

*Today's altar flowers are presented by  
Gail & Dennis Kelce in memory of their parents:  
Anita & Roland Jensen  
Betty & Raymond Kelce*



## Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

Sunday, October 2, 2016

20th Sunday After Pentecost ~ 9:30 am

### *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 - 6pm-7pm
- \* 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\*\***

**Lunch and beverages provided ~ free will donation**

#### **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**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **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.) 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: 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 ~

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.  
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

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**



**Our Brat Stand is now closed for the season. Thanks to everyong for their amazing support of our Brat Stand ! Here's how you've helped:**

- 👏 You came to have lunch
- 👏 You brought your friends, family & neighbors
- 👏 You gave your time to cashier
- 👏 You gave your time to prepare food
- 👏 You gave your time to grill the food
- 👏 You gave your time to clean the food truck
- 👏 You've chopped onions by the bag full
- 👏 You've counted money and taken it to the bank
- 👏 You've shopped and schlepped food in and out
- 👏 You've donated cases of Caffeine Free Diet Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Root beer/Diet Root beer, Twist, Mountain Dew/Diet Mountain Dew, bottled water, condiments
- 👏 You donated \$\$ - this ministry is helping to pay down our roof loan, now down to near \$20,000 from \$70,000. Thank you!
- 👏 **See You ALL Next Year!**



### 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: A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

C: **Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of 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: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous - therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 37: 1-9** ~ A Responsive Reading ~

R: Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**C: For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

R: Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**C: Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

R: Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

**C: The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

R: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**C: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

R: For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

**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** - Pat & Laurie Wicks

**Greeters** - Liz Shockley & Teresa Moffitt

**Musician** - Betty Comins

**Reader** - Pat Wicks

**Altar Candles Acolyte** - Taylor Gruenberg

**Ushers** - Doug Congdon and Shawn Guffey

**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**.



**We pray for Alex, Amy, Andrew, Angie, Anthony, Audrey, Barb, Bea, Beau, Bev, Betty, Betty Comins, Bill, Boyd, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Carl, Chris Kuehl, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Cory, Dave, Denise, Dennis, Dick, Don, Eloise, Emily, Eric, Family of Betty Whitney, Family of Jim Arneson, Florence, Gary, Gary & Dianne Piper, George, Gere, Gina, Harriet, Harvey, Heidi, Helen, Ian, Irene, Jaleena Duckworth, James, Jeff, Jim, Jimmy, John, Joyce, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Larry, Lisa Wright, Logan, Lori, Louise, Lucas, Margie, Marion, Marjean, Marjorie, Mary, Mary B., Matthew, Maureen, Millie, Nan, Nash, Nikko, Pat, Renee, Rich, Richie, Rick, Ricky, Robin, Roger, Sam, Sara, Scott Wright, Shalom, Shannon, Sharon, Shawn, Shelly, Steve, Sue, Tammi, Ted, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Tim, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, 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.**

## 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.**

## *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. 25, 2016 - Week 39

**Attendance - 90**

<b>Weekly Offering Actual</b>	<b>\$1,713.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering Budget</b>	<b>\$2,068.00</b>
<b>2016 YTD Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$78,944.75</b>
<b>2016 YTD Offering Needed</b>	<b>\$80,652.00</b>
<b>Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan</b>	<b>\$2,279.50</b>



## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

A reading from 2nd Timothy, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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 17:5-10

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

### “Just Doing Our Duty”

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.**

## BLESSING

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

C: **Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN

### On Our Way Rejoicing



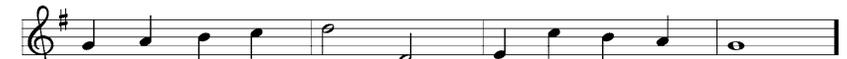
1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



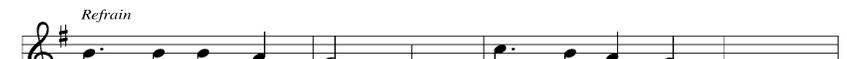
Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



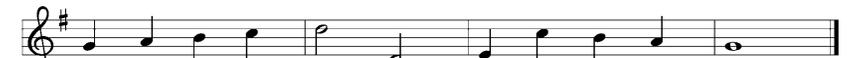
Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.



*Refrain*  
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

## 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.

## 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 ~

## ~ Hymn of the Day ~

### O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrec-  
tion 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.*) Increase the faith of your church, O God.  
Raise up faithful parents and grandparents, prophets  
and teachers who know, love, and spread your gospel.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Tend and nurture the lands and seas, O God. Raise up  
faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to human  
care.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Save the nations, O God. Raise up faithful leaders who  
strive for peace and justice in the midst of violence and  
destruction. Especially we pray for . . . .  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Guard those in need, O God. Raise up faithful  
advocates and caretakers for those who are  
oppressed, poor, lonely, imprisoned, bereaved, or  
sick. Especially we pray for . . . .  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Give vision to this congregation, O God. Raise up  
faithful teachers, staff, volunteers, worship leaders,  
and council members who serve with purpose, joy,  
boldness, and love.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You abolished death, O God. Thank you for all those  
you called according to your purpose and who now  
rest in your light (*especially*).  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

