



**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Andrew Cave;  
Lay Reader: Georgie Dittrich; Music: Gina Sanders, Chancel Singers; Children's Church:  
Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz;  
AV: Andrew Kuehne, 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**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Please Stand*

### **INVOCATION**

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

**C:** Amen.

**OPENING HYMN: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LBW #250 Vs. 1,2, & 3**

1) Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for God who answers prayer.

Oh, how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

2) Gracious God, I come before thee;  
Come thou also unto me;  
Where we find thee and adore thee,  
There a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
Let it be thy temple now!

3) Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be  
fruitful unto life in me.

### **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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray, Lord God...

C: Amen

*You may be seated.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Chancel Singers** *"A Purple Robe, a Crown of Thorn"*

**READING: Genesis 12:1-9** (ESV)

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

**PSALM 121** *To be read responsively* (ESV)

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

**(ESV)**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

*You may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE:

*Andrew Cave*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"My Song is Love Unknown"* LBW # 94 Verses 1, 3 & 4

1) My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

3) Sometimes they strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4) Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise;  
Themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

### OFFERING

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

*Please stand when offertory has begun.*

OFFERTORY: *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* LBW #565

♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; ♪  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

*If you would prefer to commune from your pew with a disposable kit or be served wine and wafer, our communion helpers will come to you after all tables have been served.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* LBW # 212

*"He Leadeth me: Oh, Blessed Thought"* LBW # 501

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* LBW # 439

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

*(Please see next page)*

*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-1st Grade in Educational Wing
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Education Wing
- Adult Sunday School- \**The Easter Experience* 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 by Stan and Nancy Wieding in thankfulness for His many Blessings, especially for the saving Love and Grace of Jesus Christ.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today Fred and JoAnne Shanafelt as they celebrate the arrival of their first great-grandson, Oliver Jason Tovar, born on March 1st. Proud parents are Kaitlyn and Ryan Tovar. First time grandparents are Andrew and Susan Shanafelt. Proud great grandparents are Fred and Joanne Shanafelt.

**FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN**

Have been sponsored to the glory of God by the Stout family in memory of Tom Stout.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been given to the glory of God by the Bogisch family in memory of Harold Bogisch.

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on February 26 was 160; Month to Date (February): **\$35,150.48**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$71,840.48** (2023 budgeted offerings is **\$511,000.00**)

**SAVE THE DATES**

- **PALM SUNDAY – Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **LIFEBRIDGE SPONSORED 5K RUN/WALK – Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- **MOTHER/DAUGHTER SALAD LUNCHEON – Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**
- **FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION – Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **FIELD OF HONOR – June 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**
- **FLY Frio Trip – June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **VBS – June 26<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Tuesday, March 7	Men’s Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, March 7	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 7	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM
Tuesday, March 7	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 8	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, March 8	Prayer Group	10:00 AM
Wednesday, March 8	Lenten dinner before worship	6:00-6:45 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, March 8	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 8	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 8	Joyful Noise	5:45 PM
Wednesday, March 8	<b>NO</b> Chancel Singers	
Thursday, March 9	YET	11:30 AM
Friday, March 10	Wedding Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Saturday, March 11	Wedding	PM



## **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, March 12:** Ushers: Kerry Koehler, Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, Matt Sherwood; Lay Reader: Jan Quello; Greeters: Kim Koenig, Dawn Peterson; AV: Matthew Fransen, Tim Bogisch; Count: Carol Baker, Diane Terp; Lock Up: Cathy Wensinger; Security: Cody 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	Brad Flippin
Steve Foerster	Lillian Lippe	Clara Fischer
Birdie Kuempel	Doris Rinn	Candi Andrews
Paul Quello	Bertha Marie Keller	Dale Nauert

## **PRAYER REQUEST**

For the family of Tom Stout. Tom passed through death into eternal life on Monday, February 20, here in Seguin. Services were held here at Faith on Friday, March 3, at 2:00 PM. Please keep Annette and the rest of his family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Prayers are also requested for the family of Harold Bogisch. Harold passed through death into eternal life on Saturday, February 25, here in Seguin. Services were held Saturday, March 4, here at Faith. Please keep the Tim and the entire Bogisch family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

## **NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Pastor Dan is leading a new adult Sunday school class. The class follows the DVD series "The Easter Experience." Everyone is invited to join in this six-week series held in the Activity Center during Sunday school hour.

