



**BRAT STAND TIME!**  
Need many volunteers for  
community outreach.



*United Wisconsin ELCA Worship Service*  
Sunday, June 11, 11am, Telfer Pavilion, Beloit.  
We have a *shortened service at Faith Lutheran at 9am.*  
*Potluck will follow - More info will be coming!*  
Participating churches are: Atonement Lutheran,  
Faith Lutheran, Our Savior's Lutheran, and St. Paul Lutheran.

**Ice Cream Social - Saturday, July 15th, 1-3 pm;**  
**Entertainment! Games! Meet the K-9 Comfort Dogs!**  
**Volunteers will be needed.**



*Faith Lutheran Church Picnic and Potluck*  
*August 6th - beginning at 9:30am*  
*Live Music provided by Steve Weber*

**100th Anniversary Worship Celebration & Open House**  
Sunday, August 27th Worship at 9:30, followed by  
Fellowship and Open House. Family, friends, past  
members and previous pastors are all invited to come!

**RAFT SHOW AND CAR SHOW SAT., SEPT. 9 10am to 4pm**  
Joining these two events! The Craft Show will be **OUTSIDE!**  
Spread the word. The Brat Stand will have extended hours.



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring the Word*

**Sunday, May 7, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ 9:30 a.m.**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgive us  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires  
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  
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 us  
our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and  
things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you by your  
uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live in the power  
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  
sinners, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace  
we 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 through  
faith.

**C: Amen.**

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## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

st is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 st is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 n - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 st is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

- ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 s in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 n, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

- es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 s the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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

ON

sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is  
 "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ  
 way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and  
 beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he  
 feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and  
 o forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's  
 e to all creation.

## THE DAY

y. (A brief silence.)

r shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead  
 ty through the valleys of death. Guide us by your  
 t we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous  
 pared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 now and forever. Amen.



**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:** Albert, Alyson  
 Andrew, Annjautte, Aunt Pat, Barry & Shelby, Ben,  
 Betty, Bev, Bill, Bob, Boyd & Inez Miller, Brayton, B  
 Carl, Charlie & Amy Bowman. Cindy, Claudine, Con  
 Denise, Dennis, Devin, Diane Ablett, Dick, Don, Dou  
 Ellis McGuire, Eloise, Emily, Florence, Gail, Gary, G  
 Gerry, Gerry Cliffe, Harriet, Heidi, Helen, Howard, la  
 Ted, Jaleena, James & Angie, Jan Niedermeier, Jan  
 Jeff, Jessica, Jim H., John, John Krause, Joyce Hat  
 Julia, Julie Wright, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kelly, Kenna  
 Larry, Lisa, Lisa Wright, Louise, Lucas, Lyla William  
 Marjean, Marv, Marion, Mary, Matt, Maureen & Dan,  
 Nikko, Noah, Pierce, Rich, Robin, Roger, Ryan & Je  
 Sara, Sarah, Shalom, Shannon, Shelly, Shirley, Shir  
 Stephany, Steve, Sue, Tari, Ted, Teresa, Terri, Terry  
 Tom & Gale Miller, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Viola, Way  
 service men & women, all homeless & unemployed,  
 our students, those in the military and their families  
 that God watches over them and keeps them safe fr



**MAY 1**–Sandy Dittmer & Rebecca Naff, 4–Mi  
 7–Rob Binder, 8–Albert Schnurr, 9–Betty Cor  
 10–Denny Price, 11–Stephen Birch, 15–Helen  
 Roger Frey, 21–Dorothy Taylor, 22–Diane Lip  
 24–Laura Hill, 27–Grady Naff, 31–Kelli Hedrin



*Big Thanks to all, especially Dennis & Gail Kelce,  
 and Dale Meyer for organizing a very fun and succ  
 It was a THRIVENT fundraiser for our Youth Camp  
 Advisor Anne Strasser, Taylor Gruenberg, Rachel S  
 Binder, Dakota Smock, and Zach Hedrington.*

**The Out to Dinner group will meet Friday, May 19th  
 6:00 PM - Benedetti's Supper Club, 3232 Riverside  
 Dr., Beloit, Wi. Please sign up by Sunday May 14th  
 Everyone is invited to join us!**

### Today's Worship Leaders

**Worship** - Carol & Roger Frey  
**Audio Technician** - Anne & Rachel Strasser  
**Worship Video** - Anne & Rachel Strasser  
**Ushers** - Pat & Laurie Wicks  
**Worship** - Sue and George Brunson  
**Ushers** - Teresa Moffitt and Liz Shockley  
**Worship** - Betty Comins  
**Ushers** - Dennis Kelce  
**Worship** - Todd Strasser and George Brunson  
**Worship** - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

### Offerings for Easter Sunday, April 30, 2017 - Week 18

Attendance - 97

Offering Actual	\$1,354.75
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
Offering Actual	\$38,774.15
Offering Needed	\$37,998.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$1,762.63

### Worship

**Faith Lutheran Church.** We are so happy to have you with us today! Please join us after worship in our Fellowship Hall for refreshments, snacks and conversation.

