

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
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Worship - Kelli Hedrington
Worship - Eloise Manley
Worship - Betty Comins
Worship - Kathy Strasser
Worship - Doug Congdon and Bob Strasser
Worship - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

Statistics for Sunday, October 1, 2017 - Week #40

Attendance: 85

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| Offering Actual | \$3,094.50 |
| Offering Budget | \$2,111.00 |
| Actual Offering | \$83,159.27 |
| Offering Needed | \$84,440.00 |
| YTD Toward Roof Loan | \$9,617.63 |

Worship

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

Worship 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 NOW OFFER GLUTEN-FREE BREAD FOR COMMUNION. Just indicate this to Pastor on your turn.** If you eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please pick up 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 catch up on your offering the next week. Or, mail it to the church office with a "contribution" on the envelope. Thanks for your faithful giving to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!

October 1 - In Honor of Anne & Todd Strasser's
22nd Anniversary

October 8 - In Loving Memory of Donna Hedrington - 10 years
From the Hedrington, Dittmer, Rowlett,
Stubbendick and Nolan Families



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME and 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 Jesus 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 our sins, 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As your ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by the authority, 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.**

HYMN—VERSES 1, 4 and 6

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



~~crea- tures, wor- ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
oth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
oth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
ho for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row~~



~~Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen - dor
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur - dens and your~~



~~ing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
make mu - sic for your Lord to hear:
raise God in col - ors bright and rare: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
still make your song a - mid the tears:~~



~~al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!~~

~~most gentle sister death,
push our final breath:
Alleluia!
our light has pierced your gloom,
light that leads us home.~~

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

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

CLOSING HYMN “Choral Benediction”

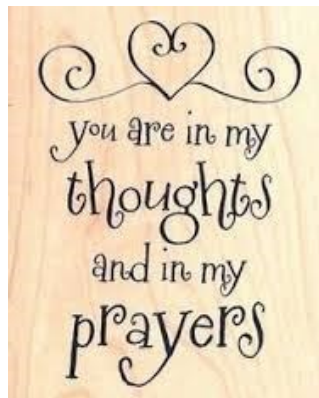
May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray,
May the light of God shine on us today.

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. Share the Good News.
C: Thanks be to God.



We pray for: Adam, Alyson & Audrey, Aunt Pat, Barry & Shelly, Betty Comins, Bev, Bill, Bob, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Chase, Claudine, Connie, Dan, Deb, Denise, Devin, Diane Ablett, Eloise, Emily, Family of Mary Gary, Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Inez, Irene, Irene A Janet, Janie, Jeff, Jessica, Jim Mears, Kelli, Kenny, Larry, La Family, Linda G., Marion, Mary, Maureen, Mike, N Patti, Pierce, Rickie, Ricky, Roger, Sara, Shalom, Shelly, Shirley, Steve, Sue, Tammy, Ted, Teresa, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tom & Gale Miller, Tristan, Van Viola, Witten, Zach, Zoey, all service men & women, their families, all who are lonely, homeless or unemployed, our college students, and our shut-ins. God Bless

PRAYER

y. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your
made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called
ty from chaos, and brought life into being.

Word of life, O God,

you thanks and praise.

be with you.

with you.

ur hearts.

em to the Lord.

e thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

to give God thanks and praise.

~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

PRAYER

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
ne, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

day our daily bread; and forgive us our

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

he kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

ever. Amen.

~ COMMUNION ~

AFTER COMMUNION

rist, host of this meal, you have given us not only this

l cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your

. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we

r your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of

t you are Lord forevermore.

of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live
y with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of a vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also symbolizes God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, giving us the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine through baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know and do all things that are right, and by your merciful guidance help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Lord. Amen.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from Isaiah, the 5th chapter.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning my vineyard: my beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and he hewed a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was I to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it will be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or cultivated, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

Command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For
of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the
dah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice,
dashed; righteousness, but heard a cry!
God, word of life.
Prayer to God.

Scripture Reading From Psalm 80

us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us,
shall be saved.
**God brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the
and planted it.**
pared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
**Mountains were covered by its shadow and the
g cedar trees by its boughs.**
etched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to
. . .
**Break down its wall, so that all who pass
pick off its grapes?**
The boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of
have grazed upon it.
Now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand
planted.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

from Philippians, the 3rd chapter.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the
more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of
of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of
as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of
as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet
things I had, these I have come to regard as loss
for Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss
for the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my
for his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I
regard as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be
known, not having a righteousness of my own that comes
from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,

P: Restore our broken bodies, O God. We pray for those
suffering any loss: the grieving, those who have lost
loved ones or property, the imprisoned, those neglected or abused
and the sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Restore our faith in you, saving God. We pray for
students, study and small group leaders, Sunday school teachers,
musicians, devotion writers, and for all whose work
strengthens our faith. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We remember the saints whose devotion proclaimed
your saving help. In company with them, root us firmly
in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all
our prayers for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the
gifts of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING

“Cornerstone” by Hillsong

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.***



S' 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,
ed under Pontius Pilate,
rucified, died, and was buried;
scended to the dead.
e third day he rose again;
cended into heaven,
eated at the right hand of the Father,
e will come to judge the living and the dead.
n the Holy Spirit,
ly catholic church,
mmunion of saints,
giveness of sins,
surrection of the body,
e life everlasting. Amen.

OF INTERCESSION

to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church,
orld, and all of God's creation. (*A brief silence.*)
e what is broken in your church, loving God. Heal
ns among Christian communities, give courage to
s facing hardship, and open our ears to the prophets'
among us. Hear us, O God.
mercy is great.

e what is broken in creation, gracious God. Revive
nds and vineyards, protect waters needed by all living
and move us to care for this earthly home.
s, O God.

mercy is great.

e what is broken in our world, mighty God. Quell the
violence between peoples and nations. Break down
g walls and promote growth for the sake of the
on good. Hear us, O God.
mercy is great.

the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to
and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of h
by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may a
resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already ob
or have already reached the goal; but I press on to m
own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Be
not consider that I have made it my own; but this one
forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to wh
ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the
call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chap
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the people: "Listen to another parable. T
a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence arou
a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he lea
tenants and went to another country. When the harve
come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his p

ants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his , saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the y the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; s kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when f the vineyard comes, what will he do to those they said to him, "He will put those wretches to a eath, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who n the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to e you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that e rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the g, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell ddom of God will be taken away from you and given that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one n this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush whom it falls." When the chief priests and the eard his parables, they realized that he was out them. They wanted to arrest him, but they crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. pspel of the Lord.
to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"WILD GRAPES OR KINGDOM HARVEST?"



HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clea
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter a
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing so
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs o
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant sh



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my sou
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693