



Heartfelt thanks to Craig Miller for leading us in worship on Laity Sunday and to both Jane Makhholm and Cathy Murphy for sharing their journeys of faith with the congregation!



AUGUST: 1 - Diana Schneider & Bill Schultz, 2 - Rachel Strasser, 4 - Aaron Blakeman, 5 - Julie Wright, 9 - Lynn Grover, 12 - Fran Cliffe, Jr., 14 - David Cliffe, 19 - Matt White, 21 - Austin Miller, 22 - Don Dittmer, 25 - Trisha Cliffe, 26 - Reece Binder



The Out to Dinner Group will meet at 6:00 PM at the Pizza Ranch, 4749 Bluestem Rd., IL on Friday August 24th. Signup sheet is on Bulletin board, Must be signed up by Sunday August 19th.



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

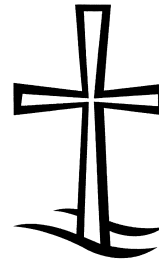
COMING NEXT SUNDAY!!!



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, August 5, 2018 ~ 9:30 am
11th 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 us all our sins.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



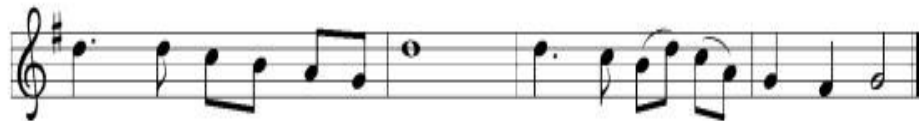
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Computer Tech - Mike Banker
Offering Video - Helen Meier
Reader - Ellen Olson
Counters - Carol & Roger Frey
Fellowship - Pat Wicks
Greeters - Tina Hatch and Tammy Dunkel
Musician - Betty Comins
Ushers - Doug Congdon & Ray Wendell
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



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:

Aaron, Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey, Barry & Shelby, Beth, Bev Hedrington, Beverly, Bill, Bill Schultz, Bob, Boyd and Inez Miller, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Cindy, Claudine, Courtney, Dan Holdridge Family, Deb, Denise, Diane, Dick Hedrington, Don, Emily, Gary, Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Irene, Janie, Jean, Jeff, Jessica, Jimmy, Julie, June, Kathy Mears, Kathy Strasser, Kelli, Ken, Kris, Larry, Linda, Linda Miller, Lori, Marion, Mary, Matt, Mike, Pat, Patricia Sarabia, Payton, Rachel, Rich, Ricky, Roger, Ruthann, Ruthie, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Sara, Shalom, Sharon, Shelly, Shirley, Steve, Sue, Suzanne, Tammi, Ted, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Violet, Zach



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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

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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, July 29, 2018 - Week #30

Attendance - 69

Actual Offering	\$1,243.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$66,641.09
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$65,280.00

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VETS ROLL
\$190.31

In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick

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

Email: pastorr1@comcast.net



Today's altar flower were donated by:
Alice and Larry Olson in honor of Alice's mother,
Jane Makholm's 100th Birthday



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

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A reading from Exodus, the 16th chapter.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 78

R: So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

C: raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.

R: So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

C: The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

R: raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

C: letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

R: So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

~ OFFERING ~

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

"How Great Thou Art" by Home Free

*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.

BLESSING

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(A brief silence.) Holy God, you give gifts and talents to every member of the church. Strengthen all your children and bring them to a full understanding and maturity in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Creator God, our complex and wonderful world is a sure sign of your abundance and care. Provide for every creature, and rain down the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Peaceful God, draw the nations of the world to harmony and mutual understanding. Bind all of humanity in the unity of love and peace that comes through the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, we pray for those who are hungry, homeless, and who have lost family or friends. Lead them to places of safety, food, and rest. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, you have brought us all together in this time and place. Bless this congregation, including those who are absent, and draw us into closer communion with you, each other, and our community. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Infinite God, we praise you for the lives of those who have died in Christ. Keep our hearts in hope, for we have all received the food that endures to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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.*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from Ephesians, the 4th chapter.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Bread of Life from Heaven



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

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.**