



**Sunday, May 8, 2022**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer;*

*Lay Reader: Roxanne Heckmann; Music: Annette Stout, Roxanne Heckmann, LeAnne White, and Brad Bettis; Children's Church: Laura Beedy; Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, Matt Sherwood, John Kuempel; 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! Our guests are encouraged to sign the red guestbook located at the Welcome Table in the entry hall. First time visitors, be sure to pick up a red welcome bag in the narthex.

We ask everyone to please complete the attendance sheet in the black folder and then pass it down the pew.

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

**Prayer Cards**

You will find prayer request cards on the back of the pew in front of you. We ask that anyone needing special prayer please fill them out and place cards in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

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

*(Please see next page.)*

## Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system includes four lines of lyrics. The second system includes three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

### 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.  
  
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! ♪

*You may be seated.*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 20:17-35 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup> And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not

sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, **'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'**"

**PSALM 23**                      *To be read responsively*      **(ESV)**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

**SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**      **(ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their

faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

## **GOSPEL: John 10:22-30 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "**I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."**

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

*You may be seated.*

**LIL' STRUMMERS** *"This Little Light of Mine"*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor David Mayer

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

## 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:** *"Bind Us Together"* WOV #748

*Refrain*

Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, Lord;  
bind us together in love.

1) There is only one God.  
There is only one King.  
There is only one Body;

that is why we can sing: *Refrain*

2) You are the fam'ly of God.  
You are the promise divine.  
You are God's chosen desire,  
you are the glorious new wine. *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 Kerry and Mary Koehler in celebration of Carolyn Westerholm’s 98<sup>th</sup> birthday!

## **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by Georgie Dittrich in memory of her parents and grandparents.

## **FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN**

Have been given to the glory of God by the children of Pastor Walt Fruehling in celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday today!

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on May 1 was 137; Month to Date (May): **\$9,971.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$161,616.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

## **MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS**

Our Faith family joins in celebrating two milestone birthdays this weekend! We invite you to share your well wishes with Carolyn Westerholm on her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday and Pastor Walt Fruehling on his 100<sup>th</sup>! We thank God for their lives and the blessings he has bestowed on them, and in turn, on us!

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, May 9	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Tuesday, May 10	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 10	Retired Teachers Mtg.	9:00 AM (AC)
Tuesday, May 10	Council Mtg.	6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 11	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, May 11	Lil' Strummers	5:30 PM
Wednesday, May 11	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 11	Hand Bells	6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 11	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 11	FLY	6-8:00 PM

### WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 15: Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, Albert Menn, John Taddy; Lay Reader: Doris Engelhardt; Greeters: Avis Herrick, Kim Koenig; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Chase White; Count: Pat Sagebiel, Candi Andrews; Lock Up: Jody Alexander.

### 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	Harrison Hodges	
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.

### PRAYERS REQUESTED

To the family of Margaret Ann Gwyther (Peg), sister of Diane Gwyther. Peg passed through death, into eternal life on April 21 in Eugene, Oregon. Please remember her family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Prayers also requested for the family of John Thomas Beck, great-grandson of Pat Bodine. John Thomas passed through death into eternal life this week. He was born prematurely at 23.5 weeks. Please keep his family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

## **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>

## **RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR ANNETTE STOUT**

As some of you are aware, after almost 50 years of service to Faith Lutheran, our organist/accompanist, Annette Stout, has decided to retire! We cannot let this happen without celebrating her! Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 22. We will be honoring her with special music during our worship service, and everyone is invited to a catered lunch following worship in the LEC. There will be a short program, a catered meal, and time to share well wishes with Annette and her family.

## **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.

## **CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD**

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The MAY item is **Peanut Butter and Jelly**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of the end of April is 92.

## Life is a Gift-Come Celebrate

Festival for South Texas Pregnancy

Care Center

Saturday, June 11, 2022

11:00am-3:00pm / Come & Go

Columbus Club Hall

1015 S. Austin St. Seguin, TX

All activities and games are free!



### LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT ANNUAL GATHERING

Information and registration forms for the annual gathering are available on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. The gathering will be held in Victoria on July 29-30. The theme this year is PRAY EARNESTLY based on Matthew 9:38: *"Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

A special Youth Gathering will once again be held for ALL Middle and High School Students. Information is available for both the Youth Gathering and the District Gathering at <https://www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering/>

### THE CANVAS PANELS

Hanging on both sides of the sanctuary walls are gifts to the congregation from the 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 Confirmation classes. The first two panels were started by the 1996 class and illustrate portions of John Ylvisaker's hymn, "I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry." They include words from the beginning and end of the hymn. The panels that followed in the next years depict major themes from each of the stanzas. The artistic style of French painter Henri Matisse was a strong influence on the overall design.

Completed in Vacation Bible School art classes, the canvases were painted by Confirmation students, who were assisted by Patti Zimmerman, Cathy Cordes, Nancy Hartfiel and Karen Huff. The construction, framing and hanging were done with help from Ronnie Pargmann, Dillon Pargmann, Mike Heckmann and Rick Ehlers.

### 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!

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