



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

75th Anniversary Cookbooks are here! - \$15
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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

Our Ice Cream Social is NEXT SUNDAY from 2-5!

We are asking for 10-12 new items, valued at \$20 or more, for our new Fish Bowl Drawing! ***Can you help us?***

- ◆ Donate a \$20 value item for drawing - _____
- ◆ Donate toppings - _____
- ◆ Baked goods for Cake Walk - _____
- ◆ Run the Cake Walk - _____
- ◆ Cookbook/Food Tickets - Sue Brunson & Viola Thostenson
- ◆ Fish Bowl tickets & table - Gerry Cliffe
- ◆ Ice Cream Table servers - Pat Wicks & _____
- ◆ Grill - Kelly & Craig Miller, Sue Miller, Shawn Guffey
- ◆ Serve food - Kelly Miller & Sue Miller
- ◆ Sell pop and water - Kelly Miller & Sue Miller
- ◆ Trash Crew - Boy Scouts and Binder Family
- ◆ Set-Up/Clean-Up Crew - Boy Scouts & Binder Family
- ◆ Run Children's Games - Anne Strasser, Rachel Strasser, Amanda Guffey

Everyone gets a free cup of ice cream! Yippee!



Sunday, July 10, 2016

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

~ OPENING HYMN ~

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name,
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.



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



*Need a copy of the
 2016 Pictorial Directory?
 Please see Kelly Miller or
 Amanda Guffey.*

There will be NO Card-Game Night in July and August

The 'Out to Dinner Group'

- ◆ Friday July 22nd
- ◆ 6:00 pm
- ◆ China Palace in Rockton, IL
- ◆ 625 South Blackhawk Blvd.
- ◆ Please sign up by July 17!



Today's altar flowers are donated by:
 Faith Lutheran Church



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

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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



Our Brat Stand is paying for our Roof! It's a great way to reach out to our communities AND to also contribute to the ELCA World Hunger Fund.

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.

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: To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you" - namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 C: That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.
 C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
 ALL: **O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Children's Church

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

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:9-14

A reading from Deuteronomy, the thirtieth chapter.

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 25: 1-10 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

R: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

R: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

R: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

R: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C: **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

R: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

C: **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Financials for Sunday, July 3, 2016—Week 27

Attendance: 66

Weekly Offering Actual	\$2,974.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00
2016 YTD Actual Offering	\$57,961.14
2016 YTD Offering Needed	\$55,836.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$1,604.60

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Roger & Carol Frey

Computer Technician - Ben Strasser

Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser

Counters - Roger and Carol Frey

Fellowship - Amanda Guffey

Greeters - Sue Brunson and Viola Thostenson

Musician - Betty Comins

Reader - Nicole Blakeman

Ushers - Doug Congdon and Ben Strasser

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Rick Meier

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.**



Barb, Barb K., Bill, Bob, Boyd, Carl, Connie, Denise, Dennis, Don, Donna, Doris, Dorothy, Eloise, Emily, Eric, Gary P., George, Harriet, Harvey, Ian, Jackie, James, Jeanne, Jeff, Jessie, Jim, Joyce, Kevin, Linda G., Lori, Marcy Schwarz 1941-2006, Mary, Nancy, Nash, Nicole, Nikko, Pat, Ricky, Robin & Violet Murphy, Ryann & Brynn McGuire, Ruth, Sam K., Sara, Sarah, Shalom, Sharon, Shirley, Shirley P., Steve, Sue, Tammi, Terry, Tim, Tristan, Val, Vance, all servicemen and women, all those who are homeless and those who are unemployed.

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 in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REMINDER

Your 6-Month offering statement can be picked up in the Narthex today. Thank you.

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!

Second Reading Colossians 1:1-14

A reading from Colossians, the first chapter

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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: 25-37

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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.**

BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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**

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

"Radical Mercy"

~ Hymn of the Day ~

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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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: Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Gracious God, your word is very near to us, building up your church and keeping it faithful to your word. Make our witness to your love strong and clear.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of creation, even the seas, the rocks, and the trees are our neighbors. Increase the vitality and beauty of your whole creation, and move us to work for its health and well-being.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, guide and direct the nations of the world to be good neighbors one to another, and to reach across the human barriers that divide us.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Protecting God, sustain police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and others who attend to public safety. Uphold those who are sick, injured, or who will die this day, and those who care for them. We pray especially for

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Listening God, encourage this assembly in its ministries of prayer and service (*especially*). Enlarge our capacity for hospitality and our willingness to welcome those who are not like us.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us, with them, into 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 ~

"Drops In The Ocean"
By Hawk Nelson