

**EVER
AYER**

Please join us in praying for:
Adam, Adrienne, Alyson & Jarrett,
Aunt Pat, Barb, Barry & Shelly, Bea,
Ben, Betty C., Bev, Bill, Bob, Bonnie
Cliffe, Boyd, Brayton, Brett, Brian,
Rob Butz, Carl, Cindy, Claudine,
Connie, Courtney, Debi, Denise,
Diane, Dick, Don, Donna H., Doug, Eloise,
Evelyn, Funk Family, Gary, Gary P., Gavin, George,
Gordie, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Inez, Irene A., Jaleena,
Janet, Janice E., Jean, Jeff, Jessica, Joyce, Joyce
Lynn, June, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Ken, Larry, Lisa, Lisa
Marie, Lucas, Marion, Marjean, Mary, Maureen M., Mia,
Nancy Cliffe, Patty A., Rich, Roger, Sam, Sanchez
Sally, Sarah, Scott Wright, Shalom, Sharon, Shelly,
Stephanie M., Sue, Sue M., Ted Balk, Teresa, Terri,
Todd, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Viola, and all
children & women, all homeless & unemployed, our
college students, and those in the military & their
families. God keeps them safe in His loving care.

WISH LIST COLLECTION DRIVE

Help fill our grocery cart with items needed
in our community. Thank You!

**Meats, canned fruit (unsweetened or lite syrup),
Canned chicken (chicken, tuna, salmon), soup, Hamburger,
Chicken Helper, hot breakfast cereal (oatmeal or
wheat)**

HYGIENE:

**(men's & women's), Kleenex, baby wipes,
Diapers sizes 3 to 6, feminine products**

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Stamps, envelopes, stamps, standard copy paper

**Barbara Murr & Patti Dunaway, Social Ministry
Social Ministry Co-Chairs**

**NEEDED - Please sign up!
Fellowship Treats and Readers**



Faith Lutheran Church
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring the
Sunday, February 19, 2017 - Scout S
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany ~ 9:

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BOY SCOUT PRESENTATION OF COLORS &
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives
our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 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
away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion
forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have
failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your
Spirit, so that we may live in the newness of life through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we
were sinners, 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
of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts thro
- C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

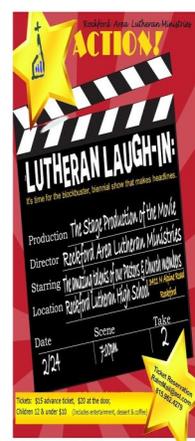
my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib - ute bring.
 be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore - bears in dis - tress.
 as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres - ence, face to face.

somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais - es sing.
 be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

e - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 e - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 e - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 e - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

face of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 union of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



OUT TO DINNER Group & 'LAUGH IN'
 Friday, Feb. 24 - Dinner is at 5pm
 Chopsticks Buffet, 7923 N. Alpine
 Park. Then we will go to Rockford
 High School for 'A Lutheran Laugh
 - it's a rip-roarin' night of songs, c
 talents, brought to you by your ov
 leaders and members. \$15 (12 & u
 for the show, dessert & coffee. Th
 is today - Sign-up sheet is on the



*I would like to personally
 everyone who may have s
 for me or sent a card dur
 recent surgery. It was gre
 appreciated. God bless eac
 every one of you. Bet*

This month, we are reading, **The Woman
 in Cabin 10** by Ruth Ware. Pick up a copy
 and join us on Tues., March 14th at 6:30
 in the church office. All are welcomed!



FEBRUARY

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| 14 – Lucy Naff | 22 – Autumn |
| 15 – Ethel Strasser | 22 – Carol Fre |
| 16 – Courtney Schuller | 22 – Ben Stra |
| 18 – Zach Hedrington | 28 – Patti Dur |

Worship

Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you 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 pastor. Give the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a Lutheran or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the Bread of Life - ALL baptized believers are welcomed!

As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please be sure to catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if you cannot, 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 at the designated counters for the day. Thank you for being faithful and giving generously to God's work here at Faith Lutheran!

Special thanks to our scouts and their leaders for participating in today's worship service!

Financials for Sunday, February 12, 2017 - Week 7

Attendance - 69	
Worship Offering Actual	\$1,340.50
Worship Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
Worship YTD Actual Offering	\$14,485.40
Worship YTD Offering Needed	\$14,777.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$500.00

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Audio/Video Technician - Rachel Strasser
Worship Video - Rachel and Anne Strasser
Worship Leaders - Laurie and Pat Wicks
Worship - Nicole Blakeman
Worship - Liz Shockley and Teresa Moffitt
Worship - Betty Comins
Worship - Boy Scouts
Worship - Craig Miller and Ray Wendell
Worship - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

INTRODUCTION

P: In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, LORD your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot attain perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in the end we see one who loved even those who persecuted and hated him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your kingdom of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies and transform our words and deeds to be like his that we may glorify whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

A reading from Leviticus, the 19th Chapter.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, LORD your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard, and you shall not gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. You shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of your labor until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the great; you shall defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD."

hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove
, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take
bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall
honor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

God, word of life.

Prayer to God.

33-40 – A Responsive Reading

Lord, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep
and.

**Understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
Keep it with all my heart.**

in the path of your commandments, for that is my

My heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

Your promise to your servant, which is for those who

by the reproach that I dread, because your judgments

**Long for your commandments; by your
kindness enliven me.**

READING: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

In 1st Corinthians, the 3rd chapter.

the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master

foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each

choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay

in other than the one that has been laid; that foundation

is Christ. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that

the Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will

destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that tem-

ple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this

world, you will become fools so that you may become wise. For the

wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He

will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the

craftiness of the crafty.” So, let no one boast about

wisdom. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or

the world or life or death or the present or the future - all

are yours, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

God, word of life.

Prayer to God.

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed
us with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure.
Keep us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell
of your never-ending love and sing your praise both
now and forever.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - d
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - d
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to tha
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thi
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nügel, 1773-1836, adapt.

CLOSING FLAG CEREMONY

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.



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~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
“Grace Wins” by Matthew West

RESPONSE

... thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
 ... thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive,

... we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 ... l-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

PRAYER

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

... and be with you.

... do with you.

... our hearts.

... them to the Lord.

... give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

... want to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

OUR PRAYER

... who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
 kingdom, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
 debts, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 ... the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 ... ever. Amen.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav...
 Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hear...
 Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news tha...

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not strike your neighbor eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who borrows from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON
“Mature Christianity”

Day O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
 you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
 Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 st up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 ng - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
 Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
 N. W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

POSTLES' 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,
 and 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: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's peace, and healing. (A brief silence.) Make the church and land holy as you are holy, O God. Join the voices of the poor, young and old, friends and enemies, in praise. Orchestrate harmony among us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for clean air, clean water, and clean soil. Bless the sky, land, and waterways. Teach us how to care for the earth as you desire. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for an end to war and for peace throughout the world. Prosper the work of peacemakers, erase hatred, and end violence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for all who live with cognitive disorders or mental disorders. Provide them with supportive communities. Comfort the forgotten; comfort the mourning; heal the hurting. (especially). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for all who are discerning a call to ministry and those who accompany them. Empower them with your grace and wisdom to continue building on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give thanks for the faithful departed (especially). Pray for those who will die today. Hold them in your love and embrace. Breathe your Spirit of peace into them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.