

## *Time To Plan Ahead*

### **OCTOBER**

**Saturday, October 1**

**FINAL BRAT STAND DAY!**

**AND...A VERY SPECIAL THRIVENT EVENT!**

**We will receive \$250 for good attendance at this event...open from 10:30-2:30**

**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 6 - 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!

**Sunday, December 4 - Decorate church for Christmas**



## **Faith Lutheran Church**

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

Sunday, September 25, 2016

19th Sunday After Pentecost ~ 9:30 am

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** 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. (*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 ~

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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.



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)

**75th Anniversary Cookbooks are here! \$15**  
**Checks to: Faith Lutheran Church, in the office**



Please support our Brat Stand by:

- 👏 **Coming to have lunch! The Brat Stand is open every Friday and Saturday from 10:30-2:30. Bring your friends, family. Tell your neighbors!**
- 👏 Giving your time to cashier
- 👏 Giving your time to prepare food
- 👏 Giving your time to grill the food
- 👏 Donating a case of Caffeine Free Diet Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Root beer and Diet Root beer, Sprite, Mountain Dew and Diet Mountain Dew, or bottled water
- 👏 You can always donate \$\$ - this ministry is helping to pay down our roof loan, now down to near \$20,000 from \$70,000. Thank you!

**LAST 2 DAYS FOR THE BRAT STAND - this weekend!**  
**Friday, Sept. 30 & Saturday, Oct. 1st! 10:30-2:30**

**\* Saturday, October 1 - FINAL BRAT STAND DAY!**  
**AND...A VERY SPECIAL THRIVENT EVENT!**

**We will receive \$250 for good attendance at this event. Pastor Rick is asking everyone to please come between 10:30-2:30 to show your support!**



### September

5 – Becky Miller  
7 – David Cliffe  
9 – Diane Redieske  
9 – Robert Schwarz  
10 – Shawn Guffey  
10 – Chase Lipinski  
11 – Craig Coots  
16 – Amy Cliffe Williams  
18 – Austin Grover  
18 – Eric Murphy  
19 – Kelly Miller  
20 – Brian Hedrington  
20 – Ellen Olson  
24 – Barry Miller  
25 – Gerry Cliffe

### October

3 – Jodi Binder  
4 – Sammy McCormick  
10 – June Brady  
13 – Terry Shrupp  
19 – Bob Strasser  
21 – Edward Schuller  
22 – Kristoffer Wicks  
23 – Don Banker  
25 – Cathy Murphy  
26 – Laura Coots  
26 – Pat Wicks  
30 – Ray Wendell  
31 – Russell Scheibel



## INTRODUCTION

P: Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold - who comes to us risen from the dead - who can free us from the death grip of greed.

C: **Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Church

*After the children's message, they are dismissed to go with their teacher downstairs.*

### FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore, they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM: Psalm 146

- R: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- C: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- R: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- C: **When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**
- R: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- C: **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**
- R: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.
- C: **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**
- R: The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- C: **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from 1st Timothy, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.



We pray for Alex, Angie, Anthony, Bea, Beau, Betty, Boyd, Carl, Connie, Cory, Dave, Denise, Dick, Don, Emily, Eric, Family of Betty Whitney, Family of Jim Arneson, Florence, George, Gere, Gina, Harriet, Harvey, Heidi, Helen, Ian, Irene, James, Jeff, Jim, Joyce, Kathy Mears, Larry, Lisa Wright, Louise, Lucas, Margie, Marjean, Nan, Nash, Nikko, Renee, Rich, Richie, Ricky, Robin, Sara, Scott Wright, Shalom, Sharon, Steve, Sue, Tammi, Ted, Terri, Terry, Tim, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Viola, Zach, 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.

## ***OUT TO DINNER GROUP***

- ◆ Benedetti's Supper Club, located at 3232 Riverside Dr. Beloit, WI
- ◆ 6:00 PM on Friday, September 30th.
- ◆ Sign Up sheet is on the bulletin board
- ◆ Sign Up deadline - Sunday, September 25th

*Today's altar flowers are presented by  
George and Sue Brunson  
In memory of George's brother, Dean*



*Special thanks to  
LaVonne Wundrow for  
stepping in to help as  
our guest musician!  
We appreciate 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!

### Financials for Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 - Week 38

**Attendance - 82**

<b>Weekly Offering Actual</b>	<b>\$1,712.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering Budget</b>	<b>\$2,068.00</b>
<b>2016 YTD Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$77,231.75</b>
<b>2016 YTD Offering Needed</b>	<b>\$78,584.00</b>
<b>Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan</b>	<b>\$2,224.50</b>

### Today's Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild - Roger & Carol Frey**

**Computer Technician - Anne & Rachel Strasser**

**Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser**

**Counters - Pat and Laurie Wicks**

**Fellowship - George and Sue Brunson**

**Greeters - Eloise Manley & Joyce Hatch**

**Guest Musician - LaVonne Wundrow**

**Reader - Nicole Blakeman**

**Altar Candles Acolyte - Taylor Gruenberg**

**Ushers - Doug Congdon and George Brunson**

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

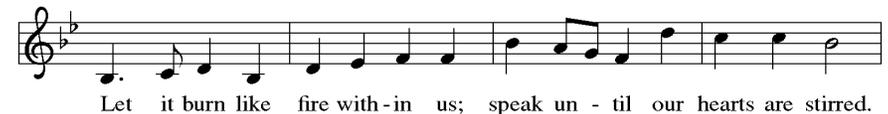
For a pastoral care emergency or hospitalization this week, please contact **Pastor Rick on his cell phone: 815-566-5247.**

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **"ALLELUIA"**



## **GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus said: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

**"Reflections on Our Bishop's Installation and our Partnership with the Arcot Lutheran Church of India"**

## **CLOSING HYMN "Choral Benediction"**

**May the light of God shine on us today.**

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**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 in peace. Remember the poor.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



## 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 come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy, you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
C: **Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

## ~ Hymn of the Day ~

### Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch-ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
3 From ten - der child-hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide;  
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heav'n above  
shall come the city of our God.

### The 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.**

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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: Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*) God, we thank you for the church, its mission, and its ministry. Help us to be examples of the faith and to pursue righteousness in all we say and do.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for the well-being of all creation. Make us wise stewards of your rich and beautiful world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Ruler of the nations, we pray for peace in places of conflict and war (*especially*). We pray for exiles, refugees, and those far from home.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for all those who are lonely or homebound, those who are trapped in any kind of prison of body, mind, or spirit, and for those who are sick or injured. Especially we pray for . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God who sits high but looks low, we pray for our brothers and sisters who struggle to make ends meet. Provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We remember and give thanks for all your saints in light and for those who have recently died (*especially*).

Thank you for the good foundation of their lives and witness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

“The River”

By Jordan Feliz

### 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. Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen**