



Sunday, March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer, Lay Reader: Bryan Terp;

Music: Annette Stout, Children's Church: Laura Beedy;

Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, and Matt Sherwood;

AV: Andrew Kuehne, 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!

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

Visitor / Prayer Cards

We invite guests to fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you. The back of the visitor card also has a place for prayer requests for anyone needing special prayer. Please place cards in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. First time visitors, be sure to pick up a red welcome bag in the narthex.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: *"Open Now Thy Gate of Beauty"* LBW 250 Verses 1, 2, 3

- 1) Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

- 2) Gracious God, I come before thee;
Come thou also unto me;
Where we find thee and adore thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
Let it be thy temple now!

3) Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

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

C: Amen.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* LBW 527 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 26:8-15 (ESV)

⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

PSALM 4 To be read responsively (ESV)

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

²O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

³But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

- ⁴ Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.
- ⁵ Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"
- ⁷ You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- ⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1 (ESV)

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

⁴ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

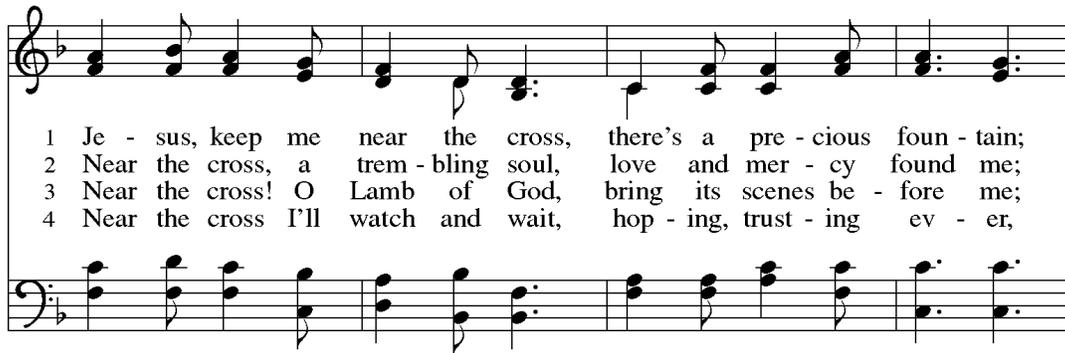
GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35 (ESV)

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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

You may be seated.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

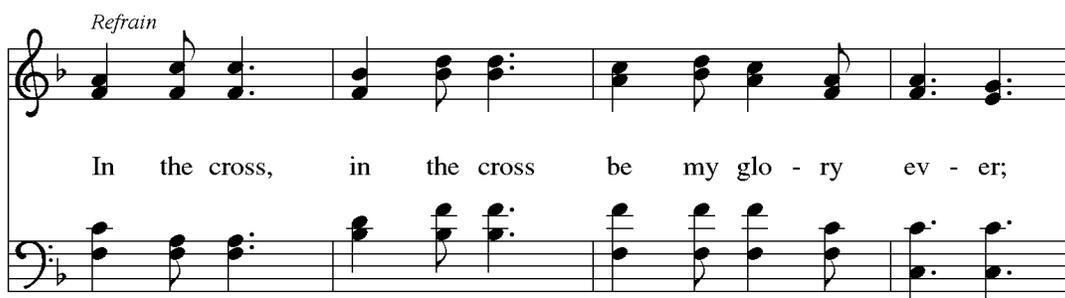


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

OFFERING

(The offering plate will be passed down each pew with the help of our ushers.)

Please stand when offertory has begun.

OFFERTORY: *“Create in Me a Clean Heart...”* pg. 96 LBW

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, And uphold me with your free Spirit. ♪

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”* LBW 259

(Please see next page.)

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are provided below each system of music.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 8 AM ON KWED 1580 AM RADIO

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today by Lydia Whitwell in thankfulness for her many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given the glory of God by Brandon and Jessica Westerholm in memory of Scott Roessing on his 58th birthday, the 14th of March.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FAITH

Worship Service – 9:00 AM

Fellowship on patio following worship

Sunday School – 10:15-11:15 AM

- Pre K-5th Grade in Educational Wing
 - Adult Sunday School- * Old Testament Class in Activity Center
* New Testament class in Sanctuary
 - Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.
- Confirmation Class – 10:15 -11:15 AM in the small kitchen

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on March 6 was 133; Month to Date (March): **\$13,663.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$77,790.00** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, March 20: Ushers: Matt Alfred, Bill Ermel, Cody Goetz, and Clem Howe; Lay Reader: Avis Herrick; Greeters: Kim Koenig, Lisa Owen; AV: Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther; Count: Candi Andrews, Diane Terp; Lock Up: Emma Jean Becker.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Ronnie Glenewinkel
Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling	Dot Day
Sandy Wille	Correen Dube	Teresa Kiel
Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch	Carolyn Westerholm
Brad Flippin	The country of Ukraine	
U.S. military men and women		

EASTER CROSS WITNESS

The Evangelism/Mission Teams have white yard crosses for the Easter season available for your family. The crosses would identify a household that desires to witness to the most significant event in history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Join us!

NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Mayer is holding a New Member class on **Sunday, March 27th**, from 1:00-3:00 PM for those interested in becoming a member of Faith! Please see Pastor if you are interested!

