



**Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
***First Sunday after Christmas***  
***Happy New Year!***

Serving us in worship today: Leader: Andrew Cave;  
Lay Reader: Jan Quello; Music: Gina Sanders; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch;  
Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, and David Moltz;  
AV: Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther

**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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please Stand*

**INVOCATION AND OPENING PRAYER**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* LBW #60

*(Please see next page.)*

# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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 for 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.*

**FIRST READING: Galatians 4: 4-7** (NIV)

<sup>4</sup>But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. <sup>6</sup>Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

**PSALM 111** *To be read responsively* (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the lands of other nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup> They are established for ever and ever,  
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever—  
holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
To him belongs eternal praise.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 25-34**

*(NIV)*

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? <sup>28</sup> "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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

*You may be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

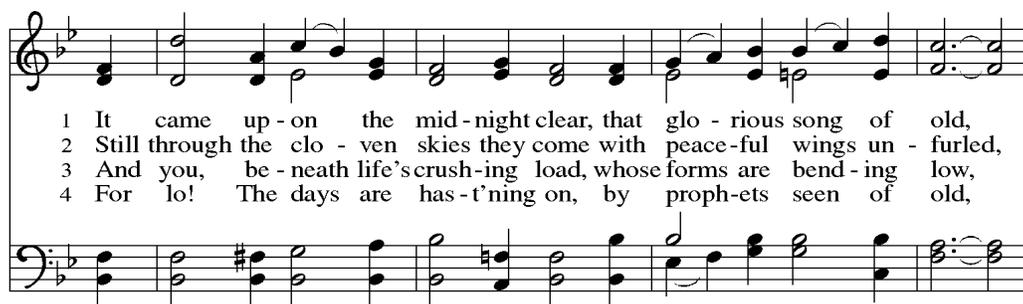
**MESSAGE:** *"Me or He?"*

*Andrew Cave*

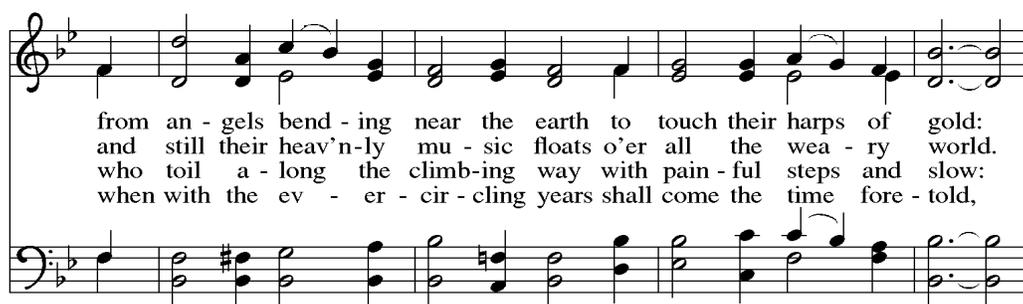
**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* LBW #54

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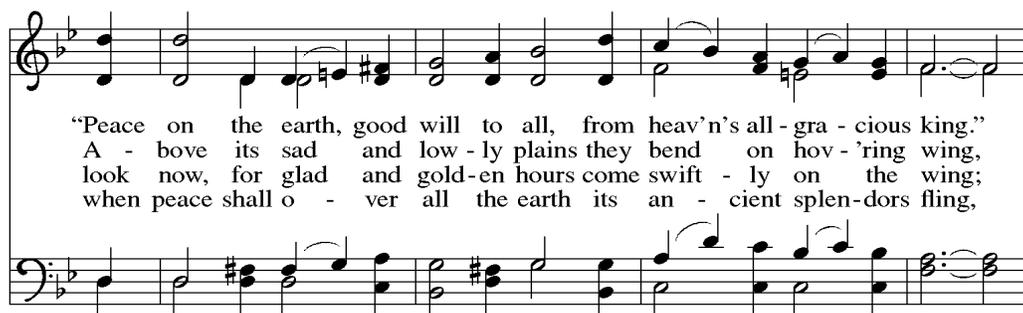
## It Came upon the Midnight Clear



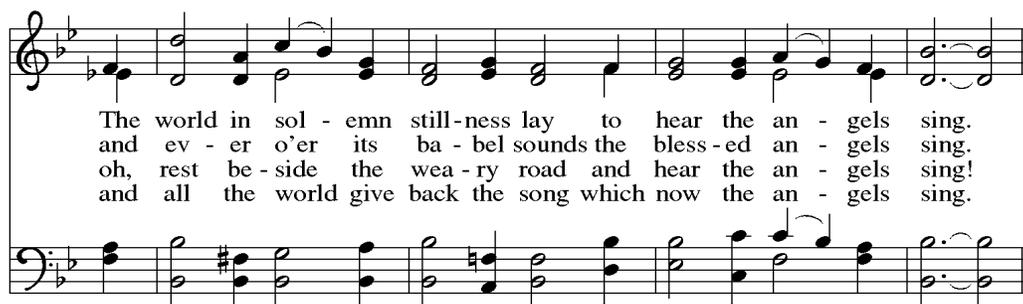
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

### 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.

## **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **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.

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and.*

**CLOSING HYMN:** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* LBW #55

1) Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2) Good Christian friends, rejoice!  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
And we are blest for evermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3) Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## **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**—10:30-11:30 AM

●—Pre-K-1st Grade in Educational Wing

●—2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Education Wing

●—Adult Sunday School \**That The World May Know* class in Activity Center

●—Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.—

### **"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST ON KWED**

Has been sponsored to the glory of God today Stan and Nancy Wieding in thankfulness for God's Blessings of hope, peace and love.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by Faith Lutheran Church.

