

We now have 70 recipes!
Only 130 more are needed!

These are the categories for our cookbook:

Appetizers & Beverages	Breads & Rolls
Soups & Salads	Desserts
Vegetables & Side Dishes	Cookies & Candy
Main Dishes	This & That

***** The deadline is May 10th *****

Recipe Collection Sheet

Category _____

Recipe Title _____

Submitted by _____

Ingredients:

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Directions:



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 24, 2016

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: 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

All Are Welcome

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - a - quiet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness, and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er, bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

The Church Council decided to combine the Mother-Child and Father-Child events into one big Family Event instead. Everyone is invited to our first annual Family Fun Day at Volcano Falls in Rockford, IL on Sunday, June 26 from 4-7 pm.

Outdoor spot with miniature golf, go-karts, laser tag & gaming arcade plus a snack bar & ice cream.

Address: 7602 Rock Valley Pkwy,
 Loves Park, IL 61111
 Phone: (815) 282-2100
 Sunday hours: 11—8



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There is a new sign-up sheet to help in the nursery, on an as needed basis. If there are children to watch, an usher will contact one of the volunteers present. Thank You!



Brat Stand Info

The Brat Stand will open on Fridays and Saturdays, beginning May 20th. There will be a Sign-up Sheet on the board. Thanks to Anne Strasser and Pat Wicks for commanding this awesome ministry. It's paying for our roof!

NOISY CAN COLLECTION TODAY

Show your support for retiring Bishop Gary Wollersheim's "Fund For Leaders" campaign to help seminarians with their educational debts. Thank You!



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If you have a prayer Request please submit it on one of the worship cards in the area in front of each seat on Sunday morning or contact the church office at (815) 389-1824 or by email faithsouthbeloit@gmail.com. These are the prayer requests submitted last week.



Prayer Requests: Audrey, Barb Helgenson, Bea, Ben, Betty, Bill N., Brad, Carson, Cindy, Connie, Connie & Denny Price, Corbin, Danielle & Nicholas, Danny, Denise, Don, Eloise, Florence, Gary, George, Gina, Harriet, Heidi, Hunter & Aubrey, Irene, Jacob, James, Jeff, Jenni Jo, Jerry, Jess, Jessie, Joyce, John, Kenny, Larry, Laurie Wicks, Lisa, Maureen, Pat, Rick, Sharon, Rich, Ryan, Shirley Turner, Steve, Sue, Tammi, Ted, Terry, Tim, Tom, Vern Christensen, Viola, all service men and women & all those who are homeless and unemployed.

In the event of a pastoral care emergency or hospitalization, please contact Pastor Rick in the church office @ 815-389-1824 or Pastor's cell @ 815-566-5247.

Introducing our new Sunshine Committee

Karen Murr and Patty Dunaway will be adding this to their Social Ministry. Birthday, Graduation, Sympathy and Get Well cards will be sent upon notification. Please call Karen at 815-389-8957 or email Patty at pkdunaway7@gmail.com



Today's altar flowers provided by Gail and Dennis Kelce in honor of their 51st Anniversary! God's Blessings to you!

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

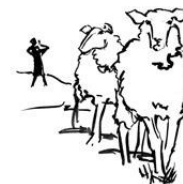
P: Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
ALL: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Church

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



FIRST READING ACTS 11: 1-18

R: A reading from Acts, the 11th Chapter

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you worship with us today! Please fill out the "Welcome" slip in your bulletin, pass it to the aisle where the ushers will pick them up during the opening song. Please join us after worship in our Fellowship Room for beverages, a snack 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, April 17, 2016

Attendance: 86

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,485.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Roger & Carol Frey

Computer Technician - Mike Banker

Offering Video - Helen Meier

Counters - Roger & Carol Frey

Fellowship - Shirley Finger — Happy Birthday!

Greeters - Rick Dunaway

Musician - Betty Comins

Reader - Nicole Blakeman

Ushers - Doug Congdon and Ray Wendell

Interim Pastor - Rev.Dr. Richard J. Meier

CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 148

P: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
 praise God in the heights.

C: **Praise the LORD, all you angels;
 sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

P: Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
 sing praise, all you shining stars.

C: **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens.**

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 who commanded, and they were created,
 C: **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
 giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

P: Praise the LORD from the earth,
 you sea monsters and all deeps;

C: **fire and hail, snow and fog,
 tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

P: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

C: **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things
 and flying birds;**

P: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all
 rulers of the world;

C: **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over
 earth and heaven.

C: **The LORD has raised up strength for the people
 and praise for all faithful servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
 Hallelujah!**



SECOND READING REVELATION 21:1-6

R: A reading from Revelation, the 21st chapter

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

ALLELUIA



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.**

**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, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

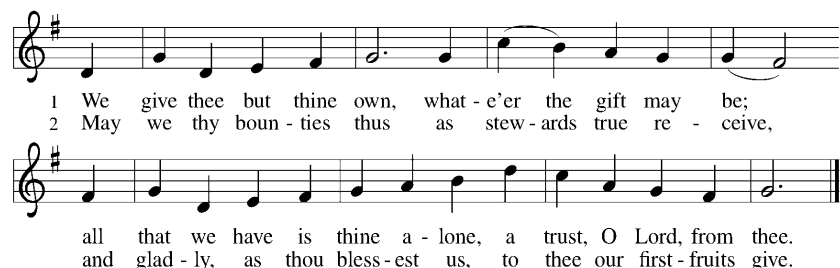
BLESSING

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.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
“Because He Lives”

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you
have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and
generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond
to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.**

GOSPEL JOHN 13:31-35

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



SERMON ~ “All Are Included As Friends”

Hymn of the Day

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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THE APOSTLE'S 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

P: Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, by your Holy Spirit reveal to us the saving work of Christ. Strengthen your church with the good news that leads to limitless life for all. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Send us to places far and near, and join our voices in chorus with all creation. Use us to show others your abundant goodness in the created world. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: End war and the human desire to hold on to power. Free all people to love both neighbor and enemy, and make your church an example of such love. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Surround people who are hurting with agents of your healing and messengers of your peace. Provide safe communities for all who are in any need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Strengthen the bonds of shared service between congregations and social ministry organizations (*here specific social ministry organizations may be named*). Guide us in doing your work together. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: In Christ's death and resurrection you have fulfilled your work for the sake of your saints. Come swiftly to dwell among us and to make all things new. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**