my soul.

⁵ I cry to you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."

⁶ Attend to my cry,
for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors,
for they are too strong for me!

⁷ Bring me out of prison,
that I may give thanks to your name!

The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully with me.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 *(ESV)*

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the

world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE:

Pastor Dan Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*" LBW #499

1) Come Thou fount of every blessing

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace

Streams of mercy never ceasing

Call for songs of loudest praise

While the hope of endless glory

Fill my heart with joy and love,

Teach me ever to adore thee;

May I still thy goodness prove.

2) Here I raise my Ebenezer,

Hither by thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3) Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

OFFERING

(The offering plate will be passed down each pew with the help of our ushers.)

Please stand when the offering is presented.

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. 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.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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: *"Abide with Me"* LBW # 272
 "On Eagle's Wings" WOV #779
 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" WOV #771

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: *"Battle Hymn of the Republic"* LBW #332

1) Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2) He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

3) In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION and 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 Cecil and Syndra Schulze in thanksgiving for his Son, Jesus Christ.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by James and Malerie Eichenholz in celebration of Thatcher’s 5th Birthday on March 21st.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on March 12 was 135; Month to Date (March): **\$26,968.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$98,861.48** (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

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.

SAVE THE DATES

- **PALM SUNDAY – Sunday, April 2nd**
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 6th**
- **GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 7th**
- **EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 9th**
- **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, March 20	Charity Circle	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 21	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, March 21	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 21	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 22	Donuts for Dad	Preschool
Wednesday, March 22	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, March 22	Prayer Group	10:00 AM
Wednesday, March 22	Lenten dinner before worship	6:00-6:45 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, March 22	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 22	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 22	Joyful Noise	5:45 PM
Wednesday, March 22	Chancel Singers	6:15 PM
Thursday, March 23	YET	11:30 and 1:00

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, March 26: Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold, Joan and Ron Vanbeek; Lay Reader: Avis Herrick; Greeters: Jody Alexander, Debbie Mozisek; AV: Tim Bogisch, Roxanne Heckmann; Count: Betty Moltz, Jody Alexander; Lock Up: Candi Andrews; Security: _____; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Servers: NA; Communion Aid: NA

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! **THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd!!**

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!

ARE YOU WILLING TO BE A PIT CREW MEMBER FOR THE STPCC?

The South Texas Pregnancy Care Center would like you to partner with them in prayer. We are asking people to join the PIT Crew. This is a personal prayer team where you would pray for a specific member of STPCC to help them in their work with clients. If you would like to join this important crew, **please take a PIT Crew card** from the Welcome desk and read about this mission and commit to prayer. You may talk to Katherine Biediger if you have any questions.

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.

LENTEN DINNERS ARE BACK!!

Wednesday night Lenten dinners and fellowship are back! Different ministry groups are being asked to sponsor one dinner during the Lenten season. The informal meal is served from 6:00 – 6:45 before our Wednesday services. Below are the assignments and dates. Please join us!



- Wednesday, **March 22** – **Women of Faith** will serve pasta dinners!
- Wednesday, **March 29** – **JAM kids** (& family) will have a baked potato bar set up!

CONVICTED -A WORSHIP SERIES FOR LENT

Wednesday, March 22, we will look at the case the case against Pontius Pilate on the charge of obstruction of justice, for not letting Jesus go free. We listen to the arguments for and against conviction and ask ourselves, "Would we be convicted of obstruction of justice, causing Jesus to go to the cross?"

FOR UPDATES ON COURT CASE

Go to: www.txcourts.gov/4thcoa.aspx. Type in (Appellate Case #) 04-22-00235-cv, click on "FIND MY CASE." Appellate documents are in a PDF format.

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 15 is 37.

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 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)

Paid: _____