



Sunday, April 9, 2023

7:00 AM

Serving us in worship today: Faith Lutheran Youth Group

Music: Sam Kuempel, Andrew Cave

AV: Andrew Kuehne, Matthew Fransen

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!

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEANING OF EASTER SUNRISE

VICTORY CHANT:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Youth: He Is Risen!
Congregation: He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

RESURRECTION PRAYER

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN: *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* LBW #151

- 1) Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2) Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3) But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4) Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION

ALL: We come to you broken in sin, and we confess that we need your mercy. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and ask you to be merciful and look upon us with favor and grace. Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

You may be seated.

THE RESURRECTION POEM – *by M.S. Lowndes*

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas,^[b] and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—

yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

PSALM: 118:15-29 *To be read responsively*

¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory

resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶ **The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;**

the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

¹⁷ I will not die but live,

and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸ **The LORD has chastened me severely,**

but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD**

through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ **I will give you thanks, for you answered me;**

you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **The LORD has done it this very day;**

let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ LORD, save us!

LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.**

From the house of the LORD we bless you.^[a]

²⁷ The LORD is God,

and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

up^[b] to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will praise you;**

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

Please Stand for the Holy Gospel

EASTER GOSPEL: John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

You may be seated.

GOSPEL SONG: "Because He Lives"

1) God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Refrain

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
My life is worth the living just because He lives

2) How sweet to hold a new born baby
And feel the pride and joy He gives
But better still the calm assurance
That child can face uncertain days because He lives *Refrain*

3) And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives *Refrain*

EASTER MESSAGE

Kendalynn Pruitt

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Beautiful Things"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord in you mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please stand

CLOSING SONG: "Glorious Day"

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'Til I met You

I was breathing, but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb
'Til I met You

Chorus

You called my name
Then I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day (2x)

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new
Jesus, when I met You *Chorus*

Bridge

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter,
I was an orphan
But You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken,
You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future, My eyes are open

'Cause when you called my name
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

VICTORY CHANT

Y: He Is Risen!

C: He Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

L: Go in peace and share the love of Jesus with others!

Easter Lilies 2023

THE EASTER LILIES ARE PLACED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Our Papa Tom (Stout)-*by Rylee, Lyndee and Kambree Flippin*
Our parents, LouAnn & Virgil Myers and Jackie & Charles Koehler – *by Gregg & Kaye Koehler (2)*

Dawn Tanis Kremer- *by Jessie Garcia and Malerie & James Eichenholz and family (2)*

Gordon Seidel and Lee Herrick- *by Joyce Seidel & Family*
Our parents and grandparents- *by Kerry & Mary Koehler (4)*
Charles and Verlia Ratliff- *by Larry & Diane Ratliff*
Our parents, Jim and Ruby Linsey – *by Roxanne Heckmann & Mona Kuehne*
Our parents and grandparents-*by Steve & Susan Foerster*
Larry Rosenblad, David Kautzsch and Lorain Kautzsch-*by Kim Kautzsch & Marilyn Rosenblad (2)*

James Lee Dietz and Alma Bartels- *by Mark Dietz (2)*
Darlene and Dusty Rhodes – *by Bryan & Diane Terp*
Pastor Walt Fruehling- *by Gladys Fruehling (2)*
Kermit and Carolyn Westerholm-*by Mark & Sharon Westerholm*
Kenneth Dykes-*by Mark & Sharon Westerholm*
Scott Roessing-*by Brandon, Jessica, Boone & Ava-Jane Westerholm*
Mary Jane Lakey and Kermit and Carolyn Westerholm-*by Brandon, Jessica, Boone & Ava-Jane Westerholm*

Lee Herrick and Gordon Seidel-*by Avis Herrick*
Roy and Vada Bockhorn and John and Doris Biediger-*by Roy & Katherine Biediger*
Alvis & Faye Talley, Juan Ramos and B.B. & Estella Schraub – *by Manuel and Sara Ramos*

Damon, Tootsie and Dudley Rodgers – *by Mark and Gail Herbold*
Lily Rose Helen and Marvin Herbold- *by Mark and Gail Herbold*
Tom Stout –*by Annette Stout (2)*
Michael, Clarence and Milton Bloch-*by Willie & Brenda Bloch*
Dorothy, Luther and Julie Sagebiel– *by Pat & Missy Sagebiel*
Boyd Harrison and Ethel Hardy-*by Pat & Missy Sagebiel*
Ted Wolber-*by Janet Wolber*

