



Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Intern Pastor Andrew Cave;
Lay Reader: Michelle Kuempel; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Kerry Koehler,
Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, Matt Sherwood, Joh Ullrich;
AV: Andrew Kuehne, 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 welcome table and in the brochure wall holder in the office hallway. 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.

MOTHER'S DAY VIDEO

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

INVOCATION

Please stand

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

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"* LBW # 520

(Please see next page.)

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways; won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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,

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE: *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* Verse 7

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

♪ Let all things their Creator bless, ♪
And worship God in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

Refrain

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 17:16-31 (ESV)

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the

objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY Based on Proverbs 31 *To be read responsively*

A woman is a blessing to her husband and children.

She brings her husband good, not harm; all the days of her life.

She welcomes all children, for they are gifts from God.

She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family.

Her words are wise; her compassion knows no boundaries.

She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

She manages her household and nurtures her family.

She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

Her husband rejoices in her diligence and faithfulness.

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

She teaches her children through daily example.

She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

Her hands work to serve the Lord our God.

a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised

She remains ever vigilant; she protects her family.

She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

She welcomes the future, for her faith is unyielding.

She is worth far more than rubies.

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SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21 (ESV)

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

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


You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



MESSAGE

Pastor Dan Cave


You Are the Way



1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



OFFERING

Please stand as the gifts are 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. 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

*(Please dismiss all children to the narthex to meet with Ms. Kautzsch
and Ms. Amanda)*

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" LBW #259

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, while the bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

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- "*Christianity: The First Three Centuries*" 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 by Jud and Jody Alexander in love and celebration of both of our 93-year-old mothers, and in memory or honor of all others on this special day.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Brandon and Jessica Westerholm in celebration of Ava-Jane's 3rd birthday on May 15 and in honor of all mothers!

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Georgie Dittrich in memory of her parents and grandparents.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on May 7 was 144; Month to Date (May): **\$8,604.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$166,193.50** 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
Irene Menn	Patti Jahns	

PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of David Welsch. David passed through death into eternal life on Sunday in Leander. A memorial service will be planned for some time in the future. Please keep his wife Carol and the rest of his family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

SAVE THE DATES

- **BLUEGRASS Service – Sunday, May 21**
- **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, May 15	Charity Circle	7:00 PM
Monday, May 15	Young Adults Pick-Up BB	6:30 PM
Tuesday, May 16	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, May 16	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 16	Love Circle	9:30 AM
Wednesday, May 17	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, May 17	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Wednesday, May 17	FLY	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, May 17	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM
Thursday, May 18	Hope Circle	2:00 PM
Thursday, May 18	Grief Care Group	6:30-8:00 (AC)
Thursday, May 18	Preschool Graduation	7:00 PM
Friday, May 19	Newsletter Deadline	
Saturday, May 20	Lifebridge Social	

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 21-Ushers: Bill Ermel, Cody Goetz, Bill Keller; Lay Reader: Fran Braun; Greeters: Joan and Ron Vanbeek, Dawn Peterson; AV: Matthew Fransen, Chase White; Count: Betty Moltz, Carol Baker; Lock Up: Matthew Fransen; Security: Carlee Goetz; Communion set up: Carlee Goetz, Susan Foerster; Communion clean up: Kathy Taddy, BJ Chambers; Communion Servers: Kim Koenig, Avis Herrick, Laline Jensen; Communion Aid: Dianne Chambers.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our May items are peanut butter and jelly, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of April 30 is 52.

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. The next new member class will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, May 21st.

THE SIEKER BAND IS RETURNING!

Join us Sunday, **May 21**, for our **Bluegrass Service**! We are welcoming back the Rolf Sieker band from Austin to share some great bluegrass gospel music with us during worship! Bring your neighbor! Bring your friends!