Worship by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine (dark) or white. **WE WILL NOW ALSO OFFER GLUTEN-FREE BREAD FOR COMMUNION. Just indicate to Pastor when you receive.** If you eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please pick it up. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be baptized to receive Communion. Christ is the host of the meal - all believers are welcome!

If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to bring your **offering** the next week. Or, if you'd like, mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope and it will be included in next week's offering and seen only by the designated offering collector. Thank you for being faithful in giving generously to the church here at Faith Lutheran Church!

### Flower Donations

**Flower Donations** by & Craig Miller - To Celebrate God's Love For All!

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

The first reading is from Acts, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they gathered much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and all the time of the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 23 ~ A Responsive Reading**

R: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**C: The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters.**

R: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along the right pathways for your name's sake.

**C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over with blessing.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

The second reading is from 1st Peter, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you are suffering for doing right, you have God's approval. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was reviled, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

ore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from  
nt live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been  
ou were going astray like sheep, but now you have  
ne shepherd and guardian of your souls.

God, word of life.

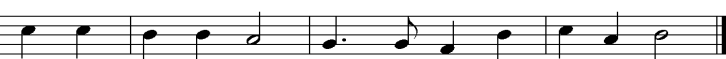
**be to God.**



-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



- lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## John 10:1-10

gospel according to John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**you, O Lord.**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the  
the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a  
one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.  
oer opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his  
ls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When  
ht out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the  
him because they know his voice. They will not follow  
ut they will run from him because they do not know the  
ngers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but  
understand what he was saying to them. So again  
to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the  
no came before me are thieves and bandits; but the  
t listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me  
, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The  
only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may  
d have it abundantly."

oel of the Lord.

**o you, O Christ.**

## CLOSING HYMN: VERSES 1,2, 7 and 8

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - a



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv -  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church

7 He lives and grants me  
he lives, and I shall co  
he lives my mansion t  
he lives to bring me sa

8 He lives, all glory to h  
He lives, my Savior, s  
what joy this blest ass  
I know that my Redeem

## DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to n  
for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the wea  
afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoic  
power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**





## PRAYER

ay. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you  
us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the  
e to those entombed by death, the way of your  
g love. For your Word of life, O God,  
**you thanks and praise.**

be with you.

**o with you.**

our hearts.

**them to the Lord.**

ve thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

**t to give God thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### S PRAYER

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

## ~ COMMUNION ~

### TER COMMUNION

g God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection,  
light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and  
l of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as  
s to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to  
orld; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
ou may abound in hope by the power of the  
rit.



## SERMON

***"I'm Hearing Voices!"***

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful th  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; w  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren wh  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us tu  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, lo



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847  
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868



## LES' CREED

God, the Father almighty,  
of heaven and earth.  
Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
s conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
the virgin Mary,  
under Pontius Pilate,  
sified, died, and was buried;  
ended to the dead.  
hird day he rose again;  
ended into heaven,  
ated at the right hand of the Father,  
will come to judge the living and the dead.  
ne Holy Spirit,  
catholic church,  
munion of saints,  
veness of sins,  
rrection of the body,  
life everlasting. Amen.

## F INTERCESSION

in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church,  
and all who are in need. (*A brief silence.*) We pray  
urch. Strengthen ministers of word, sacrament, and  
ho are called to shepherd your people. Renew your  
d unite us through your Spirit. Send us out to serve  
bors and to receive their care with gratitude.  
our mercy,  
**prayer.**

or the earth. For pastures and prairies, rivers and  
oceans and mountains. For those who care for live  
pets. For all animals, wild and domestic, with whom  
this world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**prayer.**

or the nations. Guide leaders into the path of peace.  
l who govern. Bring an end to injustice, warfare, and  
Protect those who risk their lives to shield others from  
ord, in your mercy,  
**prayer.**

P: We pray for those in need. For those who lack safe  
and adequate food. For workers whose pay is insu  
meet their daily needs. Comfort the grieving and h  
(*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for this assembly. For ushers, acolytes, and  
greeters. For those who clean and prepare this spa  
worship. Give wisdom to our councils, committees,  
who guide this congregation's ministry. Lord, in your

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have o  
(*especially*). In your goodness and mercy, bring us  
fulfillment of your promise to dwell in your house fo  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every t  
place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Rise  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~  
"The Gospel" by Ryan Stevenson

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re -



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first