



**Sunday, April 24, 2022**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Confirmation Sunday**

Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer and Andrew Cave;  
Sermon: Mike Andrews; Lay Reader: Georgie Dittrich; Music: Annette Stout, Roxanne Heckmann, LeAnne White, and Brad Bettis; Children's Church: Shelby Atchley; Ushers: Ed Engelhardt, Missy Sagebiel, Pat Sagebiel, Ben Weise, and Roy Biediger;  
AV: Andrew Kuehne, Chase White

**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! Our guests are encouraged to sign the guestbook located at the Welcome Table in the entry hall. We ask all to please complete the attendance sheet in the black folder and then pass it down the pew.

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: "A Mighty Fortress"** LBW 229

1) A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe, Has sworn to work us woe,  
with dread craft and might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

- 2) No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
Ask who this may be:  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Jesus Christ, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.
- 3) Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant may rage,  
in battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
- 4) God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

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## **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: Acts 5:12-20**

<sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

**PSALM 148: 7-14**

*To be read responsively (ESV)*

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,  
<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!  
<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
<sup>10</sup> Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!  
<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
Praise the LORD!

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.  
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.  
<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, **"Peace be with you."** <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, **"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."** <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, **"Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."**

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **"Peace be with you."** <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, **"Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."** <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, **"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

*You may be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"* WOVS 770

1. "I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."
2. "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were  
raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

3. "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

4. "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

## MESSAGE

*Mike Andrews*

## SHARING OF FAITH STATEMENTS AND BIBLE VERSES

Confirmands

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

L: These young women and men have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ by saying "yes" to what God did for them in their baptism. We welcome:

Rylee Paige Flippin  
Thor Christian Jensen  
Emily Elizabeth Schlather  
Addison Leigh Seidel

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ: we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of His Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at His holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Confirmands: I do

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Confirmands:** 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.

**L:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Confirmands:** 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.

## **COMMITMENT**

**Pastor:** We have heard you say that you believe in Jesus. God has committed Himself to you. Know that His love for you will never waver and His plans of good for you are beyond what any one of us can imagine. You are on a journey of faith. Keep the fire of faith burning by surrounding yourself with others who believe, by reading the Bible to keep learning, by receiving Holy Communion to experience just how good God is, by sharing the good news of what God has done in Jesus, by being a person who serves, just like Jesus did, so that God's goodness and peace will cover the whole earth. Do you plan to make this your life goal?

**Students:** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

**Pastor:** As a believer it only makes sense to practice what you profess, to live your faith by what you say and do, and to shape your faith and actions by the Word of God in the Bible. Do you plan to make this your life goal?

**Students:** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

**Pastor:** Not everyone will like that you belong to Jesus. People might make fun of you. You might even suffer worse things for belonging to Jesus. In the worst case you might even experience death for your faith. It means that your faith is real; it's not fake or shallow. Do you plan to make it your goal to be faithful to God no matter what you experience?

**Students:** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

## **BLESSING AND DEDICATION**

Parents and sponsors are asked come forward to pray a special blessing over their confirmand.

## DISTRIBUTION OF GIFTS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

### 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.

*Please be seated.*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Please stand.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"You Are the Seed"* WOV 753

- 1) You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;  
you're a star that will shine in the night;  
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,  
a beacon to glow in the dark.  
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;  
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;  
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,  
to witness wherever you go.

*Refrain*

Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaim the great love of God;  
messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all.  
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose;  
"Lo, I'll be with you forever more, till the end of the world."

- 2) You are the flame that will lighten the dark,  
So resplendent with hope, faith, and love;  
You are the shepherds to lead the whole world  
To waters and pastures of peace.  
You are the friends that I chose for myself,

You're the word that I want to proclaim.  
You are the new reign of God built on rock  
where justice and truth are at home. *Refrain*

3) You are the life that will nurture the plant;  
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;  
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,  
a new loaf of bread it will yield.  
There is no place for a city to hide,  
There's no mountain can cover its might;  
Let your light shine so that your loving works  
can give honor and glory to God. *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-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 Bryan and Diane Terp in honor of their grandchildren and in thankfulness of their many blessings.

