

Honey of an idea

INDIA
ELCA.org/hunger



What “crop” doesn’t need any extra land for production? And, its raw materials provided generously for free by mother nature? For farmers in rural India, it is honey. Like most farmers, Sonamuni Tudu of West Bengal, India, relies on the land to produce crops to support his family. Changes in weather patterns have created challenges in food production. One alternative for him is to migrate or work at stone quarries, but both of these options carry risks, including human trafficking. Thanks to your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, through the Lutheran World Service India Trust, the Santhal tribal people, like Sonamuni, now have a safer and a more sustainable option – beekeeping. In this part of India, the raw materials for honey are readily available and beehives require neither additional land nor compete with agriculture. For Sonamuni and other rural and tribal farmers, beekeeping has become an additional source of income, as they produce high-quality honey that is in demand in markets around the region. “Beekeeping has come to us as an alternative source of income,” says Sonamuni. “The extra money we earn from honey production has increased our family income, which we use to invest in our children’s education, cover health care costs, and improve our living situation. We feel that we are earning money with dignity in an eco-friendly environment.” Thank you for supporting ELCA World Hunger. Through your gifts, the rural and tribal farmers in West Bengal, India, now have a tailored solution that can help put an end to hunger – for good.



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ
Sunday, November 13, 2016
26th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Congregation of Faith Lutheran Church is hereby summoned to its annual meeting TODAY, following worship. Luncheon will be provided after the meeting.

**Temple Talk (via DVD): Bishop Jeffrey Clements:
“Giving In Generosity”**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: **Amen**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: 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 ~ My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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.**



NOVEMBER

- 4 – Sarah Miller
- 7 – George Brunson
- 15 – Eloise Manley
- 28 – Terri Schoepski

DECEMBER

- 2 – Gail Krause
- 24 – Nicole Blakeman
- 31 – Pat Schnurr



Part-Time Church Custodian
 \$11/hour, 6 hours per week.
 Applications on narthex table.
 Position will be posted until
 November 21, 2016. Thank you!

NOTICE:

CARITAS has changed their policy and is now **ONLY** accepting clothing for toddlers and infants. Food and money donations are still being accepted.

DECEMBER

- Saturday, Dec. 3 - Secret Sister Reveal
 Final Gift & Brunch, 11-1pm
- Sunday, December 4 - Decorate church for
 Christmas following
 worship





First, We Give of Ourselves Giving in Generosity

What does it mean to give in generosity? The story in John 12: 1-8 of Mary anointing the feet of Jesus with a very costly perfume, provides a picture of giving in generosity. What mover her to do such a thing? Why such extravagant generosity? Mary has just experienced Jesus raising her brother Lazarus from the dead. Could her generosity be that which flows from an extraordinary thankful heart?

Giving in generosity is just that! It is from a heart filled with delight and thanksgiving for God's abundant grace in Jesus Christ. It is a giving that is done freely and without condition. It is a giving with no expectation of something in return. It is simply a giving like Mary's, which is done in simple joy and abundant grace.

How have you experienced "giving in generosity" this past wee either by giving or receiving?

You will receive your pledge card, along with a time and talent sheet, in the mail this week. Please consider prayerfully how you will offer yourself to Faith Lutheran Church during 2017, and bring your commitment card and paper to worship with you next Sunday, Nov. 20, where we will offer them at the altar.

May God bless your generosity!

INTRODUCTION

P: The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.)

ALL: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Church

FIRST READING FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi, the 4th chapter.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 98 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

- R: Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- C: O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- R: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- C: Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- R: Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**
- R: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- C: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**
- R: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Kathy Strasser & Terry Schrupp
Computer Technician - Rachel and Anne Strasser
Offering Video - Rachel and Anne Strasser
Counters - Roger & Carol Frey
Fellowship - Haley Cusimano and Matt White
Greeters - Dick Hedrington, Sandy & Don Dittmer
Musician - Betty Comins
Reader - Ellen Olson
Ushers - Doug Congdon and Todd Strasser
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



Today we pray for our friends and family here at Faith Lutheran Church, as well as: Amy, Barb, Barb K., Becky, Ben, Bev, Bill, Bob, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Carl, Carla, Carson, Chris Ruehl, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Connie & Denny Price, Courtney, Dave, Debi, Denise, Dennis, Dianne P., Dick, Don, Donna H., Eloise, Emily, Ethel, Family of Wes Hyland, Florence, the Funk Family, Gary, Gary P., George, Gina, Harriet, Ian, Heidi, Irene, Jackie M., Jaleena, Jason Vignal, Jerry, Jessie, Jim, Jimmy, Joe, Joyce, Judy, Kathy Mears, Kevin W., Jeff, Joyce, Kelli, Kyle, Larry, Linda G., Lisa Wright, Lorrie, Louise, Marion, Mary, Mary B., Maureen, Mary Lou, my daughter with drug abuse, my father, Nancy, Nash, Nikko, Pattie H., Penny, Rich, Ricky, Robin, Roger, Sam, Sam W., Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Sarah M., Scott Wright, Shalom, Sharon, Shelly, Shirley, Shirley P., Steve, Sue, Teresa, Terry, Tim, Tom, Todd, Trisha, Vance, Vicki, Zach, all service men and women, all homeless and unemployed.

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, Nov. 6, 2016 - Week 45

Attendance - 108

Weekly Offering Actual	\$3,097.80
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00
2016 YTD Actual Offering	\$90,711.30
2016 YTD Offering Needed	\$93,060.06
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$5,139.50



*Today's altar flowers are
presented by:
Viola Thostenson, in memory of
Bernard and Joey
and
Julie Wright and Family, in memory of
Jim Wright*

"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 21: 5-19

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON "Signs of a Healthy Congregation"

~ Hymn of the Day ~

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God



- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
- 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more,



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878.
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTTE, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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**



I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. (A brief silence.) For the church, for missionaries and teachers, clergy and laity, and all ministers who proclaim the gospel in word and deed, that the Sun of righteousness enlighten the whole earth, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: For rivers and lakes, hills and mountains, fruit and vegetables, and animals great and small, that creation thrive and that we care for all God has given us, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: For all in authority at the local, state, provincial, national and international levels, for those who advocate for equity, and for relief workers and their supporters, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those who hunger or thirst, for those who doubt or are terrified, for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for caregivers, that all experience the healing and comfort given through Christ, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those gathered in this place to hear the gospel and receive the good gifts of God through Christ Jesus, that guided by the Holy Spirit, we serve our neighbor who is in need, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: In thanksgiving for men and women of every time and place who have died in Christ, and that we follow their examples of faithful living, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

“Rise” by Danny Gokey

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**

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: 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: **we give you thanks and praise.**

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