



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

October 9, 2016 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Dedication of New Video Cabinet

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (A brief silence.) Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN ~ “Now Thank We All Our God”

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

INTRODUCTION

P: It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)*

ALL: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Church

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3; 7-15c

A reading from 2 Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his

clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel." and justice never prevails.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: PSALM 111 ~ Responsive Reading ~

R: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation

C: Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.

R: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

C: You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

R: You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

C: You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

R: The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

C: They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

R: You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

C: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from 2nd Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked,

“Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

~ **SERMON** ~

“Ten Reasons to Give Thanks to God”

Hymn of the Day

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

**Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.**

**Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.**

**Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead. On the
third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation. *A brief silence.* O God, we pray for the church on earth. Make us one in spirit wherever we meet and however we worship. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for the health of the life-giving waters of creation (here local water sources may be named). Guard them from misuse and pollution. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for leaders in our town, our region, our country, and across the globe (especially). Equip them to work for justice for all people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for those who are sick or in pain, for those who feel unclean in body or spirit, and for all in need of healing (especially).

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for this assembly. Send your Spirit to inspire in us words and deeds of healing in our neighborhood and wider community.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We give thanks for the faithful departed (especially), and we wait for the day when we join them in thanks and praise around your heavenly throne.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

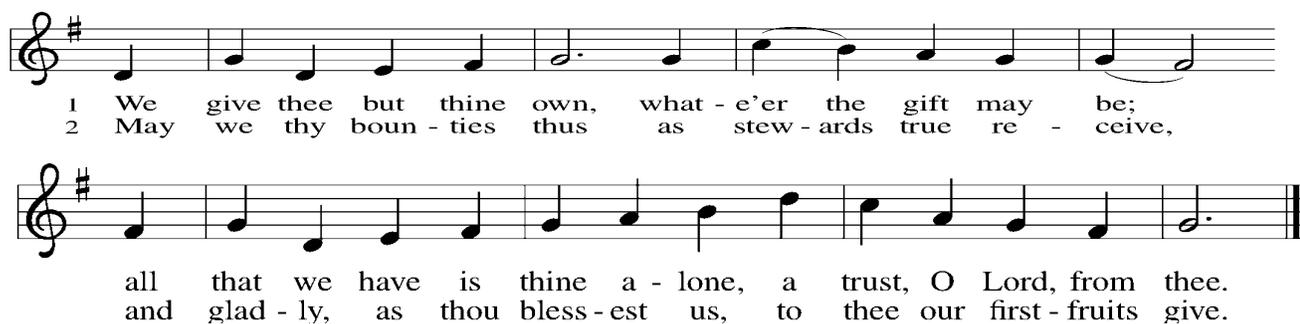
SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C. And also with you.

~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~ “If We’re Honest” By Francesca Battistelli

Offertory Response



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, That all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

**Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.**

**God sent his Son with pow'r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.**

**Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
when lords and kings are known no more!**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you worship with us today! Please join us after worship in our Fellowship Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine (dark) or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You do not have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal and ALL baptized believers are welcome!

As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your offering the next week. Or, if you'd like, please mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope and it will be included in that week's offering and seen only by the designated counters for the day. Thank you for being faithful in giving generously to God's work here at Faith Lutheran!

Alter Flowers

Ole & Ellen Olson for Bob & Nara
The Cliffe Family for Fran Cliffe Sr.

Financials for Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016 - Week 40

Attendance – 84

Weekly Offering Actual	\$2,542.75
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00
2016 YTD Actual Offering	\$81,487.50
2016 YTD Offering Needed	\$82,720.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$2,399.50

Today's Worship Leaders

***Altar Guild* - Roger & Carol Frey**

***Computer Technician* - Anne & Rachel Strasser**

***Offering Video* - Anne & Rachel Strasser**

***Counters* – Roger & Carol Frey**

***Fellowship* -**

***Greeters* - Liz Shockley & Teresa Moffitt**

***Musician* – Betty Comins**

***Reader* - Kathy Strasser**

***Ushers* - Doug Congdon and Shawn Guffey**

***Pastor* - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier**

For a pastoral care emergency or hospitalization this week, contact Pastor Rick on his cell phone: 815-566-5247.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for Audrey, Bea, Carla, Carson, Chancy, Christine, Claudine, Connie, Denise, Don, Florence, Gary, Gere, Gina, Heidi, Irene A., Jean, Jeff, Jerome, Jim, Jon, Joyce, Kathleen, Larry, Logan, Lorrie, Lucas, Marjean, Maureen, Nash, Nikko, Patricia, Patty, Renee, Rich, Rick, Sharon, Shirl, Steve, Ted, Terri, Terry, Tim, Todd, Tom, Vic, all service men & women, all those in need of prayers from our Faith family and friends, and all homeless persons and those who are unemployed.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Graduation, Sympathy, and Get Well cards will be sent upon notification. Call Patty Dunaway at 815-389-8957 or Karen Murr at 815-389-2353 or email Patty at pkdunaway7@gmail.com

We are looking for 2017 Council Members!

Please Contact Kelly Miller, Sue Miller or Mike Banker with your questions and or if you wish to serve.

Terms are for 3 years

***Video Cabinet being donated by
The Cliffe Family
In memory of
Frances Cliffe Sr.
Special Thank you to
Trevor & Ty Williams
For making the cabinet.***

******Time To Plan Ahead******

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 22 - Craft Show and Bake Sale

Sign Up sheet on the board for the following areas:

- * Chair movers on Thurs., Oct. 20 - 5pm-6pm**
- * Chair movers on Sat., Oct. 22 - 4pm-5pm**
- * Bakers to make goodies for the Bake Sale**
- * Raffle Basket donations**
- * Donations to Faith Lutheran Church's craft booth**
- * WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**
- * Please take some postcards to give to your friends!**



NOVEMBER

Friday, November 4th - TRIVIA NIGHT!

Sponsored by Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries; to be held at Our Savior's Church in Rockford, 3300 Rural St. Doors open at 6pm for Chili Supper, then Trivia begins at 7pm. \$15 per person. Sign-up sheet and check collection envelope are on the hallway bulletin board! We're hoping to have 2 tables of 8 this year.

Sun., Nov.13 - ALL Congregation Meeting & Luncheon

***** ALL church members are asked to please attend *****

DECEMBER

Sat., Dec. 3 - Secret Sister Gift Exchange & Luncheon - Celebrating our sisterhood in 2016. All church women are cordially invited and warmly welcomed to attend and sign up for 2017! It's a ministry filled with prayer, friendship and surprises!

Sun., Dec. 4 – Decorate Church for Christmas!