



Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

*Serving us in worship today: Pastor: Dan Cave; Leader: Andrew Cave;
Lay Reader: Jan Quello; Children's Church: Laura Beedy; Ushers: Kerry Koehler,
Andrew Koenig, John Kuempel, Matt Sherwood;
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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

INVOCATION

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: *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"* LBW # 389

- 1) Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross,
lift high his royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

2) Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict in this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.

3) Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

4) Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
this day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see,
and with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – James Wyatt Flores

Please respond when indicated.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promise?

Parents: **We do**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Baptism continues.

All: We welcome you in to the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**(ESV)**

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

PSALM 95:1-7 *To be read responsively* **(ESV)**

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8**(ESV)**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only

that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-26 (ESV)

⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, **"Give me a drink."** ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, **"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."** ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, **"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."** ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, **"Go, call your husband, and come here."** ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, **"You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."** ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, **"Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for**

the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

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

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE

Pastor Dan Cave

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* LBW # 474

- 1) Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2) God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3) Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4) Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"* WOV #721 Vs. 1-3

1) "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

2) "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

3) "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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
 - 2nd-5th 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 Bill and Rose Mary Ermel in thankfulness for His many Blessings, especially for the saving Love and Grace of Jesus Christ.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today Dale and Karen Nauert in honor of Courtney and Christopher’s wedding and Dale’s 75th birthday.

FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN

Have been sponsored to the glory of God by Brandon and Jessica Westerholm in memory of what would have been Jessica’s dad, Scott Roessing’s 59th birthday on March 14.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on March 5 was 147; Month to Date (March): \$11,158.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$83, 051.48 (2023 budgeted offerings is \$511,000.00)

SAVE THE DATES

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

All week (13-17)	Preschool Closed for Spring Break	
Tuesday, March 14	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, March 14	Retired School Personnel	9:00 AM (AC)
Tuesday, March 14	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 14	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM
Tuesday, March 14	Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 15	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, March 15	Prayer Group	10:00 AM
Wednesday, March 15	Lenten dinner before worship	6:00-6:45 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, March 15	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 15	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 15	Joyful Noise	5:45 PM
Thursday, March 16	Hope Circle	2:00 PM

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, March 19: Ushers: Matt Alfred, Bill Ermel, Cody Goetz, Bill Keller; Lay Reader: Kim Kautzsch; Greeters: Bryan Terp, Syndra Schulze; AV: Chase White, Joe Eledge; Count: Betty Moltz, Jody Alexander; Lock Up: Candi Andrews; Security: _____; Communion set up: Fran Braun, Mary Koehler; Communion clean up: Patti Jahns, Nancy Schlather; Communion Servers: Fran Braun, Jody Alexander, Gail Herbold; Communion Aid: Matt Sherwood.

JAMES WYATT FLORES

James Wyatt receives the Promise, which is given in Holy Baptism today. Together with his parents, Alyssa and Alphonso (Jr.), we share their joy as JW is received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for JW as he begins a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for JW are Kolin Springs, Katlyn Dean and members of Faith Lutheran Church. Proud grandparents are Richard and Vanita Hodge and Naomi and Alphonso Flores, Sr.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Christopher and Courtney (Nauert) Werner, who were married here at Faith on Saturday, March 11th. Please continue to pray for them as they have made a life-long commitment of faithfulness to God and one another!

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

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.

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 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

Wednesday, March 15, we will look at the case against Peter on the charge of perjury, lying under oath that he did not know Jesus. We listen to the arguments for and against conviction and ask ourselves, "Would we be convicted of perjury, of denying to others our connection with Christ?"

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 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 March 7 is 10.

FOR UPDATES ON COURT CASE

Go to: 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.



Faith Lutheran Lifebridge Group is sponsoring a 5k River Run/Walk to benefit the Seguin Christian Cupboard! This is a wonderful opportunity to come out and walk or run along the beautiful Guadalupe river. It's a family event, so bring everyone! You and your family can enjoy our local park and fellowship time with community members. Scan the QR code below or visit

<https://www.athleteguild.com/event/seguin-tx/2023-seguin-5k-river-runwalk> for more information. Via this link there are opportunities to help sponsor the event, to donate and to register as a participant. Remember, all proceeds benefit the Christian Cupboard!

