



We pray for: Ada, Alyson & Jarrett, Angie, Audrey, Barb, Barry & Shelly, Ben, Beth, Betty C., Betty Comins, Bill, Bob, Boyd, Carol Seeley, Carl, Carla, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Debi, Devin, Denise, Dennis, Dianne P., Don, Donna H., Emily, Ethel, Evie, Florence, Funk Family, Gary, Gary P., Gavin, George, Harriet, Harry Papka Family, Heidi, Helen & Pastor Meier, Ian, Inez, Irene, Jackie M., Janet, Janice E., Jeff, Jerome, Jessie, Jodi, John Coots, Joyce, Joyce Hatch, Kathy Mears, Kevin W., Larry, Lucas, Marcia, Maureen, Marjean, Mary, Mary Lou, Nancy, Noah, Patricia, Rich, Butz Family, Robin & Tom, Sam W., Sanchez Family, Sara, Sarah, Shalom, Sharon, Shirley, Stephanie M., Sue, Tammi, Ted, Terri, Terry, Tim, Tom, Trisha, Tristan, Vance, Viola, 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.



NEEDED:

- Fellowship treats
- Readers

Please sign up today!



Today's altar flowers are provided by Kelly and Craig Miller, In honor of Craig's birthday and The Guffey Family, In honor of Samantha's 8th Birthday.



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ~ 9:30 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 sin, 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. Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of 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 name.**
Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN - Verses 1-4

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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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: Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism, we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

C: Amen.

Financials for Sunday, January 22, 2017 - Week 4

Attendance - 72

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,476.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$8,093.10
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$6,333.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$260.00

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 - Nicole Blakeman

Ushers - Doug Congdon and George Brunson

Guest Pastor - Rev. Dr. Karl Otto

History of Faith Lutheran Church—Celebrating 75 Years

The congregation voted to purchase the Percy Spaulding home at 825 Roscoe Ave. for a parsonage. In August 1942, Rev. Finn H. Hansen became the first resident pastor. Pastor Hansen celebrated the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony, held June 27, 1948. In October 1960, under Pastor Carl Ipsen, the congregation held a special mortgage burning service to commemorate liquidation of all indebtedness. In 1965, a 3½ acre parcel of land was purchased at 1305 Blackhawk Boulevard, and \$66,000 was raised in pledges for a 3 year period.

*Thank
You*

From all of us here at Faith Lutheran very special thanks to Pastor Karl Otto for filling in for Pastor Rick. You are great! We appreciate you very much! And special thanks to Anne Marie Null for filling in for Betty. Great job!

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.**

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: **Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

A reading from Micah, the 6th chapter.

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15 ~ A Responsive Reading

R: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

R: They do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

R: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

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. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. 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.

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. 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: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: We pray for our neighbors who mourn, who have no clean water, who hunger. Provide their daily bread. Heal the forgotten, the lost, and our enemies, family, and friends (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We praise you for this congregation. Bless the work and play of young and old. Deepen our faith. Expand our discipleship. Equip us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We praise you for all the saints who died proclaiming the gospel. Strengthen us through their witness. 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 ~
“When Love Broke Through” by Toby Mac

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ~ “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gifts may be
All that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord, in thee.
May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
And gladly as thou blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.**



He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

“ALLELUIA”

**Alleluia, Lord and Savior, open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us, speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord we sing, of the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

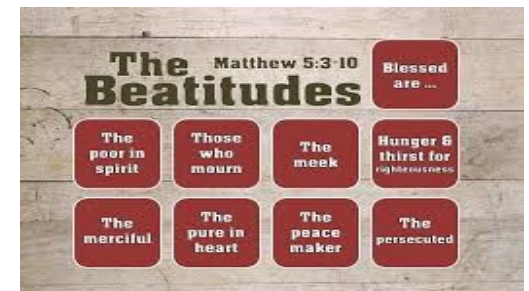
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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



SERMON ~ "BLESSED?"

Hymn of the Day

Blest Are They

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they . . . who seek peace; . . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they . . . shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain
 All

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

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.) We pray for wholeness in the body of Christ. Bind up fractures within the church. Humble the proud and lift up the lowly. Make us one at your table. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- P: We praise you for the beauty of the universe. For the light of the stars, for the majesty of the mountains, we thank you. Mold us into stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- P: We pray for peacemakers around the world. End violence. Restore communities (*especially*). Stop bribery within political systems. Reign with justice and peace and commit us to this act of discipleship. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**