


PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:

Adam, Alyson & Jarrett, Angie, Aunt Pat, Barbara, Barry & Shelby, Bea, Ben, Beth, Bev, Betty, Bill, Bob, Bonnie C., Boyd & Inez Miller, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Carl, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Debi, Dennis, Dennis & Connie Price, Dick, Don, Donna, Doug, Doug & Rachel Congdon, of Brice Lingen, Florence, Gary, Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Helen, Howard, Ian, Irene A., Irene & Aleena, James & Angie, Jane, Janet, Janice, Janie, Jessica, Joyce Hatch Family, Julie, Kathy Mears, Kennadi, Kenny, Kevin, Larry, Linda, Lisa, Louise, Ian, Mary, Marion, Marjean, Maureen & Dan, Maureen, relief from arthritis, Rich, Robin, Roger, Sam, Shalom, Shirley, Stephanie, Stephany, Steve, Sue, Terri, Terry, Tim, Todd, Tom, Tom & Gale Miller, e, Vic, Vicki, Viola, Witten, Zach, all service men & their families, all who are homeless & unemployed, our students, and those who are sick or lonely. God watches over them, guides them, and keeps them from harm.

*ers will be welcomed on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th.
to Pastor Rick's 45th Anniversary of his Ordination.
ays "no gifts", but he treasures any cards he gets!
taying for a special Fellowship time after worship.*

 **HELP NEEDED!** Please volunteer to come in on Saturday, June 3 at 9am to take down our Easter season butterflies. Thank you!

*al Combined Worship Service & Potluck
day, June 11, 11am at Telfer Pavilion, Beloit.
ea ELCA churches will participate in this outdoor
ice, followed by a potluck. See the Sign Up sheet.
ked to bring a dish to pass & to bring lawn chairs.
I be a shortened service at Faith at 9am for those
ding, but all are encouraged to attend this special
service with our Beloit area Lutheran churches.*



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring the

Sunday, May 28, 2017
Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ 9:30

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND
FORGIVENESS



P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of life in Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 and deed, by what we have done and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O God, 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 Father. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As your authorized and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -

e throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 w now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 r stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 e own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 e throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

- ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 or ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 m day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 ol, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 o - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 im when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 ers, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 red, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 or - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

837-1898, alt.
 Howland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Today's Worship Leaders

- Altar Guild** - Carol & Roger Frey
- Computer Technician** - Todd & Ben Strasser
- Offering Video** - Anne & Rachel Strasser
- Counters** - Kathy & Bob Strasser
- Fellowship** - Russel Scheibel
- Greeters** - Teresa Moffitt and Liz Shockley
- Musician** - Betty Comins
- Reader** - Sue Brunson
- Ushers** - Todd Strasser and George Brunson
- Guest Pastor** - Rev. Lucy Wynard

Financials for Sunday, May 21, 2017 - Week

Attendance - 82

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,974.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$45,084.60
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$44,331.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$2,372.60
Noisy Can Collection for Youth Camp	\$126.00
Total Collected for Youth Camp	\$1,941.00

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to 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 to receive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine and juice (light). **WE WILL NOW ALSO OFFER GLUTEN-FREE BREAD AS AN OPTION FOR COMMUNION. Just indicate to the server if it's your turn.** If you eat the bread before dipping or dropping it, ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal. ALL baptized believers are welcome!

Offering ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please mail your offering to catch up with your offering the next week. Or, if you'd like to bring your offering to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope and have it included in that week's offering and seen only by the designated counters for the day. Thank you for being faithful in giving to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!

HYMN "Choral Benediction"

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

Light of God shine on us today.
Presence of God live in us today.
Presence of God live in us today.
Strength we feel within us,
We do and say.

Presence of God live in us today.
Presence of God be with us today.
Presence of God be with us today.
Protect us and protect us,
From separate ways.
Presence of God be with us today.

Presence. Serve the Lord.
Presence to God.

We extend warm thanks to Pastor Lucy Wynard for serving as our worship leader today as Pastor Rick and Helen are visiting family in San Diego.



BRAT STAND OPENS FRI., JUNE 2!
Please sign up to help. Donations of pop, water, condiments, and chips are appreciated! See Anne Strasser, Kathy Strasser, or Pat Wicks for info.

