



# Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:30 am



Come and have lunch at our Brat Stand! It's open every Friday and Saturday from 10:30 - 2:30. Cheeseburgers, hamburgers, brats, brat-burgers, and pork chop sandwiches... they're all freshly grilled and delicious!

We need your help in making the Brat Stand work! We need cooks, swing shift helpers, and shift workers. Two shifts: 10:30-12:30 and 12:30-2:30. The first shift actually starts at 10 am to get things set up, and the second shift actually ends at 3 to get things cleaned up.

Donations always appreciated: boxes of single-serving chips, cases of canned pop: regular and diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Root Beer, Sprite and condiments.

**75th Anniversary Cookbooks are here! - \$15**  
*Checks payable to: Faith Lutheran Church*



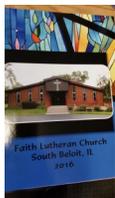
## ELECTRONICS DRIVE IS COMING SOON!

Aug. 6 - Rockton, 300 E. Main St.

Aug. 27 - Clinton, 500 Peck Ave.

Sept. 10 - Beloit, 1882 Inman Pkwy.

Saturdays, 9 am to Noon - Sponsored by 1st National Bank



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**The Out to Dinner Group will meet Friday July 22nd at 6:00 pm at the China Palace in Rockton, IL 625 South Blackhawk Blvd. Please sign up by July 17!**

## 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:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

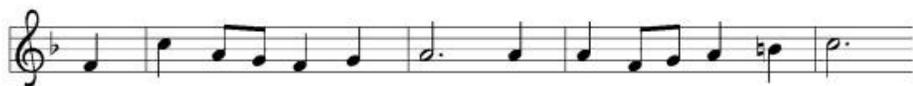
**C:** **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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:** 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 ~ VERSES 1,2,3, and 6

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

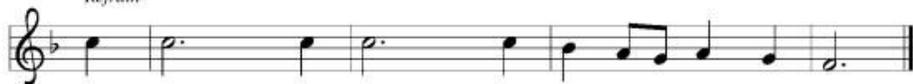


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king,  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*  
 6 Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:  
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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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.**

**INTRODUCTION**

P: God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In the Holy Eucharist, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

C: **Amen.**



July & August Greeters  
 August Usher  
 July & August Readers  
 July & August Fellowship

20th Annual Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries  
**GOLF SCRAMBLE ~ Friday, July 8**

Swan Hills Golf Course in Belvidere, IL  
 8:00 am Shotgun Start

Questions & registration: please call 815-962-4279  
 Deadline is June 30th. Early birds before 6/17 - \$5 off!



Between now and the end of July, we will be collecting the following school supplies to donate to the South Beloit School System:

Crayons (24/pk.), #2 pencils, Washable broad-tip markers (8/pk.) Glue sticks, Glue bottles, Boxes of Kleenex, Pink erasers, Bottles of hand sanitizer, Fiskars scissors, Pencil cases, Pocket folders, Wide-ruled spiral bound notebooks, Primary composition notebooks, Wide-ruled loose leaf paper, Colored pencils (12/pk.)

Please take a flyer on the table in the narthex for the next time you go to the store. Thanks, everyone!

Karen Murr and Patty Dunaway, Social Ministry



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](mailto:pkdunaway7@gmail.com)



These are the prayer requests submitted last week.  
For a pastoral care emergency or hospitalization this week,  
contact **Pastor Rick** on his cell phone: **815-566-5247**.

**Amy, Angie, Barb, Beau, Bev, Bill, Bob, Bob & Terry Davis, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Carl, Cindy, Corey, Courtney & Family, Denise, Dennis, Don, Dorothy, Doug, Emily, Evie, Family of Adeline Vigdahl, Gary, George, Gina, Harriet, Harvey, Heidi, Ian, Irene, James, Jean, Jeff, Jeremy & Family, Jim, Jimmy, JoAnn, Julie, Kelli, Marion, Mark, Maureen, Mary, Mike, Nancy, Nikko, Penny, Ricky, Riley, Robin, Roger, Ruth, Sally, Sam, Shelly, Shirley, Sara, Shalom, Sharon, Shirley, Steve, Sue, Tammi, Teresa, Terry, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tripp, Tristan, Turid, Vance, Zach, all servicemen and women, all those who are homeless and those who are unemployed.**

**We wish to take advantage of the church dollars Thrivent offers us for each of their members. Let us know in the office or mark it on your Welcome Slip today. Thank you!**



**Today's altar flowers are donated by:  
Russell Scheibel ~ In Memory of:  
Wesley Piper, Jr., KIA Korea and  
Nolan Burck, KIA Vietnam**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

**ALL:** **O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## *Children's Church*

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

### **First Reading Isaiah 66: 10-14**

A reading from Isaiah, the sixty-sixth chapter.

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her - that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

**R:** Word of God, Word of Life

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**



## Psalm 66: 1-9 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

- R: Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.
- C: Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**
- R: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- C: All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**
- R: Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.
- C: God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**
- R: Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.
- C: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**
- R: Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

## Second Reading Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16

A reading from Galatians, the sixth chapter.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

## 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!

**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, June 26, 2016—Week 26

Attendance: 74

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,370.20
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00
2016 YTD Actual Offering	\$54,987.14
2016 YTD Offering Needed	\$53,768.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$1,415.00

### Today's Worship Leaders

*Altar Guild* - Roger & Carol Frey  
*Computer Technician* - Mike Banker  
*Offering Video* - Helen Meier  
*Counters* - Roger and Carol Frey  
*\*Fellowship* - (Please sign up on bulletin board)  
*\*Greeters* - (Please sign up on bulletin board)  
*Musician* - Betty Comins  
*Reader* - Kathy Strasser  
*Ushers* - Doug Congdon and Ben Strasser  
*Pastor* - Rev. Dr. Rick Meier

## Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;  
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.  
 Our God is march - ing on.  
 while God is march - ing on.



*Refrain*  
 Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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 10: 1–11, 16-20**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**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: Let us pray. O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN “Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory”  
(Words on the following page)**

**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**



## 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:** God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ our redeemer 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 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.

## SERMON "Worth Rejoicing Over"

~ Hymn of the Day ~

### Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



*Refrain*  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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## 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

Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

P: Gentle grower, send your church as laborers into your harvest. Make us joyful in sharing the good news of Jesus and make the harvest plentiful.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Creating God, bring about measured and healthy growth in fields and gardens through rain, wind, and sun.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Holy wisdom, you teach that we reap what we sow. Inspire leaders in our nation and throughout the world to sow the seeds of civility, peace, and goodwill.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Healer of all, we bring before you those in need of your healing presence. Do not be far off, but work your healing in the lives of all in need. We pray especially for...  
Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Holy friend, you call us to bear one another's burdens. Strengthen us in our commitment to the good of this congregation, our neighborhood, and our wider community.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C: **Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of **Christ be with you always.**  
C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~  
"Lord, I Need You"  
By Matt Maher