



Sunday, March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer, Sermon: Andrew Cave;
Lay Reader: Emma Jean Becker; Music: Annette Stout, Roxanne Heckmann, LeAnne
White, Brad Bettis and Stephanie Kautzsch; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers:
Jud Alexander, Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze, and Chase White;
AV: Andrew Kuehne, 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!

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.

PRELUDE – Hand Bell Choir *"How Great Is Our God with How Great Thou Art"*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* LBW 526

(Please see next page.)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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: Isaiah 12:1-6 (ESV)

You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

² "Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say
in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

PSALM: 32 To be read responsively (ESV)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (ESV)

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (ESV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable:

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son

gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE

Andrew Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*

- 1) Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, by now am found,
Was blind but now I see
- 2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My Chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

- 3) The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures *Chorus*
- 4) The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine. Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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

HAND BELL CHOIR – *"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

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: *"Blessed Assurance"* WOV 699

1) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2) Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *(Refrain)*

3) Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *(Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

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-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

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

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today by John and Pat Dikes in thankfulness for their many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given the glory of God by Cecil and Syndra Schulze in thankfulness for their many blessings.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on March 20 was 137; Month to Date (March): **\$37,454.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$101,816.14** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 3: Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, and David Moltz; Lay Reader: Brenda Bloch; Greeters: Avis Herrick and Kim Kauitzsch; AV: Andrew Kuehne and Tim Bogisch; Count: Jud Alexander and Emma Jean Becker; Lock Up: _____.

NEW MEMBERS

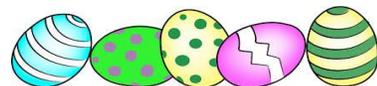
Pastor Mayer will hold a New Member class **TODAY** from 1:00-3:00 PM for those interested in becoming a member of Faith! Please see Pastor if you are interested!

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
Steve Foerster	The country of Ukraine	
U.S. military men and women		

EASTER EGGS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry Team needs donations of filled plastic eggs to make the Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School on April 17th a success. Please bring filled, plastic eggs to the church office before noon on Friday, April 15th. We kindly request candy that is individually wrapped. Please avoid chocolate candy which attracts ants. The congregation's help is always appreciated.



WELCOME PASTOR CAVE

Our church council has approved the hiring of Pastor Dan Cave to serve as our visitation pastor until a senior pastor has been hired. If you receive a phone call from Pastor Cave, we hope you accept his invitation to come visit with you!

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.

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 29	Staff Mtg.	10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 29	Hand Bells	6:15 PM
Tuesday, March 29	Potential Small Group Leaders Mtg.	6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 30	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (Pastor office)
Wednesday, March 30	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, March 30	Donuts for Dads	10:00 AM Preschool
Wednesday, March 30	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Wednesday, March 30	Lenten Meal	6:-6:45 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, March 30	Chancel Singers	6:15-6:50
Wednesday, March 30	FLY	6-8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 30	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)

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 22 is 85.

SAVE THE DATES

- LENTEN SUPPER/SERVICE – Wed., March 30th, 6-6:45 and 7:00 PM
- LIFEBRIDGE AND JAM GATHERING – Saturday, April 2nd
- COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Tuesday, April 5th
- 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 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