THANK YOU from ANNETTE

To the unknown "Angel" – A very special and heartfelt THANK YOU for the two beautiful, secretive, surprise floral arrangements placed on the altar on Sunday, January 23, for my 50 amazing years at Faith! Much love and blessing to you, Annette.

AV HELP

The worship committee is looking for interested people to volunteer during worship and special services running the AV equipment. Don't worry, you will be trained... and it's not that hard! **WE NEED YOU!** See Roxanne or Andrew Kuehne if interested!

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!

TIME AND TALENT / PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets can still be turned in to the church office. (You may place pledge cards directly on the altar if you prefer.) Please fill out TT sheets and return them, indicating areas in our church ministry in which you would be willing to serve.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation class and their teachers are looking for **volunteers to organize the annual banquet**. Confirmation is slated for Sunday, April 24, with the banquet held the Saturday night before. (April 23) The tradition has been for first year students and family to host the banquet, but there are no first year students this year! Please consider being on this team to help celebrate our confirmation students. See Andrew Cave if interested.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Tuesday, March 15	Staff Mtg.	10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 15	Love Circle	9:30 AM (AC)
Wednesday, March 16	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (Pastor office)
Wednesday, March 16	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, March 16	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Wednesday, March 16	Lenten Meal	6:-6:45 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, March 16	Chancel Singers	6:15-6:50
Wednesday, March 16	FLY	6-8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 16	Lenten Service	7:00 -7:35 PM
Thursday, March 17	Hope Circle	2:00 PM
Saturday, March 19	SA Food Bank Distribution	8:30-11:30 AM

PRESCHOOL BUTTER BRAID BREAD SALE

Our preschool is holding a spring fundraiser from March 7-25. Get your delicious frozen Butter Braid Breads and cookie dough today! A table is set up in the narthex for anyone wishing to purchase these wonderful products! (Great for those last minute Easter guests or for a fast breakfast on a busy morning!) All donations will be used to repair and repaint the walls in the preschool and other upkeep around the campus! Thank you in advance!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the fall 2022-2023 school year is open. We currently have openings in the full-time 2 year old class and the Mothers Morning Out class. Your deposit of \$200 will secure a place for your child. Contact Lisa Owen at 379-7074.

COMMUNION and ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild and Worship committee are in need of more volunteers to assist with communion preparation, clean up and during worship. Please contact Susan Foerster at 830-305-2035 if you are able help.

THANK YOU FROM WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee would like to recognize and give thanks, although very belated, to the Lifebridge group and other congregation members for their help with decorating during the Christmas season. We are grateful, as well, for the group's donation of the new Christmas tree for the narthex. It takes a village!

VBS SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for June 27-July 1 for Vacation Bible School 2022! Go off-road for a **MONUMENTAL** adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. Registration and more information soon!

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The March item is **meal helpers (i.e. Hamburger and Tuna Helpers)**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of March 8 is 39.

SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION

Faith Lutheran Church and our Social Concerns committee will host a food distribution on Saturday, March 19th. We are in need of several volunteers for this ministry! We need about 25-40, but "special" volunteers would be the following:

1. 3-5 "heavy" lifters in case of heavy items coming off the food truck
2. 3-5 computer people to float along the cars to be certain they are in the SAFB computer. If not, to input them into the SAFB computer.

Please sign up on the list posted on the kiosk to volunteer. See Pat Sagebiel or Elaine Bennett for more information.

SAVE THE DATES

- LENTEN SUPPER/SERVICE – Wed., March 16th, 6-6:45 and 7:00 PM.
- FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION – Saturday, March 19th
- PALM SUNDAY – Sunday, April 10th
- MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 14th
- GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 15th
- EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 17th
- EASTER EGG HUNT – Sunday, April 17th, during Sunday School hour.
- CONFIRMATION BANQUET – Saturday, April 23rd
- CONFIRMATION – Sunday, April 24th

- SENIOR RECOGNITION – Sunday, May 15th
- RETIREMENT CELEBRATION for Annette Stout – Sunday, May 22
- VBS – June 27th – July 1st
- FLY BEACH GATHERING – July 17th-20th

LENTEN DINNERS ARE BACK!!

Wednesday night Lenten dinners and fellowship are back! Different ministry groups are being asked to sponsor one dinner during the Lenten season. The informal meal is served from 6:00 – 6:45 before our Wednesday services. Below are the assignments and dates so far. Please volunteer your group for an open date! Call or come by the office to let us know!



- Wednesday, March 16 – **Volunteers** will serve Pulled Pork
- Wednesday, March 23 – **Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY)** will serve tamales and chili for us!
- Wednesday, March 30 – **Charity Circle** will serve spaghetti!
- Wednesday, April 6 – **AVAILABLE** for your group!

Lenten Worship Services

March 2—Ash Wednesday services at 12 & 7 PM

Jesus' Readiness to Suffer and Die

March 9— 7:00 PM

Jesus' Agony of Soul in Gethsemane

March 16— 7:00 PM

Betrayal, Denial and False Accusation

March 23—7:00 PM

Jesus before Pilate

March 30 - 7:00 PM

Jesus Condemned to Death

April 6—7:00 PM

Jesus' Death on the Cross

April 14—Maundy Thursday service 7:00 PM

(With Holy Communion)

April 15—Good Friday Service 7:00 PM

Jesus' Burial

April 17—Easter Sunday services at 7:00 & 9:00 AM