



**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

***Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Intern Pastor Andrew Cave;*

*Lay Reader: Gail Herbold; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch;*

*Ushers: Ed Engelhardt, Missy Sagebiel, Pat Sagebiel, and Ben Weise;*

*AV: Chase White, Tim Bogisch*

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **RINGING OF BELL**

*Please stand*

### **INVOCATION**

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

C: Amen.

**HYMN:** *"Here in This Place (Gather Us In)"* WOV #718

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# Here in This Place

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## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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: Jeremiah 20:7-13 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side!

"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

**PSALM 91:1-10**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—

<sup>10</sup> no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

## GOSPEL: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,

<sup>21</sup>Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

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: *"Father, We Praise You"* LBW # 267

*(Please see next page.)*

## Father, We Praise You



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; thus we a - dore you.  
where your saints u - nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

### 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.

### 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 LORD'S PRAYER

*Please stand.*

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN: *"Victory in Jesus"*

*(Please see screen for lyrics)*

## 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
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Education Wing
- Adult Sunday School- 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 Ted and Doris Engelhardt in loving memory of Doris's brother, Robert Braun.

## FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God by Malerie and James Eichenholz in thankfulness of their many blessings.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on May 21 was 176; Month to Date (June): **\$27,429.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$183,038.50** 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	Paul Quello



Bertha Marie Keller  
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Dale Nauert  
Pat Bodine

Irene Menn  
Debbie Lehmann

### **PRESCHOOL TEACHER POSITION OPEN**

5 Day Pre-K Teacher needed for the 2023-24 school year. Seeking a loving, personable, and mature individual who relates well to children; Bachelor's degree in education and experience in childcare preferred; approximately 20 hours/week. Salary based on education and experience.

### **PRESCHOOL TEACHER'S AIDE POSITION OPEN**

5 Day Pre-K Teacher's Aide needed for the 2023-24 school year. Seeking a caring individual who relates well to children; experience in childcare preferred; approximately 20 hours/week. Salary based on experience.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

- **VBS – June 26<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

	VBS All Week	
Monday, June 26	VDC Ultreya	6:30 PM (AC)
Tuesday, June 27	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, June 27	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, June 27	Game Night at SAL	6:30 PM
Wednesday, June 28	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Thursday, June 29	Book of Job Bible Study	7:00 PM (AC)

### **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Sunday, July 2-Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz; Lay Reader: Bryan Terp; Greeters: Carol Baker, Mike Andrews; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Betty Moltz, Diane Gwyther; Count: Jody Alexander, Emma Jean Becker; Lock Up: \_\_\_\_\_; Security: Jud Alexander; Communion set up: Sharon Westerholm, Susan Foerster; Communion clean up: Gail Herbold, Cathy Wensinger; Communion Servers: Dianne Chambers, Laline Jensen, Kim Koenig; Communion Aid: Avis Herrick

**CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD** Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our June items are canned meat, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of **June 6 is 19.**

### **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.

## **LOVE CIRCLE THANK YOU**

Thank you so much to all who contributed to the personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. It is greatly appreciated! We packed and boxed 77 kits for shipping!

## **HELP NEEDED**

The Mission Outreach Committee needs your help. One of Faith's members, Karla Johnson, is going on a mission trip to Guatemala in July. She will be working with children who are in need of shoes and clothing. Below is a list of needed items. We have placed a suitcase in the Narthex for you to place donated item in. You may either purchase items or make a monetary donation and committee members will shop for you. Please leave your donations with Angie in the church office.

### **# 1 Priority – Children's Clothes (sizes Child 4 through Adult Medium)**

**All donations are for children ages 5 through 18 years (No babies and no adults)**

- Sweatshirts and Jackets
- Fleece Jackets
- Sweaters (Cardigan style – not lightweight fashion)
- Shirts/Tops – boys and girls
- Jeans-boys and girls (rip-free styles)
- Sweatpants
- Athletic Wear
  - Wind pants for gym class (black, navy, red or gray & plain with no designs)
  - Athletic shorts (knee-length or longer) have been requested by the older boys
- NEW underwear, socks, bras

\*\* Please **NO** shorts shorter than athletic knee length, swimsuits, tank-tops, crop-tops, skirts, dresses, winter coats, stained or ripped clothes\*\*

### **# 2 Priority – Children's Shoes (sizes: child 8 up through adult 8)**

- Sneakers – both boys and girls
- School appropriate shoes are also priority

\*\* Please **NO** flip flops/sandals/high heels\*\*

## **2023 ANNUAL GATHERING OF LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT**

The Gathering will be held July 28-29th in New Braunfels, Texas. The theme this year is **SENT** by Jesus based on Acts 1:8: *"you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Lutherans from across Texas are gathering for great food and fellowship with like-minded believers to learn about ministry opportunities, receive powerful teachings, and worship the Most Awesome God!

The Highlights:

- Check-in for the main Gathering begins at 4:30 pm on Friday... the event will conclude at 3:45 pm on Saturday
- This Gathering is for ALL PEOPLE! All are welcome!

- Youth Gathering with overnight LOCK-IN (grades 6-12) happening simultaneously
- Friday Optional add-ons:
  - Pre-Gathering Seminar with Tilaye Daba.
  - Roast Beef Dinner to benefit the St. Paul, New Braunfels children's ministry programs.
- Keynote Presentations by Tilaye Daba
- 3 Breakout Sessions with 15 different breakouts to choose from
- Hosted by St Paul Lutheran Church located at 777 West San Antonio, New Braunfels, TX

For Tickets:

- Register online at [www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering](http://www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering)
- Early bird rate of \$40 for youth and \$75 for adults if registered by June 30th!

## STELLAR CREW VBS 2023 STAFF

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