



Sunday, April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

*Serving us in worship today: Leaders: Pastor Dan Cave, Andrew Cave;
Lay Reader: Emma Jean Becker; Music: Annette Stout; Children's Church: Kim Kautzsch;
Ushers: Terry Freeman, Vanita Hodge, Kristy Serold, Joan Vanbeek, Ron Vanbeek;
AV: Chase White, 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 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

Please Stand

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *"Rise, Shine, You People!"* LBW #393

(Please see next page.)

Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Hand Bell Choir *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

READING: Act 2:42-47 (ESV)

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

PSALM 23 *To be read responsively (ESV)*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

(ESV)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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: “The Voice of Truth”

(Please see screen for lyrics.)

OFFERING

(The offering plate will be passed down each pew with the help of our ushers.)

Please stand when offertory has begun.

OFFERTORY: *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* LBW #565

♪ 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. Great Shepherd of the sheep,

C: we are your flock, and we bring to you gifts and offerings from our hearts and lives. Be our Shepherd always, and send us forth, that we might bring to other sheep the message of your love. 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

If you would prefer to commune from your pew, our communion helpers will come to you after all tables have been served.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* LBW # 212

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LBW #479

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" WOV #771

"I Love to Tell the Story" LBW #390

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, we thank you that you have fed us with the gift of your Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus our Savior. May his body and blood strengthen and unite us as one flock under one shepherd as he guides us all our days, even to the gates of heaven; through the same Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"* WOVS #765

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1) Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who pours out himself for them. *Refrain*

2) Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

3) These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

4) Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

PLEASE STAY FOR A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING BEFORE WE HEAD TO THE LEC FOR OUR 5TH SUNDAY BRUNCH. (CHILDREN MAY BE RELEASED TO THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS DURING THE MEETING.)

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- *"Christianity: The First Three Centuries"* *be begin*
 - *May 7* 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 by Kerry and Mary Koehler in celebration of their son Kendell's birthday and of Andrew Cave's birthday.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been sponsored to the glory of God today by Jesus Garcia and the Eichenholz family in memory of Dawn Kremer's heavenly birthday on May 8.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on April 23 was 99; Month to Date (April): **\$35,788.23**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$150,144.50** 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	

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 21st.

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.

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!

PRAYER REQUEST

Prayers also requested for the family of Marcus Jahns. Marcus passed through death into eternal life on April 24 here in Seguin. A memorial service celebrating Marcus's life will be held on Friday, May 5, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Cross Church. Please keep his wife, Patti, and the rest of his family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

SAVE THE DATES

- **BLUEGRASS Service – Sunday, May 21**
- **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, May 1	Preschool Board Mtg.	6:30 PM
Tuesday, May 2	Men's Bible Study	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, May 2	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 2	Committee Meetings	7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 3	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wednesday, May 3	Prayer Group	10:00 AM
Wednesday, May 3	FLY	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, May 3	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 3	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 3	Lange Scholarship Comm. Mtg.	6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 3	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 4	Grief Care Group	6:30-8:00 (AC)

WORKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 7-Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, David Moltz; **Lay Reader:** Rose Mary Ermel; **Greeters:** Kim Kautzsch, Joanne Shanafelt; **AV:** Matthew Fransen, Joe Eledge; **Count:** Dianne Chambers, Jody Alexander; **Lock Up:** Julia Glenewinkel; **Security:** Wally Braun; **Communion set up:** Susan Foerster, Carlee Goetz; **Communion clean up:** Kathy Taddy, BJ Chambers; **Communion Servers:** Jody and Jud Alexander, Julia Glenewinkel; **Communion Aid:** Matt Sherwood.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. Our May items are peanut butter and jelly, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected as of April 25 is 44.