



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

*Last chance to get your recipes in!
Final deadline in May 10th. You can
email recipes to faithsouthbeloit@gmail.com*

These are the categories for our cookbook:

Appetizers & Beverages

Soups & Salads

Vegetables & Side Dishes

Main Dishes

Breads & Rolls

Desserts

Cookies & Candy

This & That



Brat Stand Sign up On the Board

**Our famous Brat Stand will open on Fridays and Saturdays, beginning Friday, May 20th.
Please volunteer!**



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 8, 2016

9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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 ~

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
of the preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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.

Two weeks from today, May 22, we will host a joint worship service with our neighboring mission congregation, Open Arms Lutheran Church, Rockton. PLEASE make a special effort to be with us to host that service and coffee hour fellowship.



Next Sunday, May 15th, is Pentecost Sunday, a major festival on the Church calendar, when we receive new members and celebrate the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation). The Holy Spirit is still at work among us. Please wear red to celebrate!



Card Game Night is Saturday, May 21

**5:30 to 7:30 in the Fellowship Room
Bring some games & some snacks to share! It's a lot of fun!**

The Out To Dinner Group will be meeting Friday, May 20th at 6:00 pm at Road Dawg in Beloit, 2956 Milwaukee Road. Come join us!



**- Friday Night Fish Fry Buffet -
All You Can Eat - \$12.49, Kids \$6.99,
Seniors (One time through the buffet line) \$8.99**

If you have a prayer Request please submit it on one of the worship cards in the area in front of each seat on Sunday morning or contact the church office at (815) 389-1824 or by email at our new address: faithsouthbeloit@gmail.com. These are the prayer requests submitted last week.



Prayer Requests: Avery, Audrey, Barb, Bea, Ben, Betty, Bill, Bob & Terry Davis, Bonnie, Boyd, Brad, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Connie & Denny Price, Craig, Danielle & Nicholas, Debbie, Debi, Dennis, Diane, Don, Donna, Doris, Dorothy, Eloise, Emily, Florence, Gary, George, Gere, Gerry, Gina, Harriet, Heidi, Irene, Jackie, James, Janice, Jeanne, Jeff, Jerry, Jessie, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelli, Kenny, Kevin, Larry, Linda, Lisa, Marjean, Mark, Mary, Nancy, Nicole, Owen, Phyliss, Rich, Ruth, Sam, Sara, Shirley, Shirley Turner, Steve, Sue, Tammi, Ted, Todd, Tom, Tracey Viola, all service men and women & all those who are homeless and unemployed.

In the event of a pastoral care emergency or hospitalization, please contact Pastor Rick in the church office at 815-389-1824 or Pastor's cell @ 815-566-5247.

Pastor Rick and Helen would like to thank the Faith congregation for the special recognition and gifts they received last Sunday, the 3rd anniversary of their ministry here. "We appreciate very much the good spirit and Christian fellowship here at Faith Lutheran."

Today's altar flowers are presented by 2 groups:

***In memory of Donna Hedrington by Dick Hedrington, and the Dittmer, Stubbendick, Nolan and Rowlett families**

***In honor of Mother's Day for Ethel Strasser and Pam Burton by the Guffey family**

INTRODUCTION

P: It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history - to our day - and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism, we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Church

After the children's message, they are dismissed for Children's Church. Their teacher will accompany them downstairs.



Distribution of Mother's Day Carnations

Happy Mother's Day to all Christian women today! All adult women will receive a flower during the service in recognition of their witness to Christ. Any carnations left over may be taken to a mother who was unable to be present for worship today.

First Reading Acts 16:16-34

A reading from Acts, the 16th chapter.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life
C: **Thanks be to God!**

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you worship with us today! Please fill out the "Welcome" slip in your bulletin, pass it to the aisle where the ushers will pick them up during the opening song. Please join us after worship in our Fellowship Room for beverages, a snack 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!

OFFERING ~ 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!

