



**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Andrew Cave;  
Lay Reader: Avis Herrick; Music: LeAnne White; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch;  
Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kirsty Serold, Joan Vanbeek, Ron Vanbeek;  
AV: Roxanne Heckmann, Joe Eledge*

### **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**

### **INVOCATION**

*Please stand*

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

C: Amen.

**OPENING HYMN: "We Praise You, O God" LBW #241**

- 1) We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2) We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3) With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

### **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.

*You may be seated.*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – Jensen Lane Rodriguez

*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: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (ESV)

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to

enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

## **PSALM 130**

*To be read responsively (ESV)*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

<sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

<sup>8</sup>And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

**GOSPEL: John 11:1-45 (ESV)**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

<sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup>After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup>Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed

her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in 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:** *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"* WOVS #770

- 1) "I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."
- 2) "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you  
were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

- 3) "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."
- 4) "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

## 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. Almighty God,

**C:** you gave your Son both as sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.  
Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to  
his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please stand.*

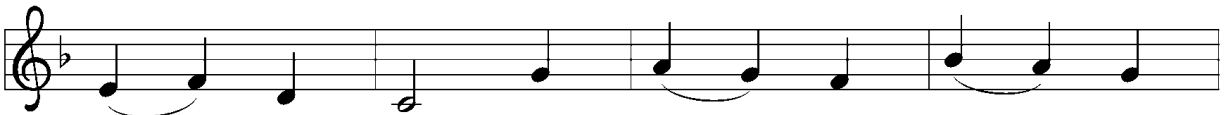
**CLOSING HYMN:** *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* WOVS #723

*(Please see next page.)*

# The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## 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 Jim and Lenoir Hilbert in thankfulness for 62 years together, three wonderful children and three wonderful grandchildren.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Jan and Paul Quello with thankful hearts, remembering God's blessings of family and friends.

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

Attendance on March 19 was 174; Month to Date (March): **\$37,024.79**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$108,918.27** (2023 budgeted offerings is **\$511,000.00**)

### **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

### **JENSEN LANE RODRIGUEZ**

Jensen Lane receives the Promise, which is given in Holy Baptism today. Together with his parents, Lisa and Juan Rodriguez, we share their joy as Jensen is received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for Jensen as he begins a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for Jensen are Nicole Talbot, Tivo Gonzales, and members of Faith Lutheran Church.

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

For the family of Darlene Rhodes, sister of Diane Terp. Darlene passed through death into eternal life on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, in Rockport, Texas. Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockport on March 23<sup>rd</sup> with graveside service and burial in the Karnes City Cemetery on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Diane and the rest of Darlene's family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Prayers also requested for the family of Bill Schade. Bill passed through death into eternal life on Thursday, March 16, here in Seguin. A memorial service was held on Thursday, March 23, at 2:00 PM here at Faith. Please keep Connie and the rest of his family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

### **MOTHER/DAUGHTER SALAD LUNCHEON**

All Mothers/Daughters (all ages)/Grandmothers and Friends are invited to join us on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the LEC (gym) for our first potluck salad lunch – just bring a salad (or dessert). You will enjoy fellowship and some entertaining games for all ages. There will be PRIZES. There will also be a Silent Auction of hand-made quilts of different sizes. Proceeds will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Although not necessary to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the Kiosk in the Narthex letting us know how many to expect in your party. That way we will know how many tables and chairs to set up. You can also email [granny.doris.engelhardt@gmail.com](mailto:granny.doris.engelhardt@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## **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.

## **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!

## **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>**
- **POTLUCK BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP – Sunday, April 30<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**

Monday, March 27	Via De Cristo Ultreya	6:30 PM (AC)
Tuesday, March 28	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, March 28	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 28	Game Night at SAL	6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 29	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, March 29	Prayer Group	10:00 AM
Wednesday, March 29	Lenten dinner before worship	6:00-6:45 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, March 29	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 29	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 29	Joyful Noise	5:45 PM
Wednesday, March 29	Chancel Singers	6:15 PM
Friday, March 31	LEC member Rental	4:00 PM

## **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)** Ushers: Tim Bogisch, Mike Burris, Albert Menn, John Taddy; Lay Reader: Jan Quello; Greeters: Dawn Peterson, Syndra Schulze; AV: Matthew Fransen, Diane Gwyther; Count: Candi Andrews, Carol Baker; Lock Up: Brett Owen; Security: David Moltz; Communion set up: Sharon Westerholm, Susan Foerster; Communion clean up: Gail Herbold, Cathy Westerholm; Communion Servers: Bill Ermel, Avis Herrick, Dianne Chambers; Communion Aid: Laline Jensen.

## **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!

## **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. Please join us!

- Wednesday, March 29 – **JAM kids** (& family) will have a baked potato bar set up!

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

On Wednesday, March 29, we will look at the case against Barabbas on the charge of rebellion. We will listen to the arguments for and against conviction and ask ourselves, "Would we be convict-ed of rebellion against the kingdom of Christ?"

## **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 21 is 110.

## **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.



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!



**EASTER LILIES**

For those who would like to order an Easter lily to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, the cost is \$9.00 per plant. **Deadline for ordering is 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 4.** Please leave checks or cash (clearly marked and made out to Faith Lutheran) and the completed form below in the church office. Please place your order soon. We have ordered 54 plants.

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Lilies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor or Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please circle one)*

**Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_