

Prayer Requests



We pray for: Ada, Alyson & Jarrett, AJ, Audrey, Barb, Barry & Shelly, Bea, Ben, Betty, Betty Comins, Bill, Bob Parisot Family, Boyd, Boyd and Inez Miller, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Carl + Family, Charlene, Charles, Cindy, Claudine, Colleen, Conley, Connie, Courtney & Family, Darlene, Debi, Devin, Denise, Dennis, Devin, Diane, Dick, Don, Emily, Ethel, Evie, Florence, James Funk Family, Gary, Gavin, George, Gerry, Harold Blum, Harriet, Heidi, Helen & Pastor Meier ~ Keep them safe & healthy in their travels, Ian, Irene A., Jackie, Jaleena, Janet, Jean, Jeff, Jenni Jo, Jerry, Jerry Drake, Jessica, Jessie, Jim, Jimmy, Jodi, Joe, Joyce, Joyce Hatch, June, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Ken, Larry, Lisa Wright, Lucas, Marcia, Marion, Maureen, Marjean, Mary, Michael, Nash, Family of Nathan Reed, Nikko, Noah, Rachel, Rob Butz & Sue Alexander & their family, Rich, Robin & Tom, Roger, Sam, Sanchez Family, Sara, Sarah, Scott, Scott Wright, Shalom, Shawn, Shelly, Steve, Stuart Austin Family, Sue, Tammi, Ted, Teresa Remington and family, Terri, Terry, Tim, Todd, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Viola, Zach, all service men & women, all homeless & unemployed, our shut-ins, our college students, and those in the military and their families, that God will keep them in His care.



Today's altar flowers are provided by Karen Murr, in memory of Marion Van Landeghem.

Nordic Choir Midwest Tour: Rockford, IL

- **Date:** Friday, January 27, 2017
- **Time:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- **Location:** Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural St., Rockford, IL 61107

No tickets are needed; a freewill offering will be taken at the concert. The concert is open to the public. Mark your calendars for this performance!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Third Sunday after Epiphany ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly 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, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you 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 dead in sin, 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.

OPENING HYMN ~ O Day of Rest and Gladness



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



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



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



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

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

C: Amen

INTRODUCTION

P: Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

C: Amen.

Financials for Sunday, January 15, 2017 - Week 3

Attendance -

Weekly Offering Actual	\$
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$4,222.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Computer Technician - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Counters - Roger & Carol Frey
Fellowship - Pat & Laurie Wicks
Greeters - Pat and Laurie Wicks
Guest Musician - Anne Marie Null
Reader - Craig Miller
Ushers - Doug Congdon, George Brunson, Craig Miller
Guest Pastor - Rev. Dr. Karl Otto



We send special get well
wishes to our musician,
Betty Comins.
Rest and get better!

Faith Lutheran Church ~ History

The first meeting of the newly formed Faith Evangelical Church was held on Sunday, August 25, 1941, at the South Beloit American Legion Hall. The Legion Post made the hall available as a temporary place of worship. Faith Lutheran Church was chartered at an organizational worship service on January 18, 1942. In the presence of 82 charter members, 37 children and 22 adults were baptized at this service. The building was filled to capacity with 176 in attendance. Visiting members of the Synod said it was the most impressive launching they had ever witnessed, and commended Pastor Dwight Shelhart. Purchase of a church site on two lots at the corner of Roscoe and Olive Avenues was made in May, 1942 for \$200.

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. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship

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

Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine (dark) or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal - ALL baptized believers are welcome!

Offering ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if you'd like, please mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope and it will be included in that week's offering and seen only by the designated counters for the day. Thank you for being faithful in giving generously to God's work here at Faith Lutheran!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah, the 9th chapter.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 4-9 – A Responsive Reading

R: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

R: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

C: **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

R: Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

C: My heart speaks your message - “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

R: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away - you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 1st chapter.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

“ALLELUIA”



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

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.

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest reassurance. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Redeeming God, you break the oppressor's rod. Bring an end to tyranny and poverty. Wipe out fear. Uphold all your children who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Heal us with your presence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Triune God, you call us into relationship with you. Raise up leaders in your church who risk looking foolish for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Ever-living God, you call us to rest in you. Keep us faithful on earth and bring us to life everlasting with the saints of every time and place. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time, Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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



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

Hymn of the Day ~

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1 Tú has ve - ni - do, a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni, a sa - bios ni, a ri - cos; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
treasure sure nor weapons for conquest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do, a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to, a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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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,
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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing. (A brief silence.) Holy God, you call us to fish for people. Tear down divisions and unite the church universal in your mission. Make us of the same mind and purpose in service and worship to you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Nurturing God, you call us to care for creation. Breathe into us the joy and beauty of stewardship. Teach us to care for the small seed and the expansive sky. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Compassionate God, you call us to care for the stranger in our midst. Sustain refugees from every country (*especially*) and empower organizations that provide food and shelter for them, especially Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.