

## HOW TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS & FELLOWSHIP TREATS

**Altar Flowers:** There's a large sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the water fountain. Write in your dedication on the date of your choosing, put a check (payable to Faith Lutheran Church) or cash in an envelope and mark the box Altar Flowers \$7 for one, \$14 for both. Then put the envelope in the Offering Plate or office. On your date, please take your flowers after church.



**Fellowship Treats:** There's a large sign-up sheet on the door into the room. Pick a date, sign your name. Choose to pay \$20 to church & the donuts will be provided. Put \$20 in an envelope and put in office or in Offering Plate. Or, you can bring in your own treats of any kind.



### SEPTEMBER Birthdays

5 – Becky Miller, 9 – Diane Redieske,  
10 – Shawn Guffey, 19 – Kelly Miller,  
20 – Ellen Olson, 22 – Erika Stinson  
22 – Vallerie White, 25 – Gerry Cliffe



**FREE Training – Sunday, Sept. 16 – 11:30-2:30**

Details: South Beloit Fire Department will be coming to Faith Lutheran. CODE BLUE TRAINING will go over these important skills:

- \*CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and First Aid
- \*How to use our new AED defibrillator
- \*Added bonus: how to use a fire extinguisher

This is open to anyone of our church members, and there is no cost.

You may also come to observe and listen, rather than participate.

There is no limit on the number attending. But, you must sign up by Wednesday, September 12th - sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.



## Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

Sunday, September 2, 2018 ~ 9:30 am

15th 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 This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for- get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

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 protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleaness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

C: Amen.

### Today's Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey**

**Computer Tech - Anne & Rachel Strasser**

**Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser**

**Reader - Jeremy Naff**

**Counters - Carol & Roger Frey**

**Fellowship - Pat Wicks**

**Greeters - Liz Shockley, Teresa Moffit, and Ruth Goldsworthy**

**Musician - Betty Comins**

**Ushers - Doug Congdon & Ray Wendell**

**Guest Pastor - Rev. Dr. Karl Otto**



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

Aaron, Alberta, Aly, Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Betty Lampher, Barry & Shelby, Bev, Bill, Bob, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Carlaya, Cindy, Christie Family, Claudine, Daniel Mears, Davis, Debi, Denise, Dick, Don, Don & Harriet, Doug, Eloise, Emily, Evelyn, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, Heidi, Helen, Ian, Jaleena, Janet, Janie, Jeff, Jessica, John, Kathy, Kathy Mears, Kevin, Kim, Kim & Pete Schnack, Larry, Lisa, Lori, Mary, Meri, Michael, Mike, Nancy, Noble, Pastor Rickl, Pat, Patricia Sarabia, Payton, Rachel, Rich, Ricky, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Sharon, Sheri, Steve, Suzanne, Tammie, Tammy, Taylor, Terri, Terry, Tina, Tom, Tracy, Tris, Tristan, Vance, Vicky, Violet, Vivian, Zach.

### A Very Merry Craft Show

**\*\* Crafters & Vendors Wanted \*\***

**Saturday, November 17 10am to 3pm**

**Held at Didier Hall, South Beloit**

**Call 815-389-1824 for a registration form**

**\$25 Booth TABLES PROVIDED; Friday Set-Up**

**There will be a church booth for donated crafts!**



The OUT TO DINNER Group will be going to Bravo's Restaurant, 376 Prairie Hill Rd., South Beloit on Friday, Sept. 21 at 6 pm. Please sign up on the board by Sunday, Sept. 16. All are invited - join us!

# 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 to participate.***

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

## Financials Sunday, August 26, 2018 - Week #34

Attendance - 80

Actual Offering	\$1,876.80
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$74,918.55
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$73,984.00

**In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick**

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

**Email: [pastorr1@comcast.net](mailto:pastorr1@comcast.net)**



If you are interested in serving a 3-yr. term on the Church Council, please contact Pastor Rick or Council President Craig Miller. There will be 2 openings for Parish Life beginning in January.



### 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



CELL-FREE  
ZONE

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Even on Mute, an incoming call will  
cause a problem with the frequency of  
our new microphones. Thank you!**



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ZONE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A reading from Deuteronomy, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### A Responsive Reading From Psalm 15

R: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

R: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**C: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

R: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

**C: Amen.**

**SECOND READING: James 1:17-27**

A reading from James, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**BLESSING**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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: Thanks be to God.**



*Special thanks to our friend,  
Pastor Karl Otto, for filling  
in while Pastor Rick & Helen  
are visiting family in Ohio.*

## ALLELUIA

*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.*

*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.*

### 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 ~

### 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.**

### GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Karl Otto

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

### *The 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: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation. *(A brief silence.)* Gracious God, we pray for all those who labor to bear your word into the world by welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, and caring for the orphan. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Creative God, we pray for the earth. Keep watch over those who rescue endangered species and repair scorched landscapes.

Make us good stewards of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Sovereign God, we pray for the nations of the world, for governments, leaders, and citizens. Watch over refugees and immigrants. Inspire us to welcome them with glad hearts when they arrive on our shores and in our neighborhoods.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Loving God, you call us to serve our neighbors. Bless our vocations as we fill the cups of the thirsty, the plates of the hungry, and the hearts of the lonely. Make our presence your presence for all who sorrow *(especially)*. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Welcoming God, at tables around the world, through story and meal, strangers become guests and guests become friends. Embolden this congregation to always extend the wide-armed welcome you extend to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses whose lives inspire us to loving service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**



~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~  
**"Shoulders" by For King and Country**