



**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

***Third Sunday of Easter***

*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Andrew Cave; Message: Mike Andrews; Lay Reader: Bill Keller; Music: Annette Stout, Andrew Cave, LeAnne White, Chase White; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch; Ushers: Ed Engelhardt, Pat and Missy Sagebiel, Ben Weise; AV: Andrew Kuehne, Matthew Fransen*

### **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: "Awake, O Sleeper"** WOV #745

*(Please see next page.)*

## Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the final three lines of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

### 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

## **HYMN OF PRAISE:** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* Verse 7

**P:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

♪ Let all things their Creator bless, ♪  
And worship God in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

*Refrain*

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*You may be seated.*

## **FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 36-41 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked

generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**PSALM 116:1-14**

*To be read responsively (ESV)*

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.

<sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

<sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;

<sup>9</sup> I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

<sup>10</sup> I believed, even when I spoke:  
“I am greatly afflicted”;

<sup>11</sup> I said in my alarm,  
“All mankind are liars.”

<sup>12</sup> What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,

<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-25 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing

that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup> since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup> for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “**What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?**” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “**What things?**” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “**O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his**

glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

*You may be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### MESSAGE

*Mike Andrews*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* LBW #456

*(Please see next page.)*

### 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,

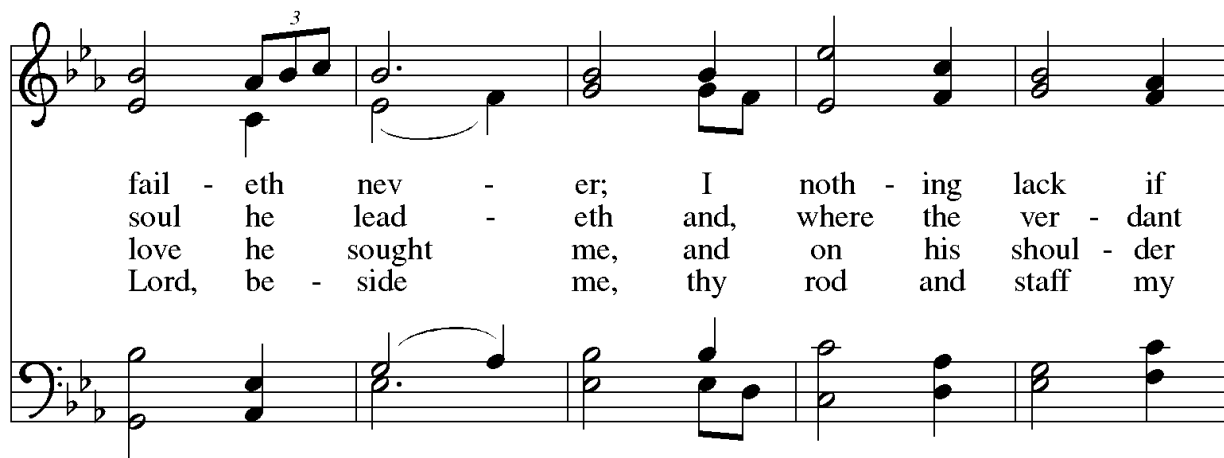
**C:** you gave your Son both as sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Please be seated.*

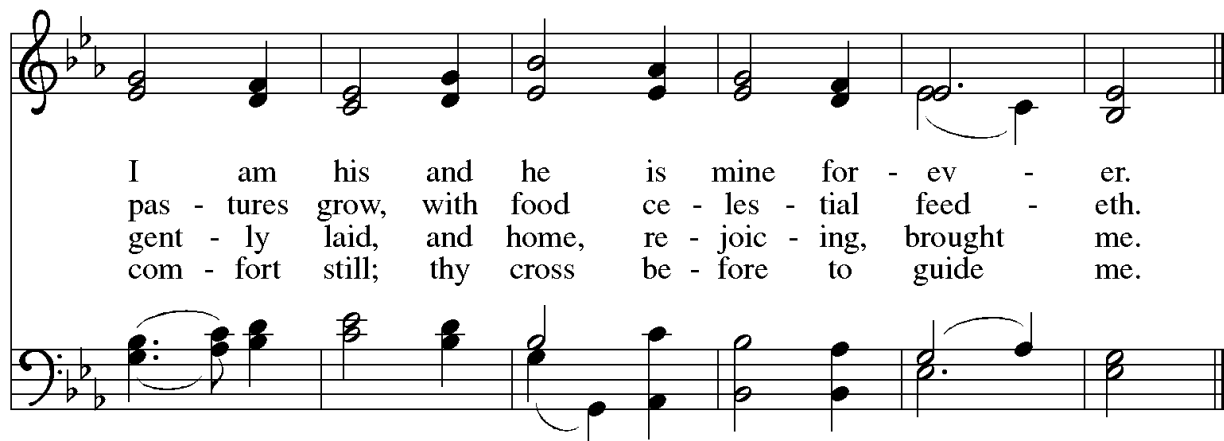
# The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Please stand.*

### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN: *"How Great is Our God"*

1) The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

*Chorus*

How great is our God  
Sing with me, How great is our God  
And all will see how great, How great is our God

2) And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End -Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb (*Chorus*)

*Bridge*

Name above all names - Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing - How great is our God (2x) *Chorus*

Then Sings My Soul -My Savior God to Thee  
How Great Thou Art - How Great Thou Art (2x)

### 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 Odyssey of St. Paul* in Activity Center
- Lifebridge (Young Adult) meets in the Life Enrichment Center.



## **"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST ON KWED and the FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Cecil and Syndra Schulze in thanksgiving and celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:**

Attendance on April 16 was 169; Month to Date (April): **\$30,507.23**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$144, 863.50**. 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	Patti Jahns	

## **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.

## **NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

*"The Odyssey of St. Paul"* study will begin 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 TODAY, from 10:00 am –1:00 pm. at Faith. Plate will consist of smoked chicken and a sausage link. Tickets are \$12 today.

## **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.

## **LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR**

Saturday, April 29, 2023, 10:00 am-Noon at St. Paul's Lutheran in New Braunfels

Facilitator: Pastor Dan Cave, The Chapel

Grieving the death of a spouse? Or do you know someone who is? Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at The Loss of a Spouse Seminar. Register here: <https://www.nbstpaul.org/loss-of-a-spouse/>

## **VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

For children and grandchildren of Faith and students of our preschool. Please register before May 6 to ensure a



place as community member registration opens on May 7. You can find registration forms on the welcome table in the Narthex, or click on the QR code to register! STELLAR VBS will be held June 26-June 30 from 8:30 AM – Noon. Our students will go on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. *Stellar* rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.



## **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 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **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**

- **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, April 24	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Ultreya	6:30 PM (AC)
Tuesday, April 25	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, April 25	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, April 25	Game Night at SAL	6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 26	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, April 26	Prayer Group	10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 26	FLY	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, April 26	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 26	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 26	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM
Thursday, April 27	YET	11:30 and 1:-4:00
Thursday, April 27	Grief Care Group	6:30-8:00 (AC)
Saturday, April 29	Women of Faith Mother/Daughter Salad Luncheon	LEC 12:00 PM

### **WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, April 30**-Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold, Joan and Ron Vanbeek; Lay Reader: Emma Jean Becker; Greeters: Bryan Terp, Lisa Owen; AV: Roxanne Heckmann, Diane Gwyther; Count: Diane Terp, Joanne Shanafelt; Lock Up: Brad Bettis; Security: Mike Andrews; 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 17 is 15.

### **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