



We pray for our shut-ins, college students, all military service men & women and their families, all who are homeless or unemployed, our shut-ins, our friends and family, including: Adam, Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Austin Wagner, Barry & Shelby, Barry Webster, Bert E., Bev, Bill, Bob, Bonnie C.,

Claudine, Connie, Darrell, Debi, Delene, Diane, Dick, Dodi, Don, Don & Darlene, Don & Harriet, Emma, Erik, Ernie, Florence, Gary, Gary Flanders, Gavin, George, Heidi, Ila Price Family, Inez, Irene A., Jackie, Jaleena, Janet, Janice, Janie, Jaymison, Jean, Jeff, Jerry & Cookie, Jessica, Jim, Julie, June, Kamyra, Kathy C., Kathy Mears, Kevin, Kris, Larry, Leota Wicks, Linda, Mandy, Mason, Matt, Maureen, Melissa, Nancy, Pat Schnurr, Patti, Rich, Riley, Ruthann, Sandy, Sarah, Sam, Sandy, Sharon, Shirley, Steve, Sue, Sue & George, Susan, Ted, Terri, Todd, Tom, Violet, Vivian, Zach



***Saturday, March 2, 2019 - 5pm***

**Faith Lutheran Church's  
2nd Annual Trivia Night  
and Italian Dinner.**

**\$10 per person**

**SIGN UP SHEETS ON BOARD!**

**We'll begin with a delicious Italian dinner from Anna Maria's: mostaccioli, salad, beverage. TRIVIA and dessert to follow.**

***Can you make a gift basket for the silent auction, donate a \$25 Gift Card or new item valued @ \$25?***

**A great time was had by all last year!**

**You don't have to be good at TRIVIA!**

**You just have to want to have fun and support our event by signing up or making a donation.**

**Proceeds will be going towards Youth Summer Camp and purchase of new tables. We thank you for your support!**



## **Faith Lutheran Church**

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

Sunday, February 24, 2019

7th Sunday after Epiphany ~ 9:30 am



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence.)* Most merciful God,

**C:** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free 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 with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow,  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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: Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.

C: Amen.

Are you missing a hat, glove, glasses case?  
Please check our Lost & Found Box  
by the fountain in the narthex. Thanks!



**In Case of a Pastoral Need:**

Please contact Pastor Rick Meier  
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On behalf of all of us here at Faith,  
we thank Pastor Tim Kenyon for leading  
our worship today. We appreciate you!



**FEBRUARY**

22 - Carol Frey, Autumn Marty, & Ben Strasser  
27 - Landon Cihlar, 8 - Patti Dunaway

**MARCH**

1 - Mason Rice-Devlin, 7 - Aubrey Miller and Hayden Gruenberg,  
10 - Dennis Kelce, 16 - Aaron Miller, 17 - Jean Warn,  
20 - Mike Murphy, 26 - Bailey Binder, 28 - Melissa Castro,  
31 - Aly Hatch and Amber Miller

**Sunshine Committee**

Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway will send Sympathy,  
Graduation, and Get Well cards upon notification.  
Call Patti at 815-389-8957 or Karen at 815-389-2353 or  
email Patti at [pkdunaway7@gmail.com](mailto:pkdunaway7@gmail.com). Thank you!



**ASH WEDNESDAY - Service at 7pm Wednesday, March 6**  
**Lenten Soup Suppers begin Wednesday, March 13 and will**  
**continue for 5 weeks through Wednesday, April 10th. Our**  
**light supper precedes each Wednesday's Lenten Service.**

## Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

**We are happy to have you worship with us today!**

**Join us in our Fellowship Room for a bite to eat & drink.**

**COMMUNION** ~ Receive your bread or gluten-free wafer, take a small cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light). Dispose of your cup in the receptacle on your way back to your seat.

**OFFERING** ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your offering or mail it in. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

### Financials for Sunday, February 17, 2019 - Week 7

Attendance - 73

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,734.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,150.00
2019 YTD Actual Offering	\$16,080.65
2019 YTD Offering Needed	\$16,050.00

### Today's Worship Leaders

*Altar Guild* - Carol & Roger Frey

*Videographer* - Helen Meier

*PowerPoint Tech* - Mike Banker

*Counters* - Roger & Carol Frey

*Reader* - Craig Miller

*Fellowship* - Pat & Bernie Parisot

*Greeters* - Eloise Manley & Gail Krause

*Musician* - Betty Comins

*Ushers* - Doug Congdon and Ray Wendell

*Guest Pastor* - Rev. Tim Kenyon

### 2019 Faith Lutheran Church Council Members

**President - Craig Miller**

**Vice-President - Todd Strasser**

**Treasurer, Stewardship & Finance - Doug Congdon**

**Secretary - Sue Brunson (non-voting member)**

**Property - Todd Strasser, George Brunson, Mike Banker**

**Parish Life - Craig Miller**

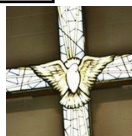
**Social Ministry - Patti Dunaway & Karen Murr**

**Memorial - Cathy Murphy**

**Student Representative - Rachel Strasser**

**Pastor, Worship & Music - Pastor Rick Meier**

**MEETINGS: 3rd Monday of the Month at 5:30pm**



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus,

C: make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A reading from Genesis, the 45<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' "

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **A Responsive Reading From Psalm 37**

**P:** Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**C:** For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

**P:** Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**C:** Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.

**P:** Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

**C:** The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

**P:** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**C:** Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

**P:** For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

**C:** In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.

**P:** But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

**C:** But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.

**P:** You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

**C:** Amen.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banquet table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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:** Thanks be to God.



P: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Even in the midst of death, give us faith to trust your promise of ever lasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*- VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY -*

*“Peace in Christ”* by 5 year old Claire Ryann Crosby  
And her father David Crosby

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*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 thy bounties thus, as stewards do receive, and gladly as though blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### COMMUNION

It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

P: 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: Luke 6:27-38

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus said: “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON ~ Pastor Tim Kenyon

### Hymn of the Day

#### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

## 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: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*) We pray for the church. Fill us with a spirit of generosity and care. Lead us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Show us new ways to be helpful to others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the earth. Grant seasonable weather for the planting and harvesting of crops. Protect farms, orchards, and gardens from damage. Bless those who till fields, those who care for live stock, and all who provide food. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the nations. For all researchers and leaders who work to resolve complex issues; for all who teach peace and reconciliation to communities in conflict; for those affected by earthquake, drought, or storms, and all who come to their aid. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For those in need. For those who lack adequate food, shelter, or access to medical care; for those unable to find gainful employment. Heal the sick, and comfort the grieving.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For this assembly. Inspire us to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. Teach us to give freely of ourselves and to offer our lives in service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**