



Sunday, April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter

*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Andrew Cave;
Lay Reader: Bryan Terp; Music: Evelyn Dittmar, Joyful Noise; Children's Church: Lisa
Owen; Ushers: Mike Andrews, Brandon Westerholm, Paul Kalkwarf, Robert Raetzsch,
Ronnie Glenewinkel; AV: Chase White, 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.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: Christ Is Risen!

C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"* LBW #143

(Please see next page or screens.)

1) Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2) Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3) Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4) Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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,

C: Amen

You may be seated.

JOYFUL NOISE: *"I'm Gonna Sing"*

FIRST READING: Acts 5:29-35, 38-42 (ESV)

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men.

³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they

took his advice,⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

PSALM 148 *Vs. 1-2, 11-14 To be read responsively (ESV)*

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens together,

old men and children!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for his name alone is exalted;

his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for all his saints,

for the people of Israel who are near to him.

Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

(ESV)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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: "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" WOV #674

1) Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2) Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;

breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3) Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4) Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5) City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"* LBW #343

1) Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;

hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2) Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.

3) When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

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 Odyssey of St. Paul* will begin, April 16,
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 Lydia Whitwell in thankfulness of her many blessings.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Jud and Jody Alexander for His promise that "*according to his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*" 1 Peter 1:3

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on April 9 was 93 at the 7:00 and 244 at the 9:00; Month to Date (April): **\$20,651.28**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$135,007.55** (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
Irene Menn		

MOTHER/DAUGHTER SALAD LUNCHEON

All Mothers/Daughters (all ages)/Grandmothers and Friends are invited to join us on Saturday, April 29th, 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 to RSVP.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

"*The Odyssey of St. Paul*" study will today. Stan Wieding will lead the DVD study by Dr. Paul Maier, retired Lutheran educator/historian. All are invited!

GVCC BBQ FUNDRAISER

The Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center will hold a "Chicken for the Soul" drive-through only BBQ fundraiser on Sunday, April 23, from 10:00 am –1:00 pm. at Faith. Plate will consist of smoked chicken and a sausage link. Tickets are available from Mike Burris, BJ Chambers or the church office and are \$10 presale and \$12 on day of event.

WEINERT ADOPTION UPDATE

Kim and Andrew visited with four different groups on Tuesday, April 11, for career day. The elementary students learned all about our ministry and the ways we like to serve the community.

We have mentors who go to Weinert weekly to help students and teachers.

Recently we learned that the staff needs a refrigerator and small couch for their lounge. If you know of anyone willing to donate either of these items, please inform the church office.

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. The next new member class will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, May 14th.

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

- **LIFEBRIDGE SPONSORED 5K RUN/WALK— Saturday, April 22nd**
- **MOTHER/DAUGHTER SALAD LUNCHEON – Saturday, April 29th**
- **POTLUCK BRUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP – Sunday, April 30th**
- **FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION— Saturday, June 3rd**
- **FIELD OF HONOR – June 10th-17th**
- **FLY Frio Trip – June 12th –June 15th**
- **VBS – June 26th – June 30th**

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, April 17	Charity Circle	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 18	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, April 18	Love Circle	9:30 AM
Tuesday, April 18	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, April 18	Member Rental	6:00 PM (AC)
Wednesday, April 18	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, April 18	Prayer Group	10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 18	FLY	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, April 18	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 18	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 18	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM
Thursday, April 20	Hope Circle	2:00 PM
Thursday, April 20	Grief Care Group	6:30-8:00 (AC)
Friday, April 21	Member Rental	4:00 PM (LEC)
Saturday, April 22	5K Run/Walk	Starcke Park 8:15 AM

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 23-Ushers: Ed Engelhardt, Missy Sagebiel, Pat Sagebiel, Ben Weise; Lay Reader: Bill Keller; Greeters: Sharon Stollewerk, Joyce Seidel; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Roxanne Heckmann; Count: Pat Sagebiel, Cecil Schulze; Lock Up: Mark Hazel; Security: Aaron Seidenberger; Communion set up: NA; Communion clean up: NA; Communion Servers; Communion Aid: NA.

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!

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our April item is cereal, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of April 11 is 13.

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.



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!