### **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on December 24 (two services) was 301; Attendance on December 25 was 39.  
Month to Date (December): **\$60,752.99**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$482,329.14**  
(2022 budgeted offerings is **\$488,775.00**)

## **SAVE THE DATES**

- **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – January 22

## **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Monday, January 2	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
Monday, January 2	Preschool Board Mtg.	6:00 PM
Tuesday, January 3	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, January 3	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, January 3	Committee Mtgs.	7:00 PM

### **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, January 8:** Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, Matt Sherwood; Lay Reader: Fran Braun; Greeters: Rose Mary Ermel, Emma Jean Becker; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Tim Bogisch; Count: Pat Sagebiel, Mark Herbold; Lock Up: Matt Sherwood; Security: Carlee Goetz; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Servers: NA; Communion Aid: NA.

### **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett	Carolyn Sagebiel
Ronnie Glenewinkel	Kelton Lange	Gladys Fruehling
Sandy Wille	Donald Jackson	Harold Bogisch
Brad Flippin	Steve Foerster	Georgie Dittrich
Lillian Lippe	Clara Fischer	Birdie Kuempel
Doris Rinn	Willie Bloch	Irene Menn
Tom Stout	Candi Andrews	Paul Quello

## **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE REQUESTED FOR**

The family of Willie and Brenda Bloch. Willie and Brenda's son, Michael, passed through death into eternal life on Saturday, December 16 in Odessa. The Blochs also lost Willie's brother, Clarence, and their nephew Jared the same weekend. A memorial service for Michael Bloch will be held on Wednesday, December 28, at 11:00 AM at Tres Hewell. A reception will follow in Faith Lutheran's Life Enrichment Center. Please keep their family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Prayers are also requested for the family of Kenneth Robinette, brother of Janet Wolber. Kenneth passed through death into eternal life on Saturday in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Please keep Janet and the rest of his family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Please keep the family of Julie Sagebiel in your prayers. Julie passed through death into eternal life on Wednesday, December 21, here in Seguin. Keep Pat and Missy Sagebiel and the rest of her family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

## **PRESCHOOL STAFF NEEDED**

Faith Lutheran Church Preschool is in need of a part-time teacher's aide for a Pre-K class. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00-12:00, with flexibility to also work some afternoons.

## **2023 FLOWER AND WORDS OF FAITH CHARTS**

Are now posted in the hallway outside of communications office. Please sign up for dates you would like to sponsor altar flowers or our Words of Faith Broadcast in 2023.

## **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT FAITH?**

If you are interested in finding out more information on Faith, please see or contact Andrew at 248-687-0485.

## **PHOTO DIRECTORY**

Faith has prepared (and will continue to update) an online/printable church membership directory. This includes not only our members, but families and individuals who have been active and participating in services and events with us. We are asking members to submit a photograph of yourself or your family that you would like to appear next to your name and information in the 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!

## **CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD**

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our January items are **breakfast cereals, both hot and cold**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of December 28 is 182.



## POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED IN LOVING HONOR OF:



Julie Sagebiel, our children and grandchildren – by Pat and Missy Sagebiel

Our children, grandchildren – by Steve and Susan Foerster



## POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED IN MEMORY OF:



Our parents and loved ones – by Spitzie and Jeanine  
Ullrich



Our parents, Jim and Ruby Linsey – by Roxanne Heckmann and Mona Kuehne

Ralph & Mary Sagebiel and Adolph & Olga Ermel – by Bill and Rose Mary Ermel

Our parents, Luther & Dorothy Sagebiel and our son Boyd Harrison – by Pat  
and Missy Sagebiel

Our parents and grandparents – by Steve and Susan Foerster

Our beloved husband, fathers and grandfathers, Gordon Seidel and  
Lee Herrick – by Joyce Seidel & Family

Dawn Kremer – by Jessie Garcia, Malerie & James Eichenholz and Family

Henry and Verlene Kuntschik- by Alan & Nicole Kuntschik and Family

Dickie Ullrich and our parents – by Clarice Ullrich

Our parents, Evelyn and Werner Hoffman and Al, Erna and Gladys Terp – by Bryan  
and Diane Terp

Carolyn and Kermit Westerholm and Thelma and Donald Koehler – by the Kerry  
Koehler Family

Our fathers, Dickie Ullrich and Danny Koenig - by Andrew and Kim Koenig

Larry Rosenblad and David Kautzsch – by Kim Kautzsch and Marilyn Rosenblad

Lee Herrick and Gordon Seidel – by Avis Herrick