



Sunshine Committee

Graduation, Sympathy and Get Well cards will be sent upon notification. Please call Karen Murr at 815-389-2353, or Patti Dunaway at 608-751-1666



Happy Birthday To You!

MAY: 11–Larry Olson, 22–Diane Lipinski & Kennadi Rice-Devlin, 24–Laura Hill, 26–Donald Schlegel, 27–Grady Naff, 31–Kelli Hedrington.

JUNE: 7–Rob Binder, 8–John Krause, 11–Dick Hedrington, 13–Laurray Coots, 14–Alexis Rice-Devlin & Bev Hedrington, 15–Kamya Robison, 19–Curtis Blakeman, 23–Jeremy Naff, 26–Willis Miller, 30–Alice Olson

This week's altar flowers are given in honor of Grady Naff's 3rd birthday, from Sue Miller and Kelly and Craig Miller



Faith Lutheran Church
Thanks for your support!

**OUR FAMOUS
BRAT STAND**

**Fridays & Saturdays
10:30-2:30**

• Brats • Jumbo Hotdogs
• Brat Burgers • Pork Chop Sandwiches
• Burgers • Chips
• Cheese Burgers • Pop & Water

Work Sign Up Sheet is on Bulletin Board

Please pitch to help make this community outreach successful again this year. We need donations of Diet & Regular Pepsi, A & W Root Beer, Orange Crush, Mist Twist, water, chips, ketchup, mustard, pickles, and relish. Please see Anne Strasser, Craig Miller or Pat Wicks!

Please send a get well card to our church friend, Bill Schultz at Van Matre Rehab 950 S Mulford Rd, Rockford, IL 61108. He's in for 6 weeks, recovering after he fell & broke his femur. Bill is 90 years young.



Beginning next Sunday, we will collect baby & health items for Caritas. This will be for the whole month of June. Thank you in advance for bringing: Diapers - Sizes 4,5,6, Pull-Ups, wipes, any baby hygiene items; men's body wash, women's body wash, hand soap, toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning supplies.



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, May 27, 2018

The Holy Trinity ~ 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: 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. (A brief silence.) 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.



THREE IN ONE

OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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: When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

C: Amen.



Next Sunday, June 3 will be Pastor Rick's
 46th Anniversary of his Ordination.

Please plan to join us after worship for German
 chocolate cake! God Bless You, Pastor Rick!

Please help our new sound system by turning OFF
 your cell phone. Even muted, an incoming call will
 cause a problem with the frequency of our new
 microphones. Thanks for your understanding!



*We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with
 mental struggles, our shut-ins, our college students,
 military personnel & their families.. We pray for friends,
 families & our loved ones:* Aaron, Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey,
 Aunt Bettie, Barry & Shelby, Betty Bonner, Betty Comins, Betty Lampher,
 Bev, Bill, Bill Schultz, Bob, Bonnie, Boyd, Brad, Brenda, Claudine, Dawn,
 Debi, Denise, Diane, Dianne, Dick, Dodi, Don, Donna, Doug, Dustin, Eloise,
 Florence, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Helen, Inez, Irene,
 Jackie, Jaleena, James & Angie, Janet, Janice, Jeff, Jen, Jess, John, Karen,
 Kathy, Kathy Mears, Kathy Strasser, Kenny, Kelli, Kevin, Kim, Kris, Larry,
 Linda, Linda G., Linda M., Lori, Lyla Williams, Margot, Mary, Matt, Mike,
 Nancy, Pat, Patricia Sarabia, Payton, Rich, Rick, Ruthann, Sam, Sarah,
 Stephanie, Steve, Tammy, Ted, Terry Davis, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tom &
 Gale Miller, Tommy, Tracy, Trisha, Vic, Violet, Vivian, Wayne, Zach, Zoey.

ATTENTION * ATTENTION * ATTENTION

1st Announcement:

**The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church
 is hereby convened for Sunday, June 10,
 at 10:45am to consider taking out a loan
 for property improvements. New steps at
 our south entrance and additional parking
 are priorities to be considered. A quorum
 will be necessary to make a decision.**

Please plan to stay!



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

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

Financials Sunday, May 20 - Week #20

Attendance - 88

Actual Offering	\$1,833.80
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$46,697.19
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$43,520.00
Gifts for Mission Collection	\$703.97

Today's Worship Leaders

- Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey**
- Computer Technician - Rachel Strasser**
- Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser**
- Reader - Craig Miller**
- Counters - Carol & Roger Frey**
- Fellowship - Dawn and Mike Banker**
- Greeters - Eloise Manley & Gail Krause**
- Musician - Betty Comins**
- Ushers - Doug Congdon & Ray Wendell**
- Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier**



*** HAPPY ***
MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **We worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

R: A reading from Isaiah, the 6th chapter.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

R: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.



A Responsive Reading From Psalm 29

R: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

R: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

R: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

R: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

R: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

R: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

A reading from Romans, the 8th chapter.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you, though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
"Brave" by Skillet



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

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 ~

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.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Here We Are, Lord; Send Us!"

Hymn of the Day

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves. (*A brief silence.*)
Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.