



Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's outdoor worship service and potluck another big success! God blessed us with great weather once again!

Lutheran Church  
2017  
Celebrating 75 Years  
August 27  
Worship  
Use with cake  
to follow



We will be participating in the Centennial Parade on Saturday, August 26th at 10am. If you can help decorate the float & walk in the parade to hand out Brat Stand coupons, please see Craig Miller.

Church "Crafts and Chrome" Show  
9th from 10 to 4 FREE Admission  
our Craft Show and Car Cruise-In  
door event for everyone!  
Entertainment Bake Sale  
year - Car Swap Meet!



Call 815-389-1824 for an application  
Vendors provide own tent set-up  
re! Bring your family and friends!



Happy  
AUGUST  
BIRTHDAY!

- 1 – Diana Schneider
- 2 – Rachel Strasser
- 4 – Aaron Blakeman
- 9 – Lynn Grover
- 12 – Fran Cliffe, Jr.
- 14 – David Cliffe
- 21 – Austin Miller
- 22 – Don Dittmer
- 25 – Trisha Cliffe
- 26 – Reece Binder



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring*  
Sunday, August 13, 2017  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:30

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\mp$  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 Jesus Christ, your Savior and 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 and grow in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to 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  $\mp$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

MN Gather Us In



this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



ed a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,  
 new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 rs a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



here to you in the light of this day.  
 to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 is the king - dom, and now is the day.



us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



all a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 of love in our flesh and our bone.

grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
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Dear God, please keep my family a  
 ones safe. Watch over them and give  
 good health, happiness and blessing  
 pray for: Allyson & Jarrett, AJ Thost  
 Aunt Pat, Barry & Shelby, Boyd, Bre  
 Connie, Connie and Denny Price, Debi, Denise, Devin,  
 Ablett, Emily, Family of Jim Miller, Funk Family, Gavin,  
 Gere Ablett, Gordon, Hank Lipinski, Harriet, Ian, Jan  
 Jessica, John, Lori, Nancy, Pat Hatch, Patti, Payton, R  
 Shalom, Sharon, Sue, Tammy Lipinski, Tim, Tristan, ar  
 Viola, Zoey, all service men & women and their families  
 are homeless & unemployed, and our shut-ins. God Bl

The 75th Anniversary Committee is looking  
 to borrow any photos or newspaper clippings  
 from any of our church events, especially  
 from the 1980's & 1990's. Contact Pat Wicks  
 or the church office as soon as possible.



Graduation, Sympathy, and Get Well ca  
 sent upon notification. Please call Patti  
 815-389-8957 or Karen Murr at 815-389  
 could email Patti at [pkdunaway7@gmail.com](mailto:pkdunaway7@gmail.com)

Faith Lutheran Church  
 Thanks for your support!

**OUR FAMOUS BRAT STAND**

**Fridays & Saturdays 10:30-2:30**

- Brats
- Brat Burgers
- Burgers
- Cheese Burgers
- Jumbo Hotdogs
- Pork Chop Sandwiches
- Chips
- Pop & Water

Profits go toward our new roof and ELCA World Hunger

Have you had your g  
 burger, jumbo dog, o  
 sandwich yet? Please  
 Brat Stand. Bring yo  
 and family! We can  
 cases of Pepsi & Diet  
 Rootbeer & Diet, Mis  
 Diet, Mountain Dew



Today's Worship Leaders

**Worship Leader - Carol & Roger Frey**  
**Sound Technician - Ben Strasser**  
**Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser**  
**Prayer - Kathy & Bob Strasser**  
**Worship - Bernie & Pat Parisot**  
**Music - Karen Murr**  
**Prayer - Betty Comins**  
**Music - Ellen Olson**  
**Prayer - Doug Congdon and Shawn Guffey**  
**Prayer - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier**

Financials for Sunday, August 6, 2017 - Week 32

Attendance: 67

Offering Actual	\$2,613.00
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
Offering Actual	\$66,112.62
Offering Needed	\$67,552.00

Worship

**Faith Lutheran Church.** We are so happy to have you with us today! Please join us after worship in our Fellowship for coffee, 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). **WE WILL NOW ALSO OFFER GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION. AN OPTION FOR COMMUNION. Just indicate to the pastor when it's your turn.** If you eat the bread before dipping or before dipping, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the table 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 office with the envelope. Write "offering" on the envelope. Thanks for your faithful giving to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!

**Please see Sue to get a Craft Show/Car Show yard sign**



**INTRODUCTION**

**P:** Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples saw a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storm, as we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that comforts our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the presence of the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to all others.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**C: O God our defender, storms rage around and we are afraid. and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from the hands of the enemy, preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-13**

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter. At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and he was there a night. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**R:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING FROM PSALM 85**

Listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak  
to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts

**For your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
and your glory may dwell in our land.**

Righteousness and love and faithfulness have met together;  
Mercy and peace have kissed each other.  
**Righteousness shall spring up from the earth, and  
mercy shall look down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield  
abundantly.

**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare  
a way for him.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 10:5-15**

From the Epistle to the Romans, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

For righteousness concerning the righteousness that comes from the  
law, no person who does these things will live by them." But  
righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your  
heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ  
down) and "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring  
Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near  
you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that  
saves); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord  
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is  
righteous, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The  
Scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."  
There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord  
is the Lord and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone  
who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are  
they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are  
they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how  
are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are  
they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How  
beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **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,  
our hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your  
peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face  
shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you  
and give you peace.

**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.**



A very special Thank You to our  
representative, Bill Simmons, for sharing  
ministry with us today. We will show our  
this ministry with our generous door



~ VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING ~

“Mr. Lovewell” by Mercy Me

MY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER

Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and  
witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those  
died by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your  
life, O God,  
I give you thanks and praise.

Be with you.  
Be with you.  
Be with you.  
Be with you.  
Be with you.

Give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.  
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~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

PRAYER

Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
When thou comest, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us  
our sins, as we forgive those who trespass against  
us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
The kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
be thine forever. Amen.

~ COMMUNION ~



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 heart

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that

**GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on  
the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed  
the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went  
up on a mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he  
was alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves,  
was drifting from the land, for the wind was against them. And early  
in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But  
the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified,  
saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately  
Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”  
Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to  
come, and I will walk on the water, and I will come toward you.”  
He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started  
walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he  
noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and began  
to sink. He cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately  
reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of  
little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat,  
the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying,  
“You are the Son of God.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

“Sounds of Silence”

## THE DAY

### O God, Our Help in Ages Past



our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
and a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



er from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
ent is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

an ever-rolling stream,  
our years away;  
forgotten, as a dream  
op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

## 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,  
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: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you  
for the church, the world, and all in need. (*A brief silence*)  
O God our ruler, continue to send out your church  
to be light and salt to the world. Keep giving us the grace for  
your work. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God our creator, you quiet the seas and silence  
the winds. Restore your creation to the perfection and beauty  
of the beginning. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God our redeemer, inspire leaders with the right  
courage that comes from faith, so that your justice thrives through  
the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God our sustainer, comfort those who are lonely  
and  
burdened by doubt. Give meaningful work to those  
without  
employment. Walk with those who are grieving or ill  
and  
all who face the last days of their lives (*especially*).  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God our encourager, empower this assembly to  
boldly  
proclaim and live out your love to all who long to hear  
of  
hope and kindness. Equip us to use our hands, feet,  
and  
minds to share the bounty you have given us.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God our savior, we rejoice in the example of the  
saints  
who have gone before us until we join them around your  
throne.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and  
unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**