



**Sunday, May 22, 2022**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer;  
Lay Reader: Fran Braun; Music: Judy Smith, Michelle Stout Murr, Chancel Singers,  
Handbell Choir, Joyful Noise; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Jud Alexander,  
Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze, Chase White;  
AV: Andrew Kuehne, Diane Gwyther, Matthew Fransen*

**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**

**RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*Please Stand*

**OPENING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LBW #315**

1) Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

- 2) Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.
- 3) Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4) Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

### **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.*

**CHANCEL SINGERS:** *"Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 16:22-30 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. <sup>24</sup>When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup>The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill

himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

**PSALM 67**                      *To be read responsively*      *(NIV)*

- <sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine on us—  
<sup>2</sup> so that your ways may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.  
<sup>3</sup> May the peoples praise you, God;  
may all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>4</sup> May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations of the earth.  
<sup>5</sup> May the peoples praise you, God;  
may all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>6</sup> The land yields its harvest;  
God, our God, blesses us.  
<sup>7</sup> May God bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:10-17**      *(NIV)*

- <sup>10</sup> ... put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.  
<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.  
<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: John 1:1-14 (NIV)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

*You may be seated.*

**JOYFUL NOISE:** *"Mustard Seed Faith"*

**NOISY OFFERING**

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor David Mayer

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"Blessed Assurance"* With Michelle Stout Murr

*Congregation*

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) *Michelle Murr and Judy Smith*

*Congregation*

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)

## OFFERING

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

**HAND BELL CHOIR:** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

*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.

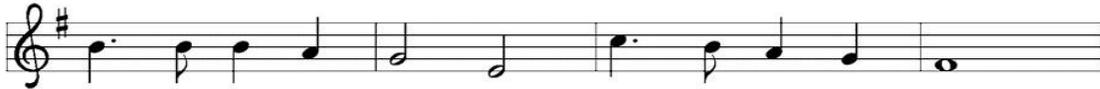
*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Please stand.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"On Our Way Rejoicing"* LBW 260

### On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

**BENEDICTION – Chancel Singers**

**DISMISSAL - A:** Go In Peace to Love and Serve the Lord! **C:** Thanks be to God!

**Everyone is invited to our Life Enrichment Center at 11:00 AM for a special lunch and short program honoring Annette Stout on her retirement!**

*(Sunday school will be shortened 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 Bryan and Diane Terp in celebration and honor of Annette Stout for her many years of dedicated and faithful music ministry.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by Bryan and Diane Terp in celebration of their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in thankfulness of His many blessings.

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on May 15 was 156; Month to Date (May): **\$22,131.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$173,776.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Monday, May 23	Prayer Group	10:15 AM
Monday, May 23	Via Da Cristo	6:30 PM (AC)
Tuesday, May 24	Men’s Bible Study	7:30 AM
Tuesday, May 24	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 24	Game Night at SAL	6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 25	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, May 25	Lil’ Strummers	5:30 PM
Wednesday, May 25	FLY	6-8:00 PM

**WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Sunday, May 29: Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold, Joan Vanbeek, Ron Vanbeek; Greeters: Pat & Missy Sagebiel; AV: Matthew Fransen, Tim Bogisch; Count: Diane Terp, Jud Alexander; Lock Up: Brad Flippin; Communion set up: Carlee Goetz, Susan Foerster; Communion clean up: Gail Herbold, 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	Brad Flippin	Steve Foerster
The country of Ukraine	Harrison Hodges	U.S. military men and women

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of Carolyn Westerholm. Carolyn passed through death into eternal life on Monday, May 16, here in Seguin. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, June 11 at 10:00 AM here at Faith. Please remember Mary, Kerry, Mark, Sharon, and the rest of her family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATES

- VBS – June 27th – July 1<sup>st</sup>
- FLY BEACH GATHERING – July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

## 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 17 is 33.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns Team would like to thank the congregation for its support of the South Texas Pregnancy Care Center through the Baby Bottle Campaign. We were able to send over \$3500 to the center through your generosity. This will do so much in helping the center care for healthy babies and families. If you have a bottle at home or still want to make a contribution, please bring it to the church. Continue to keep this ministry in your prayers.

## **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](mailto: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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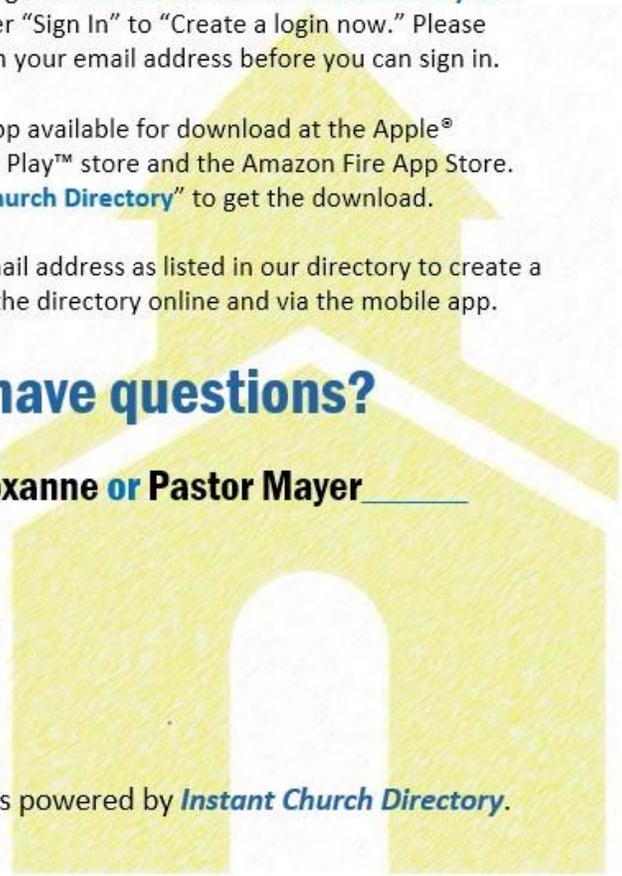
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