

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 4 - TIME CHANGE - set clocks back 1 hour!

September 4 - All Saints' Day ~ with memorial photos

September 10 - Faith's Fall Clean Up Day from 10-12

September 11, following worship - The members of Faith Church are hereby convened for the 76th Annual Meeting

September 17 - Craft Show & Bake Sale at Didier Hall, 1000 Oak Blvd. from 10am - 3pm (it's at the old Bingo Hall at St. Paul's Catholic Church); with the construction, it's best to enter on the east side and follow the signs. Bake Sale items and Door Prize will be brought over on Fri., Nov. 16th during the 2 set up sessions: 10am-5pm or 5pm-9pm OR on Saturday morning at 8am-10am

September 18 - Stewardship Sunday - Please fill out your yellow Pledge Card; remember to order Christmas plants through Friday, December 14 - \$12.50 per plant for your choice of white, or pink poinsettias. Checks payable to church.

September 19 - Church Council Meeting at 5:30pm

September 22 - Happy Thanksgiving!

September 2, 10:30-11:30pm - Please stay to help put up decorations in the church and on our Christmas tree!

September 8, 12-2pm - Secret Sister Brunch; bring your own Christmas gift for our 'reveal' gift exchange and a dish to share. We have 19 of us! New Secret Sisters will be welcomed & they will receive a Welcome Gift, and join us for brunch.

September 15 - "In Bethlehem Inn" Dinner Theater is being held at Faith Lutheran Church. Pastor Rick will be giving us more information about the plan to attend.

September 16 - Children's Christmas Program during our 10:30am service

September 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight service - 5:00pm

September 25 - Merry Christmas!



Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ*

Sunday, October 28, 2018 ~ 9:00am

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



For Beloit District
Violence Survivors

October is District
Violence Survivors

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 conquer our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and 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 neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and give us the grace to do your will, so that we may delight in your will and walk in it, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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

C: Amen.

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic - strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re - hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de - Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



ous; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they it; for God him - self fights by our side with



- va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



worn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail; hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



ms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual. on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious. dgment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him. an - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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



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We pray for the homeless, unemp with mental struggles, our shut-in students, all military personnel & t We pray for our friends, families & ones, and: Aaron, Adam, Alyson & Audrey, Barry & Shelby, Bev, Bill, Bill Family, Bob, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Bre Cazmyre, Cindy, Claudine, Debi, Denise, Dick, Don, Don Doug, Eloise, Emily & Family, Eric, Florence, Gail, Gary, George, Greg, Heidi, Helen, Irene, Jaleena, Janet, Janie, John, Judy, Kamyra, Kayla, Kris, Larry, Lauri, Leota Wicks Lisa, Marshall, Mason, Matt, Meri, Mike, Nancy, Pastor R Sarabia, Rich, Rick & Vick, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, & Family, Sharon, Steve, Tammie, Tammy, Taylor, Ted, Tina, Todd, Tom, Vicki, Vivian, Zach, Zoey



A COMMUNION CHANGE IS
Beginning next Sunday, inc
disposable cups of wine (d
grape juice (light) will be av
take after receiving your br
Pastor Rick



OCTOBER: 25-Cathy Murphy, 26-Pat Wi
30-Ray Wendell, 31-Russell S
NOVEMBER: 2-Ruth Marty, 4 -Sarah Mill
5-Mary Brown, 7-George Br
10-Dawn Banker, 13-Tina H
14-David Schneider, 15-Eloi
19-Abigail Brown, 20-Karen
21-Bennett Marty, 22-Evely
23-Zara Castro, 28-Terri Sch



READERS

We are in need of
every Sunday. The
sheet is on the boa

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church.

We are happy to have you worship with us today!

the 501st Anniversary of the Reformation!

is by intinction. Come forward by rows to receive the
open hand & dip it in the wine (dark) or juice (light).

SEE BREAD IS AN OPTION FOR COMMUNION. Just

to Pastor when it's your turn. If you eat the bread

g or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't

member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion.

most of the meal - ALL baptized believers are welcome!

you are unable to attend worship, please catch up

bring the next week. Or, mail it to the church office

ering" on the envelope. Thanks for your faithful

giving to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!

