

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent



Serving us in worship today: Pastor: *Jeremy Pedersen*;
Music: *Kate Oehlke, Chancel Singers*; Lay Reader: *Avis Herrick*;
Children's Church: *Kim Kauitzsch*; Ushers: *Ed Engelhardt, Pat and Missy Sagebiel, Glen Haas*; Greeters: *Brian and Carol Baker*; Communion Helpers: *NA*; AV: *Chase White, Diane Gwyther*; Count: *Mark Herbold, Karen Huff*; Acolyte: *Kori Warren*

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord! Our guests are encouraged to sign the **red** guestbook located at the Welcome Table in the entry hall. A nursery (with a staffed attendant) is located down the education wing and is available during worship and Sunday School hours for your convenience.

We ask everyone to please complete the attendance sheet in the black folders at the end of the pews, and then pass them to your neighbors.

Children are invited to come forward for a special blessing before meeting for Children's Church. (Ages Pre-K through 3rd grade)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN: **"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"** Green LBW #250

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **♪ Lord, have mercy. ♪**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **♪ Lord, have mercy. ♪**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **♪ Lord, have mercy. ♪**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 🎵 **Lord, have mercy.** 🎵

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: 🎵 **Amen.** 🎵

HYMN OF PRAISE **"Lord God, heavenly King,..."**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: **Amen**

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: CHANCEL SINGERS "10,000 Reasons"

CHILDREN'S BLESSING ("Praise Him, Praise Him")

FIRST READING: **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7** (ESV)

PSALM 32:1-7 (To be read responsively.) (ESV)

SECOND READING: **Romans 5:12-19** (ESV)

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

🎵 **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
And abounding in steadfast love.** 🎵

GOSPEL: **Matthew 4:1-11** (ESV)

C: 🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.** 🎵

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: 🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.** 🎵

You may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jeremy

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"On Eagle's Wings"** Blue WOV #779

OFFERING

Visitors, feel free to pass the offering plate down the pew to your neighbor. To those who give via online, you may place the online contribution card located on the back of the pew in front of you in the offering plate if you desire.

(Please stand as the gifts are presented.)

OFFERTORY: **"Create in me...."** Green LBW p. 96

OFFERTORY PRAYER Green LBW p.87

P: Merciful Father,

You may be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: **"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"** Blue WOV #721

DISMISSAL

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FAITH

Worship Service – 9:00 AM

Fellowship on patio following worship

Sunday school – 10:15-11:15 AM

Pre K- in Educational Wing

K-2nd Grade Preschool Building

3rd -5th Grade in Education Wing

6th -12th grade in the LEC Loft

Adult Sunday School-in Activity Center & the Sm. Kitchen

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Faith Lutheran Church.

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST ON KWED

Has been sponsored to the glory of God by two grateful Faith members.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on February 15: 122

Month to Date February **\$ 22,987.70** YTD Offerings and Misc. (2026) **\$51,916.10**

2026 budgeted offerings is **\$572,657**

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have donated to the Christian Cupboard. Our February item is soup, any brand or style. The total number of items collected as of February 9 is 259.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Judy Saunders	Carolyn Sagebiel	Donald Jackson	Steve Foerster
Clara Fischer	Doris Rinn	Paul Quello	Dale Nauert
Patti Jahns	Georgie Dittrich	Don Hilbert	Gail Herbold
Clem & Jan Howe	Wally Braun	Ashley Goins	Brian Dahl
Bertha Marie Keller	Mary Barnes	Albert Zipp	Terri Bailey
Diane Gwyther	Annette Stout	Ellen Looff	Kathy Hamlett
Julia Glenewinkel			

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, March 1 - Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, Albert Menn, John Taddy;
Lay Reader: Kim Kautzsch; Greeters: Avis Herrick, Patti Jahns; AV: Matthew Fransen, Roxanne Heckmann; Count: David Moltz, Lisa Owen; Lock Up: _____; Security: Brian Baker; Communion set up: Sharon Westerholm, Susan Foerster; Communion clean up: BJ Chambers, Kathy Taddy; Communion Servers: Dianne Chambers; Communion Aide: Fran Braun; Acolyte: _____.

