

Last Call! Sign Up deadline is today for The Out To Dinner Group dinner on Friday, July 28th at 6pm at Jessica's Restaurant in Roscoe, IL, 5091 Edgemere Ct. Please sign up on the board before you leave church!

Church Potluck



**Annual Church Outside
Worship & Potluck
Sunday, August 6th
SPECIAL TIME ~10 am
Worship Music by our
friend, Steve Weber**

Please sign up on the board to bring a dish to pass for the potluck.
Please bring your own lawn chairs ***

SPECIAL EVENT

**Faith Lutheran Church
1942 - 2017
Celebrating 75 Years
Sunday, August 27
10 am Worship
House with cake
punch to follow**

Faith Lutheran Church
Thanks for your support!



Profits go toward our new roof and ELCA World Hunger

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PARADE!

Faith Lutheran Church will be participating in the South Central Illinois Centennial Parade - Saturday, August 26th - 10am. We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the float and participate in the parade with our float. We will be handing out coupons for Brats with Faith Lutheran's 75th Anniversary. For more information & Brat Stand coupons. See Craig.



Faith Lutheran Church
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring theologically

Sunday, July 23, 2017
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE
Tammy DeC
Project

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives our sins, 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 in Jesus Christ our 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 heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O 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, God the Father. 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 through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness



day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;
grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



alm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
each the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

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

SON

old question: why is there evil in the world? In the
the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both
her until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day
ation will be set free from bondage and suffering.
th weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our
e promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go
ar the fruit of justice and mercy.



Dear God, please keep my family a
ones safe. Watch over them and give
good health, happiness and blessing
pray for: Audrey, Beau, Beth, Bev, I
Boyd & Inez, Brayton, Brett, Brian, C
Courtney & family, Deb, Debi, Denis
Dick, Don, Emily, Florence, Gail, G

George, Harriet, Hatch family, Heidi, Ian, Jaleena, Jam
& family, Janet, Janie, Jen, Jimmy, John, Kelli, Kennac
Larry, Marion, Mary, Nancy, Patti, Pierce, Rene, Rich,
Roger, Sam, Sara & Cory, Sharon, Shelly, Steve, Tam
Teresa, Terri, Tim, Tina, Tom, Tracy, Tristan, Vance, V
Viola, Witten, Zach, Zoey, all service men & women an
families, all who are homeless & unemployed, and our



We would like to recognize and s
thanks to **Amanda Guffey & An**
for teaching Children's Church
We appreciate all you do every v
the scenes for the children at Fair

Today's altar flowers are donated by
Kelly and Craig Miller



We Send Happy Birthday Wishes T
Please see the new Happy Birthday Pos
bulletin board. Make additions & correct
HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO: 2-Tim Boyette,

5-Debi Nelson, 9-Mindy Birch, 11-David Porter, 11-Boyd Mille
Coots, 14-Laurie Wicks, 16-Anne Strasser, 17-Linda Gilbert, 18
19-Todd Strasser, 20-Ila Price, 24-Doug Congdon, 26-Mike Ba
Brunson, 27-Colleen Gill, 30-Amanda Guffey, 30-Pastor Rick



The 75th Anniversary Committee is
to borrow any photos or newspaper
from any of our church events, esp
from the 1980's & 1990's. Please c
Pat Wicks or the church office. Tha

Today's Worship Leaders
Worship Leader - Carol & Roger Frey
Audio Technician - Ben Strasser
Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Worship Leader - Carol & Roger Frey
Worship Leader - Carol & Roger Frey
Worship Leader - George & Sue Brunson & Viola Thostenson
Worship Leader - Helen Meier
Worship Leader - Nicole Blakeman
Worship Leader - Ray Wendell and Craig Miller
Worship Leader - Sue Miller
Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

Financials for Sunday, July 16, 2017 - Week 29

Attendance: 67

Offering Actual	\$1,499.00
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
YTD Actual Offering	\$60,513.12
YTD Offering Needed	\$61,219.00
YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$8,897.63
Cream Social Profits	\$570.00

World Hunger, \$256.50 to K-9 Comfort Dogs, and
to Project 16:49, a non-profit serving Rock County)

Worship

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

Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the
priest. Give the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine
and drink (light). **WE WILL NOW ALSO OFFER GLUTEN-FREE
COMMUNION. AN OPTION FOR COMMUNION. Just indicate to
the priest it's your turn.** If you eat the bread before dipping or
before dipping ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member
of the Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the
Communion and baptized believers are welcome!

