

Faith Lutheran Church
Thanks for your support!



Our Brat Stand ALWAYS needs volunteers!

- ◆ Can you donate an hour or two?
- ◆ Can you donate some supplies?
- ◆ Can you help wash dishes?
- ◆ Can you grill hotdogs and hamburgers?
- ◆ Can you cashier?
- ◆ Can you put burgers & hotdogs in buns?

Did you know our average volunteer is over 70 years young? Please sign up to help!



Have you heard? We have a **GOOD SAMARITAN FUND**. This money is used to help with emergency circumstances to help assist individuals or families, as determined by Pastor. To donate to this fund, please use the envelopes in the pew, and write in **GOOD SAMARITAN FUND**.



Craft Show Crafters & Vendors Wanted

Saturday, November 17 10am to 3pm

Vendor Registration Forms are on the board

Sue can answer questions - 815-389-1824

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Happy JULY Birthday To You!

- 24 - Doug Congdon, 26 - Mike Banker,
- 27 - Sue Brunson, 28 - Sarah Rice-Devlin,
- 30 - Amanda Guffey, 30 - Pastor Rick



Steve Weber will again be our musician for this special outdoor worship followed by our annual picnic!

Mark Your Calendar!
Sunday, August 12th
Service is At 10 am

Bring lawn chairs & a dish to pass. Church will furnish all tableware, drinks, ice, and plenty of fried chicken!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, July 22, 2018 ~ 9:30 am

9th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another (*A brief silence.*)

Eternal God our creator,

C: **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

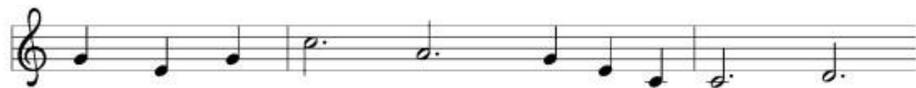
Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
Text © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, admin. David Higham Associates

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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: And also with you.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

C: Amen.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Tech - Mike Banker

Offering Video - Helen Meier

Reader - Sue Brunson

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Gerry Cliffe

**Greeters - Sue & George Brunson &
Viola Thostenson**

Musician - Betty Comins

Ushers - Doug Congdon & Ben Strasser

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



**Sunday,
July 29th**

Laity-led
worship began

back when there were more churches than ministers. Lay members met & conducted worship on their own. Come join us for this special worship service with some special recordings and special guest, Mark Finnegan.



We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins & college students, all in the military personnel & their families. We pray for our families, friends & our loved ones:

Alycianna Hatch, Alyson & Jarret, Barbara, Barbi, Barry & Shelby, Beverly H., Bill, Bill Schultz, Bob, Bonnie, Boyd & Inez, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Cindy, Claudine, Courtney, Debi, Denise, Dianne, Dick Hedrington, Don, Donna, Emily, Family of Tom Miller, Gary, Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Iris Dilbone, Jackie, Jaleena, Janet, Janie, Janice, Jeff, Jim, John, Juliet, Karen, Kathy Strasser, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kenny, Kevin, Kris, Linda, Lyle, Margot, Marion, Mary, Matt, Michael, Melissa, Mike, Nancy, Nick, Patricia Sarabia, Ricky, Roger, Ruthann, Ruthie, Sam, Sara, Sarah, Sarah & Mason Rice-Devlin, Shalom, Sharon, Shelly, Sheri, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Tammi, Ted, Teresa, Tim, Todd, Tom, Tonya, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Vivian, Waffs, Wayne, and Zach

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



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, July 15, 2018 - Week #28

Attendance - 93

Actual Offering	\$1,725.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$63,444.59
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$60,928.00

In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick

Cell: 815-566-5247 Home: 815-227-4679

Email: pastorr1@comcast.net

Boyd Miller is seeking a kidney donor. If you would like to talk to someone in the UW Health Transplant Program in Madison, WI about the possibility of becoming a living kidney donor, they would be very happy to contact you. You can begin by filling out the UW online form: uwhealth.org/CanIBeADonor **Call Boyd at 815-633-3686 with questions. There is more information posted on the board. Thanks.**



CELL-FREE
ZONE

**Please turn OFF your cell phone.
Even on Mute, an incoming call will
cause a problem with the frequency of
our new microphones. Thank you!**



CELL-FREE
ZONE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



MATTHEW 19:14

CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah, the 23rd chapter.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 23

R: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

R: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

A reading from Ephesians, the 2nd chapter.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

THE LORD'S PRAYER

~ 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: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 forth into the world to serve God with gladness.

C: Amen.



P: God, you are our creativity, creating joy and purpose through all artists in the church: composers, writers, visual artists, musicians, poets, and dancers. Open our hearts to experience your truth in new and beautiful ways through their work.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, you are our future, leading us through the valley of the shadow of death and preparing a table for us with all of your saints. Let your goodness and mercy follow us until we dwell in your house forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ OFFERING ~

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
"Old Church Choir" by Zach Williams

*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: 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.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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.*

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Need For Good Leadership"

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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: Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (*A brief silence.*) God, you are our cornerstone, giving your people a strong foundation of faith. Help us to seek meaningful change in the world, and lead us to places of rest where you renew us for mission. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, you are our shepherd, leading us to green pastures and still waters for our use and pleasure. Renew the face of the earth. Guard the land and seas, the mountains and valleys, cultivated farmland and untamed wilderness.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, you are our righteousness, proclaiming peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Remove hostility that divides nations. Make us no longer strangers or aliens but fellow citizens with all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, you are our compassion, bringing rest to all who seek treatments and diagnoses and are left without answers or energy. Restore the aching souls and bodies of those who seek comfort (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.