

/ Coffee Hour Treats Needed

oves to stop and chat after
have a bite to eat. But, we ask
se sign up to bring something
ce during the next coming
hen was the last time you
Please help us out. Thanks!



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



Faith Lutheran Church
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring th
Sunday, August 11, 2019
9th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 10
Outdoor Church Service and Annual

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A big Thank You to Steve Weber
for playing and for sharing his
music with us today!*



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and
another. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done and by what
we have left undone. We have not loved you
whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor
ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and
so that we may delight in your will and walk
ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was
die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our
a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
by his authority, I therefore declare to you the
forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,
of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



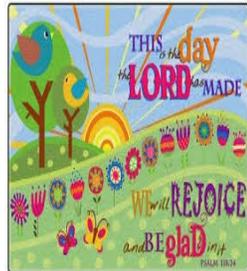
HYMNS

Now is the Time to Worship”

***Now is the time to worship
Now is the time to give your heart
Just as you are to worship
Just as you are before your God***

***Every tongue will confess
Your name***

***Every knee will bow
Your greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose you now
(from beginning)***



**Saturday, November 16
10am-3pm Craft Show/Bake
\$25 Booth Inside at Didier Hall
at St. Peter Church, South E
*CRAFTERS WANTED - call 815-38***

People Said ‘Amen!’ ”

***Not alone if you are lonely
Don't feel afraid, you're not the only
One in the same, in need of mercy
You are given and be free
You don't got to lean on but thank God it's all you need***

***Like the people said ‘Amen!’
Like the people said ‘Amen!’
Praises to the Lord for His love never ends
Like the people said ‘Amen!’***

***For it doesn't matter
How strong, you know love
We're after
We're broken but we're all in this together
Whenever we stumble and fall
You loved the world
Your son to save us all .***

***Be merciful to the poor in Spirit who are torn apart
Be merciful to the persecuted and the pure in heart
Be merciful to the people hungry for another start
For this is the kingdom, the kingdom of God***

Please consider being one of our readers! You'll get a copy of the readings ahead of time. C'mon - it's not hard at all. Sign up today! The sheet is on the board. Thank you!



**FLC BRAT STAND
10:30 - 2:30
9-12:30/12:30-3:30
Friday & Saturday
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
PLEASE SIGN UP**

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Counters - Carol & Roger Frey
Guest Musician - Steve Weber
Reader - Nicole Blakeman
Ushers - Doug Congdon & Tammy Dunkel
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

Specials for Sunday, August 4, 2019 - Week 31

Attendance - 70

Offering Actual	\$2,654.00
Offering Budget	\$2,150.00
Actual Offering	\$70,673.86
Offering Needed	\$66,650.00

With Lutheran Car Cruise--In will be Saturday, September 21st - 10-2pm at this fun event on your calendar!

The Out to Dinner Group will meet at the Lino's, 5611 E. State St., Rockford on Friday, Aug. 23 - 6:00 PM. The sign up sheet is on the board. Please sign up by Sunday August 18th. All are welcome!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
C: Amen.

INTRODUCTION

P: Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to bring the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have faith.
C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Almighty God,
C: you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of the church. Open our hearts to the riches of your kingdom that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.
After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; you shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what can you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir. But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir. He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

R: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading ~ Psalm 33

For the Lord is the nation whose God is the Lord!
He is the people chosen to be God's heritage!
The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all mankind.
He sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on earth..
He fashions all their hearts and observes all their ways.
No horse is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
The Lord gives vain hope for victory; despite its strength it cannot save.
Your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, those who wait for your steadfast love,
To deliver their lives from death, and to keep them in time of famine.
Your innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and shield.

READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

from Hebrews

It is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received what we see. By faith we understand that the worlds were created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to inherit as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he offered Isaac, even though he was too old—



Thanks to everyone who helped to make today's annual outdoor service and church picnic happen. We could not do this without you...God Bless!



We pray for all service men & women, and the unemployed, our shut-ins & all of our students: Aaron, Alyson & Jarrett, Andy, AnnBeth, Aunt Bettie, Barry & JoAnn, Barry & Sheila, Bev, Bill, Bob, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brian, Cindy, Claudine, Darrell, Debi, Denise, Dick, Don & Florence, Doug, Doug N., Enna, Evelyn, Gail, Heidi, Inez, Jaleena, Jan, Janet, Janie, Jeff, Jennifer, Jessica, Jim, Joan, John, Jolynn, Julie, Karen, Kathy, Kenny, Larry, Lori, Lynn, Mandy, Marion, Meri, Pat, Pat Rich, Rick, Robin, Russell, Sharon, Steve, Susan, Talia, Teddy, Tim, Tina, Tom, Tracy, Vicki, Violet, and Zachary.



