



Interested in sending your kids or grandkids to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Church camp in Oregon, IL this summer? *We have scholarship money to cover ALL costs! Cabins or tents. Overnight or Day Camp. Full week are Sun. thru Fri. For grades K-12.* Full weeks \$460 and half weeks \$260 beginning June 9-14 to Aug. 4-9. Games, swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, bible studies, campfires. See Pastor Rick, Craig Miller, or Sue Brunson!



Memorial Bricks are still available for purchase... a beautiful & forever way to celebrate or remember. Flyers are on narthex table.



Next Sunday, June 30th is our Praise & Worship service. Please bring your family! Invite your friends, too!

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, August 11th is our annual Church Picnic and outdoor worship service, beginning at 10am. We're happy to have Steve Weber join us as our musician!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, June 23, 2019

2nd Sunday after Pentecost - 9:30 am

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: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin. *(A brief silence.)* God of mercy,

C: **we confess that we sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us † all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom, Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.



OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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: This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific - the demonic - nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

C: Amen.



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

Adam, Alyson & Jarrett, Ann, Audrey, Austin Wagner, Barry & Shelby, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brad, Brenda, Carol, Claudine, Craig, Darrall, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dick, Don, Doug, Duane Drye, Eloise, Emily & boys, (Eric, Robin & Jack Murphy), Emma, Ester, Ethel, Evelyn, Faith, Florence, Gail, Gary, (Gary, Renee & Jack McGuire), Gavin, George, Harriet & Don, Heidi, Inez, Iris, Ja-leena, Janet, Janie, Jean, Jim, Joanie, Joann, June, Karan, Ken-ny, Kim, Kris, Larry, Lisa, Lori, Mandy, Matt, Meri, Mikey Mur-phy, Nan, Pastor Rick & Helen, Pat, Payton, Pete. Rich, Rick, Robert, Ruthann, (Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire), Sharon, Shirley, Steve, Stuart, Susan, Tallen, Tammy, Ted, Terri, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Travis, Vicki, Violet, Vivian & family.

You're invited

The Out to Dinner group will meet Friday, June 28th at 6:00 PM at the Forest Hills Diner -11189 Forest Hills Rd., Machesney Park. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. **Deadline is TODAY**, Sun., June 23rd. Please sign up - everyone is invited to join the group!

IT'S BRAT STAND TIME!!

10:30 - 2:30 Friday & Saturday

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP!

AND - come and eat! Bring a friend

and come have a delicious lunch!



JUNE: 23-Jeremy Naff, 26-Willis Miller

JULY: 5-Debi Nelson, 11-Grayson Marty, 14-John Coots, 14-Laurie Wicks, 16-Anne Strasser, 16-Don Reedy, 17-Linda Gilbert, 18-Mallory Brown, 19-Marcy Reedy, 19-Todd Strasser, 24-Doug Congdon, 26-Mike Banker, 27-Sue Brunson, 28-Sarah Rice-Devlin, 30-Amanda Guffey, 30-Pastor Rick

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Computer Technician - Anne Strasser
Offering Video - Rachel Strasser
Reader - Ellen Olson
Counters - Carol & Roger Frey
Fellowship - Bernie & Pat Parisot
Greeters - Ellen and Ole Olson
Musician - Betty Comins
Ushers - Doug Congdon & Ray Wendell
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



Today's altar flowers
are donated by
Gail & Dennis Kelce
in honor & memory
of all loved ones

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

A reading from Isaiah, the 65th chapter.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 22

R: But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

C: **Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

R: Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

C: **I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Ice Cream Social

The Ice Cream Social will be Sunday July 21st from 3 to 6 PM come rain or shine. Everyone is welcome. **Free ice cream sundaes (choose your toppings)**, entertainment, free door prizes, children's games, cake walk, cake auction, fun and fellowship. Food will be available for purchase.

Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board for help, cakes and toppings. Questions? Call Pat Parisot 815-282-0953.

Faith Lutheran Car Cruise In will be held on Saturday, September 21st. Put this fun event on your calendar!



Saturday, November 16

10am-3pm Craft Show/Bake Sale

\$25 Booth Inside at Didier Hall,

at St. Peter Church, South Beloit

CRAFTERS WANTED - call 815-389-1824



P: You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

C: For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

R: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

A reading from Galatians, the 3rd chapter.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

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 in peace. Christ is sending you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

We are happy to have you worship with us today! Please stay and join us for a bite to eat & drink after worship.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward to receive the bread, dip it in the wine (dark) or juice (light). Gluten-free wafers are available - indicate to Pastor when it's your turn. You don't have to be a member of Faith or even be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host - ALL baptized are welcome.

Offering ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** next week. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

Financials for Sunday, June 16, 2019- Week #24

Attendance - 87

Actual Offering	\$1,821.34
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,150.00
2018 YTD Actual Offering	\$56,100.06
2018 YTD Offering Needed	\$51,600.00



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; 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: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with our heart, service our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.



When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds. Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

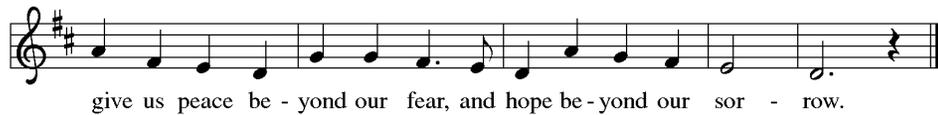
Sermon

"Declare How Much God Has Done for You!"



Hymn of the Day

Healer of Our Every Ill



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: Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need. *(A brief silence.)* For all servants of the gospel, for the church throughout the world, and for all who sing the praise and glory of God, that through the gift of faith, all declare the wonderful name of Christ, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the well-being of creation, for mountains and lakes, for fields and forests, and for plants and animals, that God lift up good stewards to care for the entire earth, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the nations and their rulers, for aid workers, and for people in war-torn areas (*especially*), that God raise up leaders and advocates to work for the equality of all, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For all who cry out in need: the hungry and poor, the downtrodden and outcast, the grieving and the sick (*especially*), that all know that God is near and hears their cries, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For teachers preparing for the upcoming school year, for those who are traveling and absent from worship, and for those who visit our congregation, that God's love lead them in their daily vocations, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For all baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, including those who have died (*especially*). Confident that we belong to you in life and in death, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
"God's Not Dead" by Newsboys

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

***We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, in thee.
 May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
 And gladly as though blessed us, to thee our first-fruits give.***