## **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by John and Michelle Kuempel in celebration of Will and Sam's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday!

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on April 17 was 7:00 am-130, 9:00 am 214; Month to Date (April): **\$30,260.00**;  
YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$143,372.00** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, April 25	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Monday, April 25	VDC Ultreya	6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 26	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, April 26	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, April 26	Game Night at SAL	6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 27	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, April 27	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 27	Hand Bells	6:015 PM
Wednesday, April 27	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 27	FLY	6-8:00 PM

### **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, May 1:** Ushers: Bill Ermel, Matt Alfred, Cody Goetz, Clem Howe; Lay Reader: Tim Bogisch; Greeters: Jud Alexander, Emma Jean Becker; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Matthew Fransen; Count: Mark Herbold, Doris Engelhardt; Lock Up: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **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	Debbie Mozisek & her family	

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

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Pastor Mayer will hold a New Member class for those interested in becoming members of Faith! Please see Pastor if you are interested! Text or call him at 830-426-9146.

### **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank my Faith family for all of your prayers, hugs and support over the past few weeks. Your love has helped me tremendously during the loss of my granddaughter. I will always cherish my church family. *Debbie Mozisek*

### **VBS 2022 REGISTRATION**

Registration for VBS has begun! (Paper copy and on-line). *Monumental* is scheduled for June 27-July 1. Registration forms will be available in church office beginning Monday, April 18, or you may register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/59fac1>

## SAVE THE DATES

- 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>

### GVCCC BBQ FUNDRAISER

The Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center will hold a “Chicken for the Soul” drive-through only BBQ fundraiser on **TODAY** from 10:00 am –1:00 pm. at Faith. Plate will consist of smoked chicken and a sausage link. Tickets are \$12 today.

### PHOTO DIRECTORY



We are still missing several PICTURES for our printable/digital Church Directory!

Please send your family or individual pictures to [communications@faithseguin.org](mailto:communications@faithseguin.org)

to get them included! You are also free to just grab Roxanne after service and have her take a quick photo of you!

### JOB POSITION AVAILABLE AT PRESCHOOL

Please keep LFP in your prayers. We have recently lost a few of our staff members due to illness, transfer of spouse, pregnancy, or moving out of state.

We have been blessed with new teachers but find ourselves in need once again. Faith Lutheran Preschool is currently looking for a lead teacher to facilitate our full-time two-year-old class. A bachelor's degree in education and experience is preferred.

Requirements: must enjoy smiles, hugs, and laughter; must be loving, energetic, and patient; will be responsible for planning lessons, communication with parents, and potty-training; CPR and first aid training will be needed. Hours are Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM-4:00 PM year round with PTO. Please call 830-379-7074 or email [preschool@faithseguin.org](mailto:preschool@faithseguin.org) if interested.

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR STPCC

The Social Concerns Team is sponsoring the Baby Bottle Campaign Drive for the South Texas Pregnancy Care Center. The primary mission of the center is to promote life for the unborn child and to offer support for the mother and child during pregnancy, birth, and the baby's early years. The fundraiser will begin on **Sunday, April 24, and conclude on Sunday, May 15**. Baby bottles will be available after church services or in the narthex during the week. **You can make a check out to STPCC and mail it to the church.** We will include it in our campaign contribution. We thank all of you who give a monthly gift to support the pregnancy center.

We encourage you to join other churches in the Seguin area by placing change, dollar bills, and/or checks (made out to STPCC) in the baby bottles to help support the services that the center provides. Services include pregnancy tests, sonograms, counseling, educational materials, prayers, newborn gift baskets, and slightly used baby items at no charge to clients. One hundred percent of the funds raised go directly to support the center's budget. The South Texas Pregnancy Care Center exists to offer hope to people

who mistakenly believe abortion is their only option. Please return the bottles to the church no later than **Sunday, May 15**, and place them in the basket in the narthex.

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### **THANK YOU**

We would like to thank Glen Haas for the donation of firewood to our BBQ building! The Crew and Faith Lutheran Church appreciates it!

### **CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD**

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The April item is **CEREAL**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of April 19<sup>th</sup> is 54.