1-Diana Schneider, 1-*Bill Schultz, 2-Rachel S
4-Aaron Blakeman, 5-Julie Wright, 9-Lynn G
10-*Betty Lampher, 12-Fran Cliffe, 12-James
12-Samantha Wright, 14-David Cliffe, 21-Aust
22-Don Dittmer, 25-Trisha Cliffe, 26-Reece Bi

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*Thanks again to our
friend, Steve Weber!
Your music helped make
our worship very special!*



**Please Stay and Join us for our
Picnic Lunch!**

Thank You for helping us with
chairs and tables, and for sharing
the food to nourish us.

and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered
faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person
this one as good as dead, descendants were born,
as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains
by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having
received the promises, but from a distance they saw
greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers
foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this
it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had
thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would
had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a
country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not
ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared
city for them.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Lord I Need You”

**Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart**

CHORUS:

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

**Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Chorus**

**Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, you're my hope and stay
Chorus**

Matthew 12: 32-40

gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

you, O Lord.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's
will to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions,
and give to the poor. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out,
and treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and
no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will
be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like
slaves waiting for their master to return from the wedding
supper, that they may open the door for him as soon as he
comes. Blessed are those slaves whom the master
finds awake when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt
and serve them. He will not do so for those who are sleeping.
During the middle of the night, or near dawn, and
the master says, "Blessed are those slaves." "But know this: if the
house had known at what hour the thief was coming,
they would have let his house be broken into. You also must be
ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Trust in God's Promises"

THE DAY "Bless The Lord (10,000 reasons) "

Lord, O my soul, O my soul

praise Your holy name

as of old

All worship Your holy name

As the sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

praising Your song again

As the day pass,

for lies before me

praising when the evening comes

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG "Chain Breaker "

If you've been walking the same old road for miles a

If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the sa

If you're trying to feel the same old holes inside

There's a better life

There's a better life

If you've got pain

He's a pain taker

If you feel lost

He's a way maker

If you need freedom or saving

He's a prison-shaking Savior

If you've got chains

He's a chain breaker

We've all search for the light of day in the dead of ni

We've all found ourselves worn out from the same o

We've all run to things we know just ain't right

And there's a better life

There's a better life

If you've got pain

He's a pain taker

If you feel lost

He's a way maker

If you need freedom or saving

He's a prison-shaking Savior

If you've got chains

He's a chain breaker

If you believe it

If you receive it

If you can feel it

Somebody testify

SONG

Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

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ace, how sweet the sound
a wretch like me
lost, but now am found
out now I see.

e that taught my heart to fear
my fears relieved
us did that grace appear
irst believed.

are gone, I've been set free
y Savior, has ransomed me.
lood His mercy reigns,
ove, amazing grace.

as promised good to me
y hope secures.
shield and portion be,
life endures.

*are gone, I've been set free
y Savior, has ransomed me.
lood His mercy reigns,
ove, amazing grace. (repeat)*

hall soon dissolve like snow,
bear to shine
ho called me here below,
ver mine.
ver mine.
ever mine.

AFTER COMMUNION

you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us
the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy,
en us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent
ard one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(Chorus x2)

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
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: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, v
the church, those in need, and all of your creation.
(A brief silence.) Lord God, bless and send your c
from each place of worship to be a light to the natio
Wherever we set out in faith, equip us to share our
Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

and protect your creation, raising up stewards and
ers to nourish and sustain natural wonders too many
er. Protect bees and butterflies, and send sun and
re they are needed. Lord, in your mercy,
r prayer.

and govern the nations, uniting all humankind in
justice and peace. Fashion our hearts and guide our
love. Lord, in your mercy,
r prayer.

and comfort those in need, providing shelter to those
homes, food for those who hunger, companionship
who are lonely, and health to the sick (*especially*).
help and their shield. Lord, in your mercy,
r prayer.

and sustain those wanting but unable to bear children,
the adoption process, and children longing for
Welcome in love those who seek homes in a new
ity or country, and give us eyes to see and hearts to
to the needs of our newest neighbors. Lord, in your

r prayer.

our care the faithful loved ones who have died in
(*especially*), until we join them in the everlasting city,
rchitect and builder is God. Lord, in your mercy,
r prayer.

e things and more we ask in the name of our risen
sus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit..

ce of Christ be with you always.
o with you.

~ OFFERING ~

“Christ Is Counting On You”

en and **performed as a solo** by Steve Weber

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the
gathered together to become one bread, so let you
gathered together from the ends of the earth into your
kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ
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.

~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
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
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.***

~ COMMUNION ~