SAVE THE DATES

- **Sunday, March 29** - Palm Sunday
- **Sunday, April 5** - Easter Sunday
- **Sunday, April 26** - Bluegrass Sunday with the Sieker Band

LCMC 2026 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Copies of **"The Hope That Does Not Disappoint"** Lenten devotional are available on the welcome table in the Narthex. You can find a digital copy on the LCMC website: lcmc.net

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, February 23	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, February 24	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, February 24	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM
Wednesday, February 25	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, February 25	Joyful Noise	5:45 -6:05 PM
Wednesday, February 25	Lenten Dinner	6:00-6:45 PM
Wednesday, February 25	Chancel Singers	6:15 PM
Wednesday, February 25	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
Thursday, February 26	YET	11:30/1:00
Thursday, February 26	Bible Study	7:00 PM

2026 FLOWER and WORDS OF FAITH CHARTS

Are now posted in the hallway outside of the Music/Communications office. Please sign up for dates you would like to sponsor altar flowers or our Words of Faith KWED Broadcast in 2026.

YOUR 2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

The elected 2026 executive officers are as follows:

President - Greg Schlather
VP - Kathy Hamlett
Sec. - Sharon Stollewerk
Treasurer - Mike Andrews
Asst. Treasurer - Donna Raetzsch

Ministry Teams Council Liaisons:

Worship - Kyle Baker
Youth - Molly Oehlke
Children's Ministry - Sharon Stollewerk
Pre-School - Donna Raetzsch
Evangelism & Mission - Mike Andrews
Stewardship - Kathy Hamlett
Fellowship & Social Concerns - Debbie Vogel
Property Management - Chunkie Harwell & Fred Shanafelt

Lenten Services and Dinners



A casual, free-will-donation dinner will be offered each week prior to our Wednesday Lenten services from 6:00–6:45 p.m. We warmly invite you to enjoy a time of food and fellowship before the 7:00 p.m. service begins.

Throughout the Lenten season, Pastor Jeremy will lead us in a thoughtful and engaging exploration of Luther's Small Catechism, highlighting the core doctrines of our faith and the central significance of Christ's passion and resurrection in our salvation. (Yes—Luther manages to be both profound and refreshingly concise!)

Our Wednesday services are designed to last 35–40 minutes—just long enough to be meaningful, but short enough not to derail your mid-week schedule.

We look forward to seeing you there!

- ♥ **Wednesday, Feb. 25** – **JAM** will serve Baked Potato and Salad Bar!
- ♥ **Wednesday, March 4** – **Music Ministry Groups** will serve Soup and Chili with the fixings!
- ♥ **Wednesday, March 11** – **Women of Faith Circles** will serve Pasta Casseroles!
- ♥ **Wednesday, March 18** – Our **Church Council** will serve something delicious!
- ♥ **Wednesday, March 25** – Our **CAMP KIDS** will serve something delicious!

SEEKING A PASSIONATE LEADER FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith Lutheran Church is seeking a **full-time Youth Director** to lead and nurture our ministry with middle school and high school youth. This position provides spiritual leadership, program development, and relational ministry grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the mission of the church.

The Youth Director will plan and lead regular youth gatherings, support youth and families, coordinate volunteers, and work collaboratively with pastoral staff and church leadership. This is a **full-time position**, reflecting the congregation's commitment to sustained, relational, and intentional ministry with young people.

More information can be found at

<https://faithseguin.org/youth-minister-opening/>

Interested candidates can submit resumes or ask for information to Pastor Jeremy Pedersen at pastor@faithseguin.org no later than April 1, 2026.

ACCOMPANIST OPPORTUNITY: JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

Faith Lutheran Church is seeking a skilled accompanist (Piano and/or organ) to support Sunday worship services, with occasional weekday services as required by the liturgical season (such as Lent). The congregation is also in need of an accompanist for the adult choir.

While one individual filling both roles is preferred, the responsibilities may be divided into two separate positions for qualified candidates.

The adult choir rehearses once a week and performs on an average of once a month during Sunday worship.

Both positions will be available beginning in June or July, 2026.

For more information, please call 830-379-7036 or email: music@faithseguin.org

FAITH'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



For those of you who may be unaware, Faith has an online (and printable) church membership directory. It is also available as a HANDY DANDY APP for your PHONE or TABLET! If you haven't yet submitted or would like to update, 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 Directory!** Please send your family or individual pictures to communications@faithsequin.org to get them included! You are also free to just grab Roxanne after service and have her take a quick photo of you!

Download the **FREE app on your smart phone!** Search "**Instant Church Directory**" and look for the icon above. **Use the email we have on file for you to login in and create an account.** ** The directory is also available on our website: www.faithsequin.org You will need a password to open the pdf document. Please call or ask the church office for the password. (We don't want to print the password for your privacy!)