## **THE BEST IS **YET** TO COME!**

A new fellowship is available for Faith members over 50! **YET** will meet for lunch and/or other social activities on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Join us at 11:30 each month at El Ranchito. Call or text Syndra Schulze at 830-305-3377 to make a reservation or for more information! Join in the fun!

## **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PERSONAL CARE KITS**

Love Circle is preparing Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Nancy Wieding or Rose Mary Ermel. All items are being purchased in bulk online. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

## **ARE YOU WILLING TO BE A PIT CREW MEMBER FOR THE STPCC?**

The South Texas Pregnancy Care Center would like you to partner with them in prayer. We are asking people to join the PIT Crew. This is a personal prayer team where you would pray for a specific member of STPCC to help them in their work with clients. If you would like to join this important crew, **please take a PIT Crew card** from the Welcome desk and read about this mission and commit to prayer. You may talk to Katherine Biediger if you have any questions.

## **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 about Faith, please see Andrew or contact him at 248-687-0485.

## **LENTEN DINNERS ARE BACK!!**

Wednesday night Lenten dinners and fellowship are back! Different ministry groups are being asked to sponsor one dinner during the Lenten season. The informal meal is served from 6:00 – 6:45 before our Wednesday services. Below are the assignments and dates. Please join us!



- Wednesday, **March 8** – **Lifebridge** will serve us!
- Wednesday, **March 15** – **Chancel Singers and Handbell Choir** will service us soup!
- Wednesday, **March 22** – **Women of Faith** will serve pasta dinners!
- Wednesday, **March 29** – **JAM kids** (& family) will have a baked potato bar set up!

## **CONVICTED -A WORSHIP SERIES FOR LENT**

Step into the courtroom each Wednesday during Lent with our *Convicted* worship series. Each service puts a different biblical person from the story of Christ's passion and death on trial, accused of an actual crime. On **Wednesday, March 8**, we will look at the case against Judas on the charge of treason, a betrayal of trust against authority.

## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN**

Registration for Faith Lutheran Preschool's 2023-2024 school year is open for Faith members. Please see Lisa Owen for more information.

## **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@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!

**\*Note** - The directory has been updated to 2023. If you would like a printed copy of the 2022 or the 2023 directory, please let the office know. Download the FREE app on your smart phone! Search "Instant Church Directory." Use the email we have on file for you to login in and create an account.

## **CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD**

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our March item is HB or Tuna meal helpers, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of February 28 is 253.

## **FOR UPDATES ON COURT CASE**

Go to: [www.txcourts.gov/4thcoa.aspx](http://www.txcourts.gov/4thcoa.aspx). Type in (Appellate Case #) 04-22-00235-cv, click on "FIND MY CASE." Appellate documents are in a PDF format.

## **WHAT IS VIA DE CRISTO?**

Via de Cristo is a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ," and is a nationwide combined effort of laypeople and clergy to renew the church. A Via de Cristo weekend is a 3- day retreat focusing on spiritual renewal of body, mind, and spirit. It is a ministry within the Lutheran Church whose intention is to renew and strengthen Christian faith. Those attending discover a new awareness of living in the overflowing abundance of God's grace. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and God's grace, this course of study inspires, challenges, and equips people to be effective servants within the body of Christ. All are encouraged to strengthen their partnerships with their pastors and church families to be more active servants in the work of God's kingdom!

Did you go to Bible Camp as a child? Via de Cristo is like a Bible Camp for adults. You will make new friends and have your faith renewed and strengthened through study, worship, singing, good food, and great fellowship. The next weekend (for men and women) will be Thursday, March 16 (starting about 6 p.m.) – Sunday, March 19 (ending about 3 p.m.) at Camp Sionito in Bandera. If you have ever been invited to attend, but just haven't been able to go, or if you feel you could use a few days of relaxation and renewal of body, mind and spirit, or if you just have questions about Via de Cristo, please speak to Ted or Doris Engelhardt, Roxanne Heckmann, or Pastor Dan. We can give you more information and an application.