



We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins & all of our students, all military personnel & their families. We pray for our friends, families & our loved ones: Aaron, Adam, Aunt Bettie, Barbi, Beth, Bev, Bob, Bonnie, Boyd, Brad, Brenda, Cindy, Claudine, Daniel Mears, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dick, Don, Doug, Eloise, Florence, Gail, Gere, Grandma Tina, Greg, Heidi, Irene, Irene A., Inez, Janie, Jeff, Jess, John, Jon, June, Kathy Mears, Ken, Larry, Linda G., Lori, Marshall, Maureen M., Meri, Michael, Pat, Patricia Sarabia, Payton, Rich, Sharon, Tammie, Tammy, Ted, Tim, Tina, Tom, Tracy, Vic, Vicki.

**Craft Show-Nov. 17 Crafters Wanted
PLEASE TAKE POSTCARDS TO SHARE**

There will be a Bake Sale & Door Prizes; we would be grateful for your help with those - we love volunteers!

Our Annual Church Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 11th after worship and a brief Fellowship break. ALL ARE ASKED TO PLEASE ATTEND!



REMINDER ALL ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE IN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21



Firehouse Subs at 2787 Milwaukee Rd., Beloit is hosting a benefit for Faith Lutheran Church from 4-8pm on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

They'll donate 15% of all proceeds to Faith Lutheran Church! Tell your friends and family to join us – come hungry!



The Out to Dinner group will meet at the new Artisan Pub, 1322 Gardner St., South Beloit, on Friday, October 19th at 6:00 PM. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please sign up by Sunday, October 14th. Everyone's invited!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, October 14, 2018 ~ 9:30 am

21st Sunday After Pentecost



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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. *(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, 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 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.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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

C: And also with you.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

C: Amen.

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

We are happy to have you worship with us today!

Please join us for beverages, snacks and conversation after worship.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward to receive the bread with an open hand then dip in the wine (dark) or juice (light).

Gluten-free wafers are available - indicate to Pastor when it's your turn. If you 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 to participate.

Offering ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** next week. Mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope to be included in that week's offering, seen only by designated counters. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

Financials Sunday, October 7, 2018 - Week #40

Attendance - 70

Actual Offering	\$1,829.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2018 YTD Actual Offering	\$88,281.05
2018 YTD Offering Needed	\$87,040.00

In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick

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Email: pastorr1@comcast.net

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Tech - Rachel & Anne Strasser

Offering Video - Sue & George Brunson

Reader - Anne Strasser

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Church

Greeters - Tammy Dunkel and Tina Hatch

Musician - Betty Comins

Ushers - George Brunson

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



This week's altar flowers are donated by:
Irene Balk for what would have been Our 58th Anniversary on the 11th

CLOSING HYMN

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*) Almighty and ever-living God,

C: **increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

A reading from Amos the 5th chapter.

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 90:12-17

R: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

C: Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

R: Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

C: Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

R: Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

C: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from Hebrews, the 4th chapter.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 for the good news that you bring.

~ 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: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
“Hello, my name is” by Matthew West

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and 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.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

P: The holy gospel according to Mark the 10th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
"Genuine Richness"

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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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.***

(*word meaning "universal"; you may substitute "Christian")

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need. (*A brief silence*). Almighty God, holy and righteous, cut our hearts open by your living word. Break down our pride and self-assurance, and transform us by your gentle mercy.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless workers who clear fields to prepare for the barren season to come. Bring the harvest of your creation to completion, even as we look forward to the blossoming of new life.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Exercise and establish your true justice in courtrooms, in prisons, and in neighborhoods. Guide those who manage great wealth to do so with generosity and compassion.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Pour out favor this day upon those who are afflicted and feel far removed from you (especially). Send them companions who will show them you are ever near. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Build up relationships among people of different beliefs and backgrounds. Use the cooperation between this congregation and others in our community to reveal your goodness.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gather us with all the saints whom you have made righteous in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through him give us all the gifts of your kingdom and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.