



**Sunday, February 12, 2023**  
***Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany***  
***SOUPer Bowl of Caring Sunday***

*Serving us in worship today: Pastor: Dan Cave; Leader: Andrew Cave;  
Lay Reader: Bryan Terp; Music: Andrew Cave, Hand Bell Choir; Children's Church: Kim  
Kauitzsch; Ushers: Jud Alexander, Mark Herbold, Cecil Schulze, Chase White;  
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.

**PRELUDE: HAND BELL CHOIR** *"Spirit of the Living God"*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER**

*Please Stand*

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

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Let us pray,

**OPENING HYMN:** *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* LBW #551

- 1) Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2) All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee.

3) Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

### **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.

*You may be seated.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Handbell Choir *"I Come With Joy"*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray, Lord God...

**C:** Amen

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

### **PSALM 119:1-8 To be read responsively (ESV)**

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup> Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,  
who seek him with their whole heart,

<sup>3</sup> who also do no wrong,

but walk in his ways!

<sup>4</sup>You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.

<sup>5</sup>Oh that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

<sup>7</sup>I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous rules.

<sup>8</sup>I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me!

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

*(ESV)*

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37**

*(ESV)*

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in

prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

<sup>31</sup> "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup> "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' <sup>34</sup> But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

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:** *"How Firm a Foundation"* LBW #507

*(Please see next page.)*

# How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

## OFFERING

*Please stand as the gifts are presented.*

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

♪ 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.

## 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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please stand.*

### CLOSING HYMN: *"Drop Kick Me Jesus"*

*Refrain*

Drop-Kick me, Jesus, through the goalposts of life,  
End over end , neither left nor the right:  
Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights.  
Drop-Kick me, Jesus, through the goalposts of life.

1) Make me, O make me Lord, more than I am.  
Make me a piece in your master game plan.

Free from the tempest far down below,  
I've got the will, Lord, you've got the toe. *Refrain*

2) Bring on my brothers who've gone on before  
And all of my sisters who've knocked on your door,

All of the departed dear loved ones of mine,  
Stick 'em up front in the offensive line. *Refrain*

3) A lowly bench warmer I'm willing to be  
Until the time when you have need of me.

A flash on your scoreboard that shines from on high,  
The big super bowl way up in the sky. *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- \**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 by Roxanne Heckmann in thankfulness of His many blessings.

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

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

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on February 5 was 163; Month to Date (February): **\$14,774.94**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$53,464.94** (2023 budgeted offerings is **\$511,000.00**)

### SAVE THE DATES

- **SOUPer BOWL SUNDAY** – February 12 **TODAY**
- **ASH WEDNESDAY** – February 22
- **FOOD DISTRIBUTION** – March 4

### THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, February 13	Council Meeting	6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 14	Men’s Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, February 14	Retired School Personnel	9:00-11:00 AM )AC)
Tuesday, February 14	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM



Wednesday, February 15	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, February 15	Prayer Group	10:00 AM
Wednesday, February 15	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, February 15	Hand Bells	6:00 PM
Wednesday, February 15	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, February 15	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM
Thursday, February 16	Hope Circle	2:00 PM

### **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, February 19:** Ushers: Mike Andrews, Brandon Westerholm, Paul Kalkwarf, Robert Raetzsch, Ronnie Glenewinkel; Lay Reader: Lisa Owen; Greeters: Missy and Pat Sagebiel; AV: Matthew Fransen, Tim Bogisch; Count: Bill Ermel, Diane Terp; Lock Up: Jody Alexander; Security: Carlee Goetz; Communion set up: Carlee Goetz, Susan Foerster; Communion clean up: BJ Chambers, Kathy Taddy; Communion Servers: Dianne Chambers, Bill Ermel, Laline Jensen; Communion Aid: Avis Herrick.

### **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	Lillian Lippe
Clara Fischer	Birdie Kuempel	Doris Rinn
Willie Bloch	Tom Stout	Candi Andrews
Paul Quello	Brenda Bloch	Bertha Marie Keller
Dale Nauert		

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Tiffany (Bogisch) and Alex Mireault on the birth of their daughter, Josephine Isabel. Josephine was born in Fargo, ND on February 5, 2023. She is welcomed also by her big sister Madelyn and proud grandparents Tim and Jo Ann Bogisch.

### **NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Pastor Dan will be leading a new adult Sunday school class beginning February 19<sup>th</sup>. The class will follow the DVD series "The Easter Experience." Everyone is invited to join in this six week series to be 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, February 9, at El Ranchito for our first gathering. Call or text Syndra Schulze at 830-305-3377 for more information! Join in the fun!

### **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 so far. Please volunteer your group for an open date! Call or come by the office to let us know!



- Wednesday, **February 22** (Ash Wednesday) – **Faith Lutheran Youth** will cook for us!
- Wednesday, **March 1** – The **Church Council** will serve tacos!
- Wednesday, **March 8** – **Lifebridge** will serve us!
- Wednesday, **March 15** – **Chancel Singers and Handbell Choir** will service us soup!
- Wednesday, **March 22** – **AVAILABLE** for your group!
- Wednesday, **March 29** – **JAM kids** (and family) will be cooking for us!

## **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 Ash Wednesday, we will look at the case against Jesus' disciples on the charge of defamation of character against the woman who anointed Jesus.

## **PRESCHOOL STAFF NEEDED**

Faith Lutheran Church Preschool is in need of a teacher's aide for full time 2-year-old class. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00-6:00. Please see Lisa Owen for more information.

## **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@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!

**\*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 Feb items is soup, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of February 7 is 23.

### **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.

### **ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:**

Thrivent Choice® Dollars designated to your account in 2022 must be directed by March 31, 2023.

The Thrivent Choice program offers a way for eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable grant funds each year. Eligible benefit members are designated Choice Dollars® that they can direct, thereby recommending charitable grant funding for their choice among thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations, including Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Preschool, Christian Cupboard, South Texas Pregnancy Care Center, or Lutheran World Relief - to name just a few.

### **DIRECT YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS TODAY:**

- Online at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice)
  - Log in and select Membership Overview
  - Scroll down and click on "Direct Choice Dollars."
  - Direct to a previous organization or search for a new organization
  - Locate your choice then check the box to direct all Choice Dollars or enter in an amount then click on "Direct Now."
- By phone at 800-847-4836 – Say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

### **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 & 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.