



Sunday, May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Serving us in worship today: Pastor: David Mayer;
Lay Reader: Gail Herbold; Music: Judy Smith, Valerie Smith, Brad Bettis; Children's
Church: Georgie Dittrich; Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold, Joan
Vanbeek, and Ron Vanbeek; AV: Matthew Fransen, 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 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: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" LBW 363

- 1) Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
In death his love shall never die.
- 2) Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer ev'ry place and time.

3) Not throned afar, remotely high
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior with the Father reigns.

4) In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

5) Christ is alive! Ascended Lord--
he rules the world his Father made,
till, in the end, his love adored
shall be to all on earth displayed.

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: *"This is the Feast.."* Pg. 60 LBW

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

♪ This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to people of God.

This is the feast of victory of our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. ♪

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"God Bless America"*

Valerie Smith

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26 (ESV)

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward

of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

And "'Let another take his office.'

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

PSALM 133 *To be read responsively* *(ESV)*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20 *(ESV)*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And

the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

¹² “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26 (NIV)

²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE

Pastor David Mayer

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing"* Verses 1,2,6,7 LBW 157

1) A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2) The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And with his faithful foll'wers see
their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6) Give us your joy on earth, O Lord,
in heav'n to be our great reward.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

When throned with you forever, we
shall praise your name eternally.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7) O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERING

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

Please stand when offertory has begun.

OFFERTORY: *"Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord..."* Pg. 66 LBW

C: ♪ Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
 and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
 unite them with the prayers we offer now.
 Grace our table with your presence,
 and give us a foretaste of the feast to come. ♪

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: *"One Bread, One Body"* Blue WOV 710
"Great is Thy Faithfulness" WOV 771

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: *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" ("America")* ELW 888

1) O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.

2) O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.

3) O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.

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 ON KWED and FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Albert and Irene Menn in celebration of their grandson Blake’s 20th birthday. We thank our loving God for our many blessings and our family at Faith Lutheran.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on May 22 was 174; Month to Date (May): **\$29,474.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$181,119.28** (2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, May 30	Church office Closed for Memorial Day	
Tuesday, May 31	Men’s Bible Study	7:30 AM
Tuesday, May 31	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Wednesday, June 1	Quilters	9:00 AM (AC)
Wednesday, June 1	FLY	6-8:00 PM
Thursday, June 2	VBS Training for Volunteers	6:00 PM (AC)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, June 5: Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz ; Greeters: Kristy Serold, Sharon Stollewerk; AV: Matthew Fransen, Tim Bogisch; Count: Dianne Chambers, Emma Jean Becker; Lock Up: Brandon Westerholm; Communion set up: Fran Braun, Mary Koehler; Communion clean up: Patti Jahns, Nancy Schlather.

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.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The MAY item was peanut butter and jelly. Our June item will be **canned meat**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of May 25 is 48.

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

WORSHIP ACCOMPANIST

Please welcome Judy Smith as Faith's new worship and choir accompanist. If you see Judy, introduce yourself and welcome her to Faith!

SAVE THE DATES

- VBS – June 27th – July 1st
- FLY BEACH GATHERING – July 17th-20th

FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION HELP

Your help is needed for the next San Antonio Food Bank food distribution. It is set for **Saturday, June 18, from 8:00 – 11:00 AM.** When all hands are on deck, the sorting and loading goes smoothly. Please consider giving some of your time. The signup sheet is on the kiosk in the narthex.

THANK YOU

An OVER THE TOP "Thank You" to the "army" of loving volunteers and those present at the worship service and luncheon celebration, who made the day so very memorable and special! Being with Faith Lutheran has been (and still is) one of the highest blessings for me and my family. Take the time to get to know Judy, as you will come to know and love her as a friend and wonderful staff member.

Lovingly, **Annette Stout**

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@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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Please contact Roxanne or Pastor Mayer



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