Roy & Dorothy Glenewinkel, Hilmar and Pearl L. Lange, Robert “Andy” Anderson, Duncan Mitchell, Phyllis S. Haas, George Franklin Sullivan, George William Sullivan – *by Ronnie and Julia Glenewinkel (7)*

Edward Cain and Billy and Brenda Hodge-*by Richard and Vanita Hodge (3)*

My sisters, Peggy and Linda Gwyther- *by Diane Gwyther (2)*

Our parents and grandparents-*by Cecil & Syndra Schulze (2)*

THE EASTER LILIES ARE PLACED IN HONOR OF:

Our Mamo (Annette Stout)-*by Rylee, Lyndee & Kambree Flippin*

Our wonderful mom, Joyce Seidel –*by Larry & Diane Ratliff*

Our children and grandchildren-*by Steve & Susan Foerster*

Our Family and Friends of Faith Lutheran Church-*by Mike & Candi Andrews
Brice, Helena, Johnathan, Marcus, Nora, Benjamin, Alexander and Logan-by Roy &
Katherine Biediger*

My grandchildren-*by Annette Stout (2)*

Our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren-*by Pat & Missy Sagebiel*

My children, their wives, and my grandchildren – *by Janet Wolber **

Our children and grandchildren-*by Ted & Doris Engelhardt*

FLY STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Kendalynn Pruitt

Kyle Schlather

Emily Schlater

Addison Seidel

Rylee Flippin

Lane Seidenberger

Daniel Dodson

Jeremiah Dodson

Thor Jensen

Bentley Weise

Rylie Wilke

Rebeka Wilke

Owen Stewart

Luke Stewart

Reece Kelm

MaKenna Kelm

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 Odyssey of St. Paul* will begin April 16
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 Mike and Candi Andrews in honor of our friends and family of Faith Lutheran during this special Easter Sunday.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by James and Malerie Eichenholz in celebration of Jesus Garcia's birthday today!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on March 26 was 176; Month to Date (April): **\$8,776.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$123,132.27** (2023 budgeted offerings is **\$511,000.00**)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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| 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 |
| Irene Menn | | |

EASTER EGGS AND EGG HUNT

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.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of John Dikes. John passed through death, into eternal life on April 1 here in Seguin. A service was held on Friday, April 7 at Tres Hewell Mortuary. Please keep his wife Pat, and the rest of his family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

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.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

"The Odyssey of St. Paul" study will be Sunday, April 16. Stan Wieding will lead the DVD study by Dr. Paul Maier, retired Lutheran educator/historian. All are invited!

GVCC BBQ FUNDRAISER

The Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center will hold a "Chicken for the Soul" drive-through only BBQ fundraiser on Sunday, April 23, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. at Faith. Plate will consist of smoked chicken and a sausage link. Tickets are available from Mike Burriss, BJ Chambers or the church office and are \$10 presale and \$12 on day of event.

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

- **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

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| Monday, April 10 | Church office closed | |
| Tuesday, April 11 | Men's Bible Study | 7:30 AM (AC) |
| Tuesday, April 11 | STPCC | Activity Center 8:30 AM |
| Tuesday, April 11 | Staff Mtg. | 9:00 AM |
| Tuesday, April 11 | Council Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday, April 12 | Quilters | 9:00 AM |
| Wednesday, April 12 | Prayer Group | 10:00 AM |
| Wednesday, April 12 | Joyful Noise | 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday, April 12 | Hand Bell Choir | 6:00 PM |
| Thursday, April 13 | YET | 11:30 / 1:00-4:00 |
| Saturday, April 15 | Preschool Staff Training | Activity Center |

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 16 -Ushers: Mike Andrews Brandon Westerholm, Paul Kalkwarf, Robert Raetzsch, Ronnie Glenewinkel; Lay Reader: Brian Baker; Greeters: Carol Baker, Kim Koenig; AV: Chase White, Tim Bogisch; Count: David Moltz, Lisa Owen; Lock Up: Candi Andrews; Security: Fred Shanafelt; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Servers; 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!

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our April item is cereal, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of April 4 is 4.

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!