Today's Worship Leaders

ar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

omputer Technician - Helen Meier

erling Video - Mike Banker

unters - Roger and Carol Frey

lowship - Roger and Carol Frey

eters - Tammy Dunkel & Tina Hatch

ician - Betty Comins

ader - Sue Brunson

hers - Doug Congdon and George Brunson

stor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

Statistics for Sunday, October 21, 2018 - Week #42

Attendance: 66

Offering Actual	\$2,909.00
Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
TD Actual Offering	\$92,831.05
TD Offering Needed	\$91,392.00
Can Collection - Domestic Violence	\$85.62

Today's altar flowers are donated by: the

Hedrington, Rowlett, Stubbendick, Nolan Families

in loving memory of Donna Hedrington

and by Evelyn Stafford in memory of Robert Stafford

INTRODUCTION

P: On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the
Christ - the good news - that makes us free! We pray
Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today
proclamation and witness to the world. In the water
baptism we are made one body; we pray for the
Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you for
Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pray
Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them
your word, protect and comfort them in times
defend them against all enemies of the gospel
bestow on the church your saving peace, through
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah, the 31st chapter.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will
make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house
of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their
ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the
land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their
faithful husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will
make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will
put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will
be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they
teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they
shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says
the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin
no more.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading from Psalm 46

our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
**For we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and
though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

For its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains
tremble with its tumult.

**For a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the habitation of the Most High.**

For in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
For I will help it at the break of day.

**For the rivers rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks,
and the earth melts away.**

For the God of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
**For now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations
he has brought upon the earth;**

For he is the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who
breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields

**For then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted
among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

For the God of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Scripture Reading: Romans 3:19-28

From the Epistle to the Romans, the 3rd chapter.

For we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who
are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the
whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being
will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for
through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from
the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested
by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith
in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since
all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now
justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement
by his blood, effective through faith.

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

C: Amen.

BLESSING

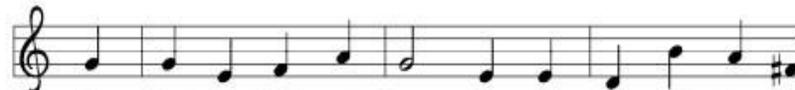
P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless
us now and always.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be ou
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men o
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ri
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - do
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

making all things new. Seal your covenant with
nd, and write your law on our hearts. Make repentance
habit for us so that forgiveness abounds.

our mercy,
prayer.

the saints in proclaiming the good news of salvation in
ring your people eternally into Christ's presence on the
Lord, in your mercy,

prayer.

l things in your compassion, O God, and bring us
life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our
nd Lord.

ce of Christ be with you always.

o with you.

VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING

Fortress is Our God" by Promise Keepers

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

PRAYER

ay. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your
u made all things: you spoke light into darkness,
th beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

Word of life, O God,

you thanks and praise.

be with you.

o with you.

our hearts.

them to the Lord.

ve thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

t to give God thanks and praise.

~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

~ THE LORD'S PRAYER ~

He did this to show his righteousness, because in his
forbearance he had passed over the sins previously
it was to prove at the present time that he himself is
and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. T
becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? B
works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a
justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the la

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 8th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you
in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know
truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered
"We are descendants of Abraham and have never been
anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be free?'
Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone
commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a
permanent place in the household; the son has a place
forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Entering the 6th Century of Lutheranism"

THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation



church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
h with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
gh toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
chisms, . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died,
to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,
the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

FIRMATION CREED

We believe in God the Father, who is the Creator of heaven and earth.
God loved his creation and said it was good. God created all things for our life and things to support our life, like plants and animals.
God is still creating through people, every time there is a new person and more technology. God provides for us by giving us all that we need for daily life.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the world. He healed many people because he cared about them. He told many stories and parables to his followers to increase their faith. He died on the cross to save us from our sins and to rise from the dead, and after he rose he commanded us to go and make new disciples all over the world. Because he loves us, he offers all who believe eternal life. He promises to be with us until the end of the age.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of our gifts. He gives us spiritual gifts like love, joy, and kindness. He forgives our sins and helps us to live holy lives. The Holy Spirit calls people to become part of the Christian Church. He helps the church to grow around the world. He calls us to love one another in the world, and helps us live in peace with our neighbor. This is most certainly true. AMEN!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray for you persistently for the church, the world, and all people.
(A brief silence.) Holy God, work in your church across all denominational and cultural divisions to form us into a complete expression of your holy community. Show us your likeness through us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: By rain, rivers, and oceans, remind us how your word flows through this world, surrounding us with grace. Keep us in the covenant that is sealed in water and Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Free us from the lies we tell ourselves or others in order to justify our words and actions. Lead us to speak honestly and listen humbly, and reveal your truth among us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Be a stronghold for people who are in danger this day (especially). In your righteous presence cause the enemy who surrounds them to flee, and clothe them with your mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.