



**Sunday, March 20, 2022**

***Third Sunday in Lent***

*Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer;  
Lay Reader: Avis Herrick; Music: Annette Stout, Andrew Cave, Roxanne Heckmann;  
Children's Church: Lisa Owen; Ushers: Matt Alfred, Bill Ermel, Cody Goetz,  
and Clem Howe; AV: Matthew Fransen and 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!

As we worship today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers in a manner in which you are comfortable. Children will come forward for a special blessing before meeting for Children's Church.  
(Ages Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** *"God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord"* LBW 270

*(Please see next page.)*

## God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord

1 God of our life, all-glorious Lord, be now and  
2 Make clear our path, that we may see where we must  
3 Give us thy help in ev'ry task, nor let us  
4 At e-ven-tide then will we raise a grate-ful

ev-er-more a-dored! In-to the o-p'ning  
walk to be with thee and ev-er lis-ten  
fail of thee to ask for grace in speech, for  
heart in songs of praise, and wor-ship thee and

of this day bring grace and love and peace, we pray.  
for thy voice, that we may make thy way our choice.  
love in deed, from wrong-ful ac-tions to be freed.  
thy dear Son with God the Spir-it, ev-er one.

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947

Music: GROSSER GOTT, Maria Theresa, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774, adapt.

### 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:** Ezekiel 33:7-20 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way,

and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup> "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' <sup>11</sup> Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

<sup>12</sup> "And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup> Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup> Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup> if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup> None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup> "Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup> When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup> And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. <sup>20</sup> Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

## **PSALM 85**      *(To be read responsively) (ESV)*

LORD, you were favorable to your land;

    you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people;

    you covered all their sin.

<sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;

    you turned from your hot anger.

<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

    and put away your indignation toward us!

<sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?

    Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

<sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again,

    that your people may rejoice in you?

<sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup> Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*(ESV)*

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9 (ESV)**

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."  
<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

*You may be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Mayer

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Trust and Obey"**

*Verse 1*

When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word  
What a glory He sheds on our way  
While we do His good will  
He abides with us still  
And with all who will trust and obey

*Chorus*

Trust and obey  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus  
But to trust and obey

*Verse 2*

Not a shadow can rise  
Not a cloud in the skies  
But His smile quickly drives it away  
Not a doubt nor a fear  
Not a sigh nor a tear  
Can abide while we trust and obey *(Chorus)*

*Verse 3*

Not a burden we bear  
Not a sorrow we share  
But our toil He doth richly repay  
Not a grief nor a loss  
Not a frown nor a cross  
But is blessed if we trust and obey *(Chorus)*

*Verse 4*

But we never can prove  
The delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay  
For the favor He shows  
And the joy He bestows  
Are for those who will trust and obey *(Chorus)*

*Verse 5*

Then in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at His feet  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way  
What He says we will do  
Where He sends we will go  
Never fear only trust and obey *(Chorus)*

## OFFERING

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

**OFFERTORY:** *"Let the Vineyards be fruitful"* pg. 66 LBW

*Please stand as the offertory begins.*

**C:** ♪ Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come. ♪

**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**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*If you feel comfortable, you are invited to come to the altar rail for Holy Communion. Our ushers will direct you. Please bring your communion kit with you. If you would prefer to remain in your seats, you are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion in place.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"* WOVS 771  
*"I Come to the Garden Alone"*

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Please stand.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* LBW 415

- 1) God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
  
- 2) Lo! The hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

- 3) Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
let us miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4) Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

## **BENEDICTION DISMISSAL**

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!      C: Thanks be to God!

## **Cup of Faith Today!**

### **SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FAITH**

Worship Service – 9:00 AM

*Fellowship on patio following worship*

Sunday School – 10:15-11:15 AM

- Pre K-5<sup>th</sup> 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

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

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today by Mike and Candi Andrews in thankfulness for their many blessings.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given the glory of God by Missy and Pat Sagebiel in celebration of Pat's birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on March 13 was 120; Month to Date (March): **\$26,062.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$90,189.00** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

## **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, March 27:** Ushers: Jud Alexander, Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze, and Chase White; Lay Reader: Emma Jean Becker; Greeters: Pat & Missy Sagebiel; AV: Matthew Fransen, Andrew Kuehne; Count: Gail Herbold, Bill Ermel; Lock Up: Diane Ratliff.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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

## **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	Donald Jackson
Harold Bogisch	Carolyn Westerholm	Brad Flippin
The country of Ukraine	U.S. military men and women	

## **ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS**

Thrivent Choice® Dollars designated to your account in 2021 must be directed by March 31, 2022. The Thrivent Choice program offers a way for eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable grant funds each year. Eligible benefit members are designated Choice Dollars® that they can direct, thereby recommending charitable grant funding for their choice among thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations, including Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Preschool, Christian Cupboard, South Texas Pregnancy Care Center, or Lutheran World Relief - to name just a few.

### **DIRECT YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS TODAY:**

- Online at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice)
  - Log in and select Membership Overview.
  - Scroll down and click on "Direct Choice Dollars."
  - Direct to a previous organization or search for a new organization.
  - Locate your choice and then check the box to direct all Choice Dollars or enter in an amount then click on "Direct Now."
- By phone at 800-847-4836 – Say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

## **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!

## **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

Monday, March 21	Charity Circle	7:00 PM (AC)
Tuesday, March 22	Staff Mtg.	10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 22	Hand Bells	6:15 PM
Tuesday, March 22	Game night at SAL	6:30PM
Wednesday, March 23	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (Pastor office)
Wednesday, March 23	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, March 23	Donuts for Dads	10:00 AM Preschool
Wednesday, March 23	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Wednesday, March 23	Joyful Noise	5:45-6:15 PM
Wednesday, March 23	Lenten Meal	6:-6:45 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, March 23	Chancel Singers	6:15-6:50
Wednesday, March 23	FLY	6-8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 23	Lenten Service	7:00 -7:35 PM

### 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 TEACHER POSITION OPEN

5 Day Pre-K Teacher needed for the 2022-23 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. Please call the preschool if interested. (830-379-7074)

### 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!

### 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 16 is 81.

## SAVE THE DATES

- LENTEN SUPPER/SERVICE – Wed., March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-6:45 and 7:00 PM.
- PALM SUNDAY – Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

- MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>
- GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>
- EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>
- EASTER EGG HUNT – Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, during Sunday School hour
- CONFIRMATION BANQUET – Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- CONFIRMATION – Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>
- SENIOR RECOGNITION – Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>
- RETIREMENT CELEBRATION for Annette Stout – Sunday, May 22
- VBS – June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>
- FLY BEACH GATHERING – July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

### **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 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