



FAITH LUTHERAN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, July 14 12 Noon-3pm
*Door Prizes *Games for the Kids
Hot dogs & burgers ** FREE ICE CREAM

NEEDED:

- * Ice cream toppings
- * Ice cream scooping volunteers
- * Help with set-up/take-down
- * Help with kid's games

SIGN UP SHEET
BULLETIN BOARD!
Donation Box is on
the narthex table.



Bill Schultz would like to thank all who have sent a card or come to visit at East Bank Center. He'll be there 4 more weeks (please see bulletin board for more info.)

MID-YEAR STATEMENTS ARE IN THE ENTRY OF THE SANCTUARY PLEASE TAKE YOUR STATEMENT!



Happy JULY Birthday To You!

- 2 - Tim Boyette, 5 - Corey Binder,
- 5 - Debi Nelson, 9 - Mindy Birch,
- 11 - Boyd Miller & Grayson Marty,
- 14 - John Coats & Laurie Wicks, 16 - Anne Strasser & Don Reedy,
- 17 - Linda Gilbert, 18 - Mallory Brown, 19 - Todd Strasser & Marcy Reedy,
- 24 - Doug Congdon, 26 - Mike Banker, 27 - Sue Brunson,
- 28 - Sarah Rice-Devlin, 30 - Amanda Guffey, 30 - Pastor Rick



THRIVENT FINANCIAL

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A Very Merry Craft Show Sat., Nov 17, 10-3
Held at Didier Hall, Blackhawk Blvd., South Beloit
Crafters & Vendors Wanted
Call 815-389-1824 for a registration form
\$25 Booth TABLES PROVIDED; Friday Set-Up



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ
Sunday, July 8, 2018 ~ 9:30 am
7th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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.

OPENING HYMN "This is Amazing Grace" by Phil Wickham

[Verse 1:]

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

[Chorus:]

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

[Verse 2:]

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

[Chorus]

[Bridge:]

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy
Oh

[Chorus]

All that You've done for me

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey **Fellowship** - Youth
Computer Tech - Rachel Strasser **Greeters** - Sue & George Brunson
Offering Video - Anne Strasser **Musician** - Betty Comins
Reader - Youth **Ushers** - Doug Congdon & Youth
Counters - Carol & Roger Frey **Pastor** - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

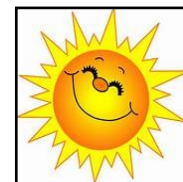


We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins, our college students, military personnel & their families. We pray for friends, families & our loved ones:

Bill, Beverly, Bob, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Cindy, Courtney, Darla, David, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dolly Hill, Don, Don & Harriet, Gary, George, Inez & Boyd, Irene, Heidi, Irene, Jaleena, Janet, Janie, Jeff, Jered, Jessica, Jim H., Joshua, Judy, Karen, Kathy, Kathy Mears, Kaykee Roecker, Kelli, Kirk, Kris, Louise, Margot, Marion, Mary, Matt, Mike, Nancy, Nic, Patricia Sarabia, Randy Bunger Family, Robin, Roger, Ruthann, Ruthie, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Sharon, Shawn, Shelly, Steve, Tammi, Ted, Teresa, Tim, Todd, Tom and Gale Miller, Tracy, Vick, Vicki, Violet, Vivian, 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



Dine Out



The OUT TO DINNER Group will meet at GOLDEN CHOPSTICKS on Friday, July 20th at 6pm. Please sign up by Sunday, July 15th! It's located at 7923 N. Alpine in Loves Park, IL. Come join the group!



We'd like to welcome back Anne Strasser, Taylor Gruenberg, Zach Hedrington, and Rachel Strasser! And congratulations to Anne, for winning \$2,000 From Sparkhouse Publications for our youth ministry!

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 1 - Week #26

Attendance - 82

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| Actual Offering | \$2,874.10 |
| Weekly Offering Budget | \$2,176.00 |
| 2017 YTD Actual Offering | \$59,517.09 |
| 2017 YTD Offering Needed | \$56,576.00 |



This week's altar flowers are donated by:
Cameron and Hayden Gruenberg - Happy Summer!

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 or anyone you know can help, please start the living kidney donor screening process by using the UW online form: uwhealth.org/CanIBeADonor or call Boyd at 815-633-3686. 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

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: Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*) God of the covenant,

C: in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-12

R: A reading from Exodus, the 3rd chapter.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 139

R: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

C: if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

R: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me,

C: and your right hand shall hold me fast.

R: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

C: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

R: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

R: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

C: Amen.

~ **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 "When We Pray" by Tauren Wells (See insert)

SENDING - Read by Anne and our Youth Group

Stand up - using your gifts to serve God

Stand for - using your talents to care for all people

Stand with - God's creation using your passions to better God's creation and change the world.

We go out with the words of St. Paul,
"For by Grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God."

Anne: Jesus changes everything! Jesus IS everything!

ALL: Thanks be to God!



P: Lord God, renew our commitment to the work of hospitality. Help us to offer a caring welcome to visitors and to those returning to the church. Help us to be living examples of your grace and your generosity. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, you equip disciples throughout the ages to proclaim your kingdom. Lead us by faith until every weakness of this world has been made perfect in the power of your everlasting glory. 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 ~
"This Changes Everything"

*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. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:14-19

R: A reading from Ephesians, the 2nd chapter.

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.

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.*

THIRD READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

R: A reading from Ephesians, the 2nd chapter.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Reflections on the 2018 Youth Gathering

HYMN OF THE DAY "Control" by Tenth Avenue North

Here I am
All my intentions
All my obsessions
I want to lay them all down
In Your hands
Only Your love is vital
Though I'm not entitled
Still You call me Your child

God You don't need me
But somehow You want me
Oh how You love me
Somehow that frees me
To take my hands off of my life
And the way it should go
God You don't need me
But somehow You want me
Oh how You love me
Somehow that frees me
To open my hands up
And give You control
I give You control

I've had plans
Shattered and broken
Things I have hoped in
Fall through my hands
You have plans
To redeem and restore me
You're behind and before me
Oh help me believe

God You don't need me
But somehow You want me
Oh how You love me
Somehow that frees me
To take my hands off of my life
And the way it should go, oh
God You don't need me
But somehow You want me
Oh how You love me
Somehow that frees me
To open my hands up
And give You control

Oh You want me
Somehow You want me
The King of Heaven wants me
So this world has lost it's grip on me
[x2]

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Oh, give You control
Oh I want to give You control
I give You control

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2014 Confirmation 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 has given us life and things to support our life, like plants and animals. God is still creating through people, every time there is new life 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 taught many stories and parables to his followers to increase their faith. He died on the cross to save us from our sins. He rose from the dead, and after he rose he commanded us to make new disciples all over the world. Because he loves us, he offers all who believe eternal life. He promises to be with us till the end of the age.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of our faith. 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, and helps the church to grow around the world. He calls us to serve others in the world, and helps us live in peace with our neighbor.

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.)* Lord God, equip all your faithful people for the work of mission. When we are empty-handed, give us partners in ministry. Help us to speak boldly of your promises without reservation or fear. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, you breathe life into the dust of the earth. Bless the land and all who work it. Bring relief to areas of drought and famine. Send healing rains and cooling breezes to places scorched by sun and heat. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, when the nations are rebellious, raise up prophets and leaders to proclaim your way of justice. Provide for the needs of refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, and exiles. Protect all who live in areas of war and conflict. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, your grace is sufficient to bring wholeness to human weakness. Restore hope to those suffering hardships, persecutions, and calamities. Strengthen all who are fragile in body, mind, or spirit *(especially)*. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.