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 ski, Family of Carla Williams, Florence, Funk
 , Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Inez, Irene,
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 Mears, Kelli, Ken, Kris, Kyle, Larry, Larry Coots,
 n, Marjean, Mary, Mike, Nancy, Patti, Paula, Rich,
 Robin, Roger, Sam W., Sanchez Family, Sara,
 , Shalom, Shelly, Shirley, Steve, Sue, Ted, Ted
 , Terri, Terry, Tim, Tom, Tommy, Tristan, Vance,
 and all service men & women, all homeless &
 , our shut-ins, our college students, and those in
 & their families, that God will keep them safe.

CARITAS WISH LIST COLLECTION DRIVE
 Please help fill our grocery cart with items
 needed in our community. Thank You!
Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway
Social Ministry Co-Chairs

NEEDED - Please sign up!
Fellowship Treats and Readers

We're so happy to have
Pastor Rick & Helen and
Betty Comins back today!

Today's altar flowers are
 provided by Don & Sandy Dittmer for
 their 18th Anniversary
 and for Wilten's 2nd Birthday.



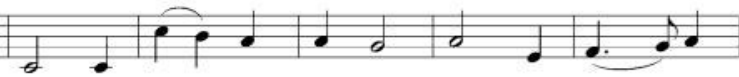
Faith Lutheran Church
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring th
 Sunday, February 5, 2017
 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany ~ 9:30

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God to be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sins. His 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 hearts of your people 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 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 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 please you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By his blood we have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord, be forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power from the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C: Amen.

HYMN

Lord of Light



light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
all and heal - ing light; by the love that



pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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

REFLECTION
In the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. He declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and give bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are brought into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you worship with us today! Please join us after the service 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 the wine (dark) or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to receive Communion. Christ is the host of the meal - ALL baptized believers are welcome!

Offering ~ As always, if you are unable to attend service, 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 label it "offering" on the envelope and it will be included in the next offering and seen only by the designated counters for offerings. Thank you for being faithful in giving generously to God here at Faith Lutheran!

Financials for Sunday, January 29, 2017 - V
Attendance - 61

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,198.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$9,291.10
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$10,555.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$305.00

Today's Worship Leaders

- Altar Guild** - Carol & Roger Frey
- Computer Technician** - Mike Banker
- Offering Video** - Helen Meier
- Counters** - Roger & Carol Frey
- Fellowship** - Mike Banker
- CORRECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:**
FELLOWSHIP WAS PROVIDED BY GAIL
- Greeters** - Liz Shockley and Teresa Moffitt
- Musician** - Betty Comins
- Reader** - Mike Marty
- Ushers** - Craig Miller and Ray Wendell
- Pastor** - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

HYMN - "Choral Benediction"

Light of God shine on us today.
Light of God shine on us today.
Show us where to travel,
Back if we should stray.
Light of God shine on us today.

Love of God live in us today.
Love of God live in us today.
Warmth we feel within us,
All we do and say.
Love of God live in us today.

Peace of God be with us today.
Peace of God be with us today.
Guide us and protect us,
Our separate ways.
Peace of God be with us today.

Peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

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Today on Super Bowl Sunday we join thousands of other churches to receive a special "SOUP-er Bowl of Caring" offering, dedicated to relieve world hunger. Choose the team you are rooting for, or the team you think will win & place your donation in either soup pot as you leave worship today. The "winner" & totals will be announced next Sunday. Thanks for participating!

OUT TO DINNER Group & 'LAUGH-IN 2017'
Friday, Feb. 24 - Dinner's at 5pm at the Golden Chopsticks Buffet, 7923 N. Alpine Rd. Loves Park. Then we go over to Rockford Lutheran High School for 'A Lutheran Laugh-In' at 7pm - it's a rip-roarin' night of songs, comedy & talents, brought to you by your own church leaders and members. \$15 (12 & under \$10) for the show, dessert & coffee. Sign-up sheet is on the board!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the
all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us t
we ought to do, and give us the grace and pow
them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lo

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9

A reading from Isaiah, the 58th chapter.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a tr
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of
sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to kn
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness a
forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righ
judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do
you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do no
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, an
all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to
strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today
make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I
day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a f
acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choo
the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not t
bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor in
house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and n
yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall brea
the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly you
shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be you
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you sha
help, and he will say, Here I am.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

2 ~ A Responsive Reading

ah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have
delight in God's commandments!