Financials for Sunday, May 1, 2016

Attendance: 100

Weekly Offering Actual	\$3,318.30
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Roger & Carol Frey

Computer Technician - Rachel Strasser

Offering Video - Rachel and Anne Strasser

Counters - Roger & Carol Frey

Fellowship - Bob and Kathy Strasser

Greeters - Liz Shockley & Teresa Moffitt

Musician - Betty Comins

Reader - Craig Miller

Ushers - Doug Congdon and George Brunson

Interim Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

~ CLOSING HYMN ~ “Choral Benediction”

May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray
May the light of God shine on us today.

May the love of God live in us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say
May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways
May the peace of God be with us today.

DISMISSAL

- P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the
fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the
power of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 97 - A Responsorial Reading

- R: The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- C: **Clouds and darkness surround the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**
- R: Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.
- C: **Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**
- R: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
- C: **The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.**
- R: Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
- C: **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- R: For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- C: **You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**



Second Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

A reading from Revelation, the 22nd chapter

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA



GOSPEL John 17:20-26

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORDS 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, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

BLESSING

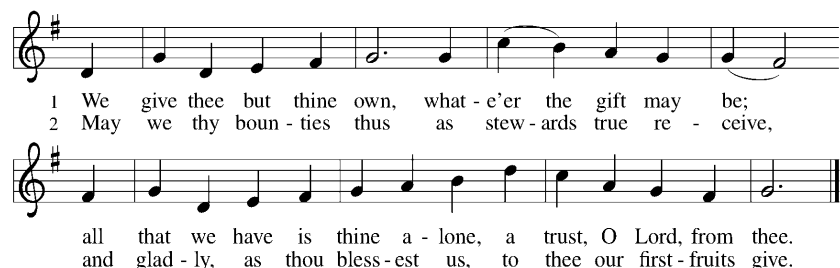
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
"Jesus Loves Me"

By Chris Tomlin

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.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

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.

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

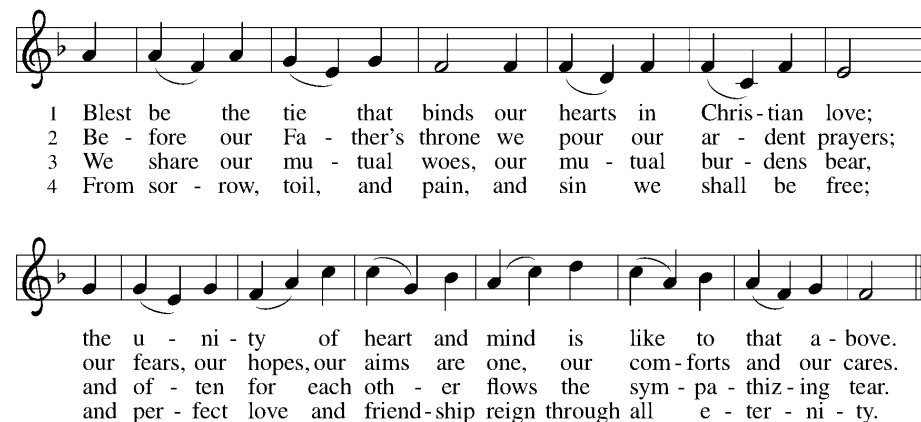
P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ~ "The Spirit of Unity"

~ Hymn of the Day ~

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

THE APOSTLE'S 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: Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus,
we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in
need, and the life of all creation.

God of renewal, fill us to overflowing with the grace we
receive in word, in water, in the meal. Draw others to
join the life we share in your church. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Declare your righteousness through the blossoming of
creation. By the wind's blowing and birds' singing,
inspire us to join in the hymn of all creation.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Be the source of all strength and peace for people who are
imprisoned. Renew them with the overwhelming power of
your salvation, and give them release for their spirits.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Reveal yourself to those who feel isolated because of
illness, grief, status, or the prejudice of others. (*Especially
we pray for . . .*). Comfort and welcome them into your
Spirit-filled community. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Bless those who serve in a mothering role for others. Send
your Spirit to those who mourn, who have not known their
mothers, or who long to be a mother. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You draw all the saints into your presence. Draw us into
the mystery and wonder of your presence until Christ
comes again. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the
work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life
of Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

