



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 on the board . Thank you!

Fellowship / Coffee Hour Treats Needed

Everyone loves to stop and chat after church and have a bite to eat. But, we ask you to please sign up to bring something once or twice during the next coming months. When was the last time you signed up? 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 Car Cruise-In will be Saturday, September 21st - 10-2pm 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

Volunteers will be needed



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, August 18, 2019

10th 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

O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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: The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

C: **Amen.**



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

Aaron, Adam, Adam N., Alice, Alyson & Jarrett, Amy, Andy, Angel, Ann, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Austin Wagner, Barry & Joann, Barry & Shelby, Beth, Betty, Bev, Bill, Bob, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brett, Brian, Carol, Cazmyre, Chase, Chris, Chuck, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Courtney, Craig, Daisy, Dan, Darrell, Debbie, Debi, Denise, Diana, Diane, Dick, Dodi, Don, Donna, Doug, Doug N., Eloise, Emily & boys, (Eric, Robin & Violet Murphy), Emma, Erik, Ester, Ethel, Evelyn, Faith, Florence, Gail, Gary, (Gary, Renee & Jack McGuire), Gavin, George, Harriet & Don, Heidi, Inez, Irene, Irene A., Iris, Jackie, Jackson, Jaleena, Jan, Janet, Janice, Janie, Jaxson, Jean, Jeff, Jenny, Jessica, Jim, Joan, Joann, Joey M., John, Jolynn, Julia, Julie, June, Karan, Karen, Kathy Mears, Kayla, Kelli, Kenny, Kevin, Kim, Kim & Pete, Kris, Larry, Laurie, Linda G., Lisa, Lori, Lynn, Mandy, Marion M., Mary Jane, Matt, Meri, Mike, Mikey Murphy, Nan, Nancy Werschlin, Pastor Rick & Helen, Pat, Patti, Paula, Payton, Pete, Rachel, Rich, Rick, R.J. Daniels, Robert, Robin, Ruthann, (Ryan, Brynn, Teddy & Ellis McGuire), Sam, Sarah, Scott, Sharon, Shirley, Steve, Stuart, Susan, Tallen, Tammy, Taylor, Ted, Teresa, Terese, Terri, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Travis, Trisha, Vance, Vicki, Victor, Violet, Vivian & Rogalla family, and Zach.



Our next Church Council meeting is tomorrow, Mon., August 19 at 5:30. If interested in joining our Church Council, we invite you join us in the Fellowship Room.



Our **GOOD SAMARITAN FUND** is used to help individuals or families in emergency circumstances and is overseen by Pastor Rick. To donate to this fund, please use a pew envelope and write in **GOOD SAMARITAN FUND. Thank you!**

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Technician - Anne and Rachel Strasser

Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser

Reader - Ellen Olson

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Carol & Roger Frey

Greeters - Tina Hatch

Musician - Betty Comins

Ushers - Doug Congdon & Tammy Dunkel

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



**1-Diana Schneider, 1-Bill Schultz, 2-Rachel Strasser,
4-Aaron Blakeman, 5-Julie Wright, 9-Lynn Grover,
10-Betty Lampher, 12-Fran Cliffe, 12-James Gruenberg,
12-Samantha Wright, 14-David Cliffe, 21-Austin Wagner,
22-Don Dittmer, 25-Trisha Cliffe, 26-Reece Binder**



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



**Big thanks to all of our great Brat Stand
volunteers! We still need you!
The Brat Stand will be open through
September, so please keep filling in
those blanks on the sign up sheets!
Six weekends to go!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah, the 23rd chapter.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 82

R: God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

C: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"

R: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

C: rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

R: They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

R: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"

C: Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

A reading from Hebrews, the 11th chapter.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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.

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 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 at God's table.

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, August 11, 2019- Week #32

Church Picnic

Actual Offering	\$1,453.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,150.00
2019 YTD Actual Offering	\$72,127.36
2019 YTD Offering Needed	\$68,800.00

A Summer Gloria

Glory be to God...for clear blue skies and sunny days, for fresh green grass and leafy trees, for vivid purple flowers & well-tended gardens, for fluffy white clouds and gentle breezes. Glory be to God...for people stepping out with sandaled feet, for children playing games with delighted squeals, for picnics and street parties, for long days and short nights. Glory be to God...for seasons, for summer, for sunshine! *Chick Yuill*



The Out To Dinner Group will meet at 6pm on Friday, August 23 at Lino's - 5611 E. State St., Rockford. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board. SIGN UP DEADLINE IS TODAY!

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: 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 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; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"When the Gospel Sparks Controversy and Discomfort"

Hymn of the Day My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side,
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation. *(A brief silence.)* O God, you have given us your word. Like a fire, kindle its flame within and among us. Empower us for the work of breaking down walls, reconciling the divided, and building faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You formed the furthest reaches of the universe, yet your spirit dwells within each life. Be the companion and keeper of every creature, and redeem all your creation in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You rise up to rule the nations. Bless grassroots movements and guide elected officials. Teach the nations to be good neighbors to each other. Inspire us all to share food, land, knowledge, and our arts for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You rescue those in any need. Be with surgeons, nurses, and all medical personnel who care for the sick *(especially)*. Shelter all who need homes and feed all who are hungry. Comfort those who are bereaved. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We thank you for the friendship, community, and witness of those gathered here today. Send us out to welcome those estranged from family or experiencing difficult separations. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Be with us in the tragedies and troubles of this world, and join us and all the saints with Christ in perfect joy. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY

"Build Your Kingdom Here" by Rend Collective

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

