

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Serving us in worship today: Pastor: Jeremy Pedersen; Music: Kate Oehlke, Lay Reader: Gail Herbold; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Bill Ermel, Alan Bonds, Bill Keller, Cheryl Bonds; Greeters: Emma Jean Becker, Joanne Shanafelt; Communion Helpers: Dianne Chambers, Gail Herbold; AV: Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther; Count: Jud Alexander, Candi Andrews; Acolyte: Olivia Poole.

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 narthex. A nursery (with a staffed attendant) is located down the education wing and is available during worship and Sunday School hours for your convenience.

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.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN: **"Rise, Shine, You People!"** LBW #393

PASTORAL 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.

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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,

C: Amen

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING ("Praise Him")

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 42:14-21** (ESV)

Psalm 142 *To be read responsively* (ESV)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: **John: 9:1-41** (ESV)

C: ♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.** ♪

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: ♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.** ♪

SERMON

Pastor Jeremy

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Be Thou My Vision"** WOV #776

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: **"Let the Vinyards..."** Green LBW p. 86

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

APOSTLES' CREED

You may be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

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.** ♪

P: It is indeed right and salutary.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy..." Green LBW p. 89 (or please see screens)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

You may be seated.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine and who are baptized. You may commune with either wine or white grape juice. Both are available in serving trays. Gluten free wafers are also available upon request from your server.

COMMUNION HYMNS: **Lamb of God...** LBW p. 72 (or please see screens)

"Eat This Bread, Drink this Cup" WOV #706

"I Am the Bread of Life" WOV #702

"Amazing Grace" LBW #448

"In Christ Alone"

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Green LBW p. 94

P: Let us pray,

C: We give you thanks...

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: **"Awake, O Sleeper"** WOV #745

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 and in Small Kitchen

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by James and Malerie Eichenholz in celebration of Thatcher's 8th birthday and in thankfulness for the joy that Thatcher brings their family and the blessing of celebrating another year of his life.

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST ON KWED

Has been sponsored to the glory of God by Fred and Joanne Shanafelt in appreciation for the beautiful musical talents that our music ministry team of our Chancel Singers, Hand Bell Choir and our worship accompanist, Kate, bless our congregation with.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on March 8: 131

Month to Date March **\$17,948.00** YTD Offerings and Misc. (2026) **\$83,251.80**

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

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have donated to the Christian Cupboard. Our March item is peanut butter, any brand or style. The total number of items collected as of March 3 is 11.

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	Brian Dahl	Terri Bailey
Bertha Marie Keller	Mary Barnes	Albert Zipp	Kathy Hamlett
Diane Gwyther	Annette Stout	Ellen Loeff	Syndra Schulze
Julia Glenewinkel	Ted Engelhardt	Stephanie Larrimore	

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, March 22- Ushers: Brian Baker, Terry Freeman, Ben Weise, Joan Vanbeek; Lay Reader: Bill Keller; Greeters: Bryan and Diane Terp; AV: Chase White, Jesus Garcia; Count: Wally Braun, Dianne Chambers; Lock Up: Debbie Vogel; Security: Jordan Larrimore; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Servers: NA; Communion Aide: NA; Acolyte: Lane Hernandez.

SAVE THE DATES

- **Sunday, March 29** - Palm Sunday
- **Sunday, March 29** - 5th Sunday Potluck Brunch 10:30 am LEC
- **Thursday, April 2** - Maundy Thursday Service HERE w/ First Methodist friends
- **Friday, April 3** - Good Friday Service AT First Methodist (710 N. Austin St.)
- **Sunday, April 5** - Easter Sunday
- **Sunday, April 26** - Bluegrass Sunday Worship here with the Sieker Band 9:00 am **AND** then join First Methodist at Nolte Island for their picnic lunch at 12:00 pm.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, March 16	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 17	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, March 17	Charity Circle	7:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday, March 18	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, March 18	FLY	5:15 PM
Wednesday, March 18	Joyful Noise	5:45 -6:05 PM
Wednesday, March 18	Lenten Dinner	6:00-6:45 PM
Wednesday, March 18	Chancel Singers	6:15-6:55 PM
Wednesday, March 18	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
Thursday, March 19	Hope Circle	2:00 PM
Thursday, March 19	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.

Birthday Gathering

You are cordially invited to help celebrate Pat Sagebiel's 80th birthday! Come share a memory with Pat and enjoy some birthday cake and a cup of punch next Sunday, March 22nd from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Activity Center.

5th SUNDAY BRUNCH



Our Social Concerns Ministry Team is hosting a 5th Sunday Potluck Brunch on **Sunday, March 29**. Families are asked to bring a potluck brunch item to share as we gather in the LEC following worship for food and fellowship. There will be no Sunday school that day.

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, March 18** - Our **Church Council** will serve pulled pork sandwiches with sides!
- ♥ **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 questions 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

EASTER LILIES

We have ordered 66 Easter lilies to adorn our sanctuary and church grounds for Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase a lily in honor and/or memory of a loved one, the cost is **\$9.25** per plant. The ordering deadline is **12:00 PM on March 27.**



Please submit checks or cash—clearly labeled and made payable to Faith Lutheran—along with your completed order form to the church office.

Please note: The deadline ensures your dedication is included in the Easter Sunday bulletins.

Name: _____

Number of Lilies: _____

In Honor or Memory of: _____

(Please circle one)

Paid: _____