**Descendants will be mighty in the land; the
portion of the upright will be blessed.**

and riches will be in their house, and their
righteousness will last forever.

**Lights in the darkness for the upright; the
mercies are merciful and full of compassion.**

and for them to be generous in lending and to manage
their affairs with justice.

**Their fear will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept
in your remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is
steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they
desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
will last forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

from 1st Corinthians, the 2nd chapter.

I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come
to reveal the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For
I know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him
crucified and I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much
trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible
wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of
power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the
word of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though
not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are
perishing. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden,
which was decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers
understood this; for if they had, they would not have
crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has
seen, nor the human heart conceived, what God has
prepared for those who love him" - these things God has revealed to
us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the
depths of God.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for
your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
death. For your Word of life, O God,

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

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
the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed
our souls with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure
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.

the afflicted, compassionate God. Accompany all
t on death row. Reconcile families torn apart by
addiction. Heal the brokenhearted, the newly
ed, and all who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
ercy is great.

e who form the faith of others with insight and
Multiply the fruit of their labor. Grow disciples eager
on your living word and embody it each day.
, O God.
ercy is great.

ank you for all the saints who dared to shine with the
Christ. Compel us to shine freely and witness to your
nt grace each day. Hear us, O God.
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these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and

ace of Christ be with you always.
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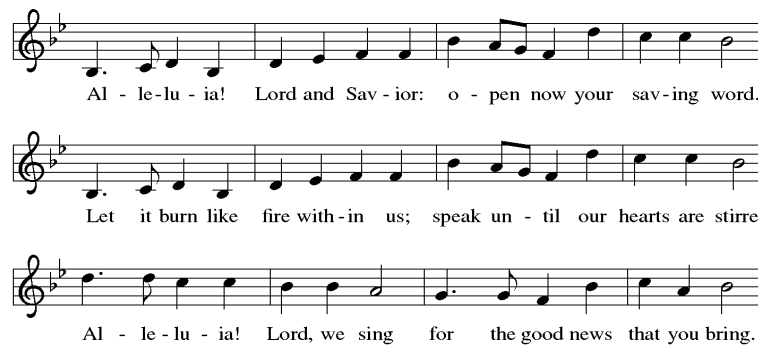
~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
Let The Redeemed of the Lord Say So!
By The Hoppers



ive thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
ve thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
at we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
ad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

For what human being knows what is truly human except
spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what
except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the
world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may un
gifts bestowed on us by God.

R: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.



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: Matthew 5:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chap
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has
taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer
anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "Y
light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No
lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on t
and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let
shine before others, so that they may see your good wo
glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have
abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abo
fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass av
letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law u
accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the le
commandments, and teaches others to do the same, w
least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does then
them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For
unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes
Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“KEEP THE LIGHTS ON”

the Day “*Shine, Jesus, Shine!*”

*Jesus, shine
and with the Father's glory
Spirit, blaze
hearts on fire
r, flow
nations with grace and mercy
n your word
let there be light.*

light of your love is shining
st of the darkness, shining
ght of the world, shine upon us
e by the truth you now bring us
me, shine on me.



*Jesus, shine
and with the Father's glory
Spirit, blaze
hearts on fire
r, flow
nations with grace and mercy
n your word
let there be light.*

me to your awesome presence
shadows into your radiance
ood I may enter your brightness
e, try me, consume all my darkness
me, shine on me. **REFRAIN**

me on your kingly brightness
ces display your likeness
ging from glory to glory
ere may our lives tell your story
me, shine on me. **REFRAIN**

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 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.) Eternal God, one-in-three and three-in-one. Strengthen the ministries of the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation. Solidify ecumenical partnerships as they seek to break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed be free. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Send relief where storms and floods overwhelm. Provide shelter and safe habitat for all creatures. Protect sensitive ecosystems for the spring and fall harvest. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Ignite the nations with the flame of your justice. Enlighten the leaders of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank with your wisdom; guide government officials to promote economic justice in their communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.