If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to
bring your offering the next week. Or, mail it to the church
with the envelope. Write "offering" on the envelope. Thanks for your faithful
giving to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)*
C: **Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for
children with firmness and compassion. By your
grace nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may
follow in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior
Amen.**



FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from Isaiah, the 44th chapter.
Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer,
of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there
is no God. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare
before me. Who has announced from of old the things that
I have done, and they tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid;
I have told you from of old and declared it? You are my witness,
and I have said: There is no god besides me? There is no other rock; I know no
other savior.
R: Word of God, word of life.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 86

R: Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your
truth. Do not let my heart be lifted up, O LORD, because I
am an undivided heart to revere your name.
C: **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**
R: For great is your love toward me; you have delivered
my soul from the pit of death.
C: **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a
violent people seeks my life; they have not set
their eyes.**
R: But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
C: **Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your servant,
and save the child of your handmaid. Do not
forget me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate
me will not rejoice over me, and I will not be put to
shame; because you, Lord, have
loved and comforted me.**

READING: Romans 8:12-25

From Romans, the 8th chapter.
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die. But by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. They did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father," it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Now we know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pangs until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. What we see is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? We hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with

God, word of life.
Thanks 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Choral Benediction"

May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray,
May the light of God shine on us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say,
May the love of God live in us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways,
May the peace of God be with us today.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.



~ VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING ~
"God, Forgive Us" by FOR KING & COUNTRY

MY RESPONSE

*Not for me but thine own, whatever the gifts may be
I have is thine alone, a trust, oh Lord, from thee.
I receive thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
and as though blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.*

PRAYER

Pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you
illumine our way through life with the words of your
teach us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of
the world and at the end bring all the world to your feast;
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with
the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

and be with you.
I pray for you.
I pray for our hearts.
I pray for them to the Lord.
I give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
I pray for you to give God thanks and praise.

~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

THE PRAYER

*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 deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
are thine ever. Amen.*

~ COMMUNION ~

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in
his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came
and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.
When the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared
well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,
'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where do these
weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'
The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and
gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the
weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of
them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will
tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles
to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he
went out to the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples
approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of
the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the
Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the
children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one;
the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of
the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are
gathered and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the
age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect
out of the kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they
will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine
like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears
listen!"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

"Spiritual Agriculture, Part II"



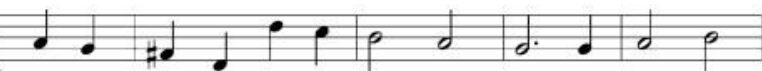
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THE DAY

On What Has Now Been Sown



What has now been sown your blessing Lord, be - stow; the
our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
t that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
that is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
- geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

THE CREED

God, the Father almighty,
of heaven and earth.

Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

of the virgin Mary,

and under Pontius Pilate,

crucified, died, and was buried;

descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

ascended into heaven,

and seated at the right hand of the Father,

he will come to judge the living and the dead.

With the Holy Spirit,

and the catholic church,

in communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the betterment and mending of God's world. *(A brief silence.)* Enliven your people with love for your world, O God. Give undivided heart to all Christians from Africa and the Americas, Asia and Europe. Make us one in faithful witness to your will. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Renew the life of this earth, O God, even as it grows from the soil of misuse and decay. Cultivate in us an eager longing for a healthy and life-giving earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bridge the chasms that divide the nations, O God. Give us a reconciling vision among the world's leaders, and bring together people of differing commitments for the sake of the world's most vulnerable people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Embrace those who suffer, O God. Give peace to a world near death, hope to those who are depressed, shelter to the homeless, and healing to the sick *(especially)*. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Embolden our witness to your love, O God. Send us into the world with courageous hearts, persistence, and wisdom. Inspire us to tend to and delight in our children. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Raise up your saints, O God. Inspire us by the lives of our reformers and renewers of your church. Receive our prayers of the saints among us who have recently died *(especially)*. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.