May 28 - June 25 - Community Outreach
The Beloit Domestic Violence Survivor's Center provides help for women and their children dealing with domestic abuse. Please join us in supporting them by donating: women's deodorant, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towels, gently used or new bath towels & bed blankets, and laundry soap.
Thanks, Patti Dunaway & Karen Murr
Social Ministry Co-Chairs

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION

P: In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we remember Jesus with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Holy Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel, Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. In our religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek to live the love Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we are called to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God desires for the whole human family.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died, ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

The first reading is from Acts, the 1st chapter.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, will you at this time the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was taken up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going, they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

urned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which
lem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had
y, they went to the room upstairs where they were
and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and
olomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and
lot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly
selves to prayer, together with certain women,
the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.
od, word of life.
e to God.

Reading from Psalm 68

rise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who
flee.

**e is driven away, so you should drive them away;
x melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at
nce of God.**

righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them
erry and joyful.

**od, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who
clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

ly habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans,
of widows;

**the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

when you went forth before your people, when you
through the wilderness,

**quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the
of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God,
of Israel.**

a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance
anguished.

**ple found their home in it; in your goodness,
you have made provision for the poor.**

od, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.
n the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;

forth your voice, your mighty voice.

power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose
in the skies.

**derful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
length and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

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
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: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and
resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, you
give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish y
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection t
show your glory to all the world; through the same
our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.



...e in need. For those who are anxious. For those
...fer abuse or neglect. For those who are hungry or
...s. For those who grieve and all who are sick
...lly). Lord, in your mercy,
r prayer.

...assembly. Deepen our lives of prayer. Open us to
...ing of your Spirit. Fill us with compassion. Nourish
...ur holy table. Strengthen us in service to our
...nity. Lord, in your mercy,
r prayer.

...nksgiving we remember those who have died,
...ly our loved ones and those who have given their
...service. Inspire us by their example and bring us to
...rnal home. Lord, in your mercy,
r prayer.

...our voices with your faithful ones in every time and
...e offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One,
...hrist our Lord.

...nce of Christ be with you always.
o with you.

~ VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING ~
"This is Power" by Lincoln Brewster

MY RESPONSE

*...ee but thine own, whatever the gifts may be
...have is thine alone, a trust, oh Lord, from thee.*

*...bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
...as though blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.*

PRAYER

...ray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your
...u made all things: you spoke light into darkness,
...rth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.
...t Word of life, O God,
e you thanks and praise.



SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

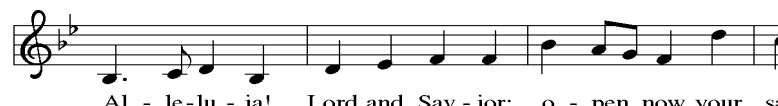
The second reading is from 1st Peter, the 4th chapter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is t
among you to test you, as though something strange w
happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing
sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for j
glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Chri
blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit o
resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the
of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all y
on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves
Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls arou
for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your fai
know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are r
the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered
while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his et
Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and est
To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 17th chapter

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

After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he
to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify
that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him
all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have give

ternal life, that they may know you, the only true God,
 Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by
 work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify
 own presence with the glory that I had in your presence
 world existed. "I have made your name known to those
 ve me from the world. They were yours, and you gave
 and they have kept your word. Now they know that
 u have given me is from you; for the words that you
 have given to them, and they have received them and
 that I came from you; and they have believed that you
 n asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of
 t on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they
 mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been
 em. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are
 and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in
 at you have given me, so that they may be one, as we

el of the Lord.
 o you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE DAY My Faith Looks Up to Thee



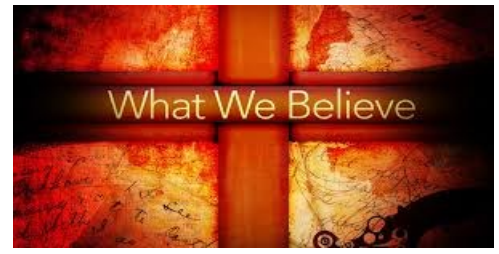
faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!



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:** Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the world, and all who are in need. *(A brief silence.)* We pray for the church. Keep us steadfast in your word. Shape us according to your will. Heal our divisions. Protect us from discord and division by your love. Empower us for mission. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** For the earth. For forests and vineyards, marshes and meadows. For grasslands and pastures, farmlands and orchards. Protect your creation from damage by earthquake, flood, wind, fire, or hail. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** For the nations. For those who govern and all who have authority. For those who have been displaced by war, economic hardship, or disaster *(especially)*. Bring freedom, justice, and stability to areas of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**