


Financials for Sunday, September 24, 2017 - Week 39

Attendance: 70

Offering Actual	\$1,536.00
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
Actual Offering	\$80,064.77
Offering Needed	\$82,329.00
TD Toward Roof Loan	\$9,617.63
Can Collection - Hurricane Response	\$177.53

 We will use a new stewardship program this year. Called "Because of God's Great Mercy," we will share how God's generous mercy inspires us to respond with generosity through our service and our offerings. A book to accompany our theme is "Embracing Stewardship," which leads us to commit ourselves to carry on a thriving congregational ministry.

The Grand Prize Winner for the 60" Smart TV was...

JOHN KRAUSE!

100 tickets sold = \$470 will go towards the purchase of a heart defibrillator for church!

The Out to Dinner Group will meet Friday, October 13th at 6pm at Bravo Pizza & Italian Restaurant, 376 Prairie Hill Rd., South Beloit.

Sign up today! Bring your family!

THANKS FOR A GREAT BRAT STAND SEASON

~ 2017 WAS THE BEST EVER! ~

None of it could have happened without the help of our volunteers. Thank you to EVERYONE who in any way gave their time, donated supplies, and had meals for us. Our \$70,000 roof loan has now been paid in full! From 2013-2016, \$4,202.00 went to World Hunger. Amazing community outreach ministry it has been!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives us of 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, Jesus Christ our 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 done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, O God, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live in the 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 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

God Is Here!



here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



d prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
d fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
d doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
s - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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

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Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We're glad you're here! Please join us after worship for beverages, snacks and coffee.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward by rows, receive with an open hand then dip it in the wine (dark) or juice (light). **offer gluten-free bread as an option. Just indicate this when it's your turn.** If you eat the bread before dipping, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the table. ALL baptized believers are welcome!

Offering ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please call for your **offering** the next week. Or, mail it to the church office with "offering" on the envelope. Thanks for your faithful generosity to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!



Please pray for:
Alyson & Jarrett
Barry & Shelby,
Comins, Bill, Bob
Cindy, Connie, Doreen
Denise, Devin, Doreen
Cody VanNuffel

of Dennis Price, Family of Ethel Fitzsimmons, Florence, Gene, George, Harriet Nickel, Heidi, Inez, Jaleena, Jessica, Kenny, Larry, Larry Coots, Mary, Nancy, Paul, Rachel, Raymond, Rich, Rose, Sharon, Steve, Sue, Tina, Tom, Witten, Viola, Zoey, all service men & women, their families, all who are lonely, homeless or unemployed, our college students, and our shut-ins. God Bless!

Today's Worship Leaders

- Altar Guild** - Carol & Roger Frey
- Computer Technician** - Anne and Rachel Strasser
- Offering Video** - Anne and Rachel Strasser
- Counters** - Carol & Roger Frey
- Fellowship** - George & Sue Brunson
- Greeters** - Eloise Manley
- Musician** - Betty Comins
- Reader** - Nicole Blakeman
- Ushers** - Doug Congdon and Bob Strasser
- Pastor** - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

~ COMMUNION ~

AFTER COMMUNION

Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for a way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

ty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
ou now and forever.

HYMN “Choral Benediction”

ht of God shine on us today.
ht of God shine on us today.
y us where to travel,
k if we should stray,
ht of God shine on us today.
e of God live in us today.
e of God live in us today.
rmth we feel within us,
we do and say,
e of God live in us today.
ace of God be with us today.
ace of God be with us today.
e us and protect us,
ur separate ways,
ace of God be with us today.

**OF LOAN
CELEBRATION
n us outside!**

ace. Christ is with you.
be to God.



Introduction to the day

P: Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as pro tax collectors going before others into God's king reading from Ezekiel the people question whether of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent a the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a mod humility, looking to the interests of others above o Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, v lives for the sake of our needy world.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them from those things that harm us, and guide us to the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

A reading from Ezekiel, the 18th chapter.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall not be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine: the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die because of the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. And when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their lives. They shall be considered and turned away from all the transgressions they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. The house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Is it not your ways that are unfair? Is it not your ways that

will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your sins; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away the transgressions that you have committed against yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will the house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

O LORD, word of life.
Glory be to God.

Scripture Reading from Psalm 25

O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O LORD, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Do not let those who look to you be put to shame; rather let those who hope in you be put to shame who are treacherous.

Remember your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

Do not forsake me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of our salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they have been mine from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; do not punish me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

O LORD, be gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you will not forsake your sinners in your way.

Do not rebuke the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

From Philippians, the 2nd chapter.

Let there be in you the same encouragement in Christ, any consolation and sympathy, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, any joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING

"The Cure" by Unspoken

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

***We give thee but thine own,
whatever the gifts may be
All that we have is thine alone,
a trust, oh Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus,
as stewards true receive,
And gladly as though blessed us,
to thee our first fruits give.***

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, who died on the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of self-giving love. 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 evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INTERCESSION

the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the
all of God's creation. (*A brief silence.*) We pray for
n of the gospel. Unite your church in its proclamation
ss. Let the same mind be in us that is in Christ Jesus.
O God.

cy is great.

od, you provide daily for our nourishment. Bless fields
rds, oceans and lakes, birds and animals, insects and
in those who harvest your life-sustaining bounty. Help
ne gifts you have freely given. Hear us, O God.

cy is great.

e nations, give all your people the mind of Christ. Guide
nd international leaders to advocate for policies that
interests of the most vulnerable. Humble us when we
our mercy toward those who are different from us.
O God.

cy is great.

ving God, stir up compassion for those in need. Send
to those who are in crisis, troubled, weary, or
ed. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Hear us, O God.

cy is great.

or our congregation and community. Guide our
ns over difficult decisions. Strengthen our commitment
istries. Hear us, O God.

cy is great.

God, we give thanks for the saints whose tongues
Jesus Christ as Lord. Keep us confident in your
until we join them in endless praise. Hear us, O God.

cy is great.

ands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we
ng the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

e of Christ be with you always.

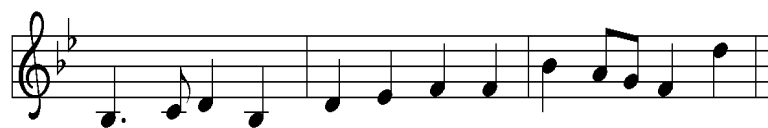
with you.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus
though he was in the form of God, did not regard equ
God as something to be exploited, but emptied himse
form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And be
human form, he humbled himself and became obedie
point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God
exalted him and gave him the name that is above eve
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in
on earth and under the earth, and every tongue shou
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Fath
Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obey
only in my presence, but much more now in my absen
out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is
at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work f
pleasure.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our he



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



Matthew 21:23-32

gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.
to you, O Lord.

us entered the temple, the chief priests and the
ne people came to him as he was teaching, and
what authority are you doing these things, and who
his authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask
question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also
what authority I do these things. Did the baptism
me from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And
d with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he
us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we
human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all
n as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do
And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by
ority I am doing these things. "What do you think?
d two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go
n the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not';
e changed his mind and went. The father went to
d and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir';
not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?"
"The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you,
lectors and the prostitutes are going into the king-
d ahead of you. For John came to you in the way
sness and you did not believe him, but the tax
and the prostitutes believed him; and even after
you did not change your minds and believe him."

pel of the Lord.
to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Humbly Taking A Knee"



HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your word; curb
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi



and bring to naught all he has
may sing your praise e - ter - nal -
and lead us out of death to

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.**