



Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

FLY Senior Recognition Sunday

Serving us in worship today: Leader, Andrew Cave;

Lay Reader: Doris Engelhardt; Music: Annette Stout, Roxanne Heckmann, Brad Bettis, LeAnne White; Children's Church: Sharon Stollewerk; Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, Albert Menn, and John Taddy; 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 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 3rd 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: *"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"* WOV 752

1) "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2) "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3) "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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: 1 Samuel 24 *(NIV)*

After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." ² So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crags of the Wild Goats.

³ He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. ⁴ The men said, "This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

⁵ Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. ⁶ He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the LORD." ⁷ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

⁸ Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. ⁹ He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when men say, 'David is bent on harming you'?" ¹⁰ This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the LORD's anointed.' ¹¹ See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. ¹² May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you. ¹³ As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers come evil deeds,' so my hand will not touch you.

¹⁴ "Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Who are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea? ¹⁵ May the LORD be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand."

¹⁶ When David finished saying this, Saul asked, "Is that your voice, David my son?" And he wept aloud. ¹⁷ "You are more righteous than I," he said. "You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly. ¹⁸ You have just now told me about the good you did to me; the LORD delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. ¹⁹ When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? May the LORD reward you well for the way you treated me today. ²⁰ I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands. ²¹ Now swear to me by the LORD that you will not kill off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father's family."

²² So David gave his oath to Saul. Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

PSALM 13 *(To be read responsively)* *(NIV)*

¹ How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look on me and answer, LORD my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing the LORD's praise,
for he has been good to me.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6: 10-18 *(NIV)*

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around

your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way"—

³ "a voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

You may be seated.

NOISY OFFERING

JAM Students collect for "*Change Hunger*" in support of the Christian Cupboard.
Get your COINS out!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: "*Turkeys and Jesus*"

Andrew Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Amazing Love*"

(Please see screen for lyrics)

FLY SENIOR RECOGNITION

Class of 2022

Cheyenne Bauer—*Seguin High School*
Madison Cornette—*Seguin High School*
Alan Dodson—*Seguin High School*
Sam Kuempel—*Seguin High School*
Will Kuempel—*Seguin High School*
Kailey Kuntschik—*Navarro High School*
Cesilee Mokry—*La Vernia High School*
Sydney Seidel—*Navarro High School*
Jake Stewart—*Navarro High School*
Randall Wilke—*Seguin High School*

OFFERING

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

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: *"Sanctuary"*
"Lord of All Hopefulness" LBW 469

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: *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* WOVS 721

1) "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

2) "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

3) "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

4) "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

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 Faith Lutheran Church.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Brandon and Jessica Westerholm in celebration of Ava-Jane’s 2nd birthday today!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on May 8 was 140; Month to Date (May): \$16,429.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$168,074.28 (2022 budgeted offerings is \$488,775.00)

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, May 16	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Monday, May 16	Charity Circle	7:00 PM (AC)
Tuesday, May 17	Men’s Bible Study	7:30 AM
Tuesday, May 17	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 17	Love Circle	9:30 AM (AC)
Wednesday, May 18	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, May 18	Lil’ Strummers	5:30 PM
Wednesday, May 18	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 18	Hand Bells	6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 18	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 18	FLY	6-8:00 PM
Thursday, May 19	Hope Circle	2:00 PM (AC)
Thursday, May 19	Preschool Graduation	7:00 PM (LEC)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 22: Ushers: Jud Alexander, Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze, Chase White; Greeters: Kim Kautzsch, Lisa Owen; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Diane Gwyther; Count: John Taddy, Bryan Terp; Lock Up: Cathy Wensinger.

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	
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.

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

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

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 honor 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 May 10 is 16.

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@faithsequin.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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