



*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**

**BLESSED**  
 BEYOND MEASURE



**Faith Lutheran Church**

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*  
 Sunday, August 4, 2019  
 8th 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

### You Servants of God



1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a-  
2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a-  
4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of  
nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his  
loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the  
pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!  
tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!  
an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.  
an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

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: Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

C: **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



***We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins, our college students, all military men & women & families, all First Responders. We pray for our friends, families & our***

***loved ones, especially:*** Aaron, Adam, Adam N., AJ, 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, Family of Duane Drye, 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, Mckena, Meri, Mike, Mikey Murphy, Nan, Nancy Werschin, 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.



### 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**

**Computer Technician - Anne and Rachel Strasser**

**Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser**

**Reader - Jeremy Naff**

**Counters - Carol & Roger Frey**

**Fellowship - Pat Wicks**

**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**

**WE'LL BE GATHERING BIRTHDAY CARDS  
FOR OUR SOLDIER, AUSTIN WAGNER'S  
21ST BIRTHDAY. PLEASE BRING A CARD  
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, AUGUST 18,  
AND WE'LL GET THEM SENT TO HIM.  
AUSTIN IS THE GRANDSON OF WILLIS  
AND BECKY MILLER AND THE SON OF  
AMBER AND AARON MILLER. THANKS!**



*\*BIRTHDAY NOTE: Please remember our shut-ins!  
Bill Schultz and Betty Lampher have birthdays in August.*

*Cards for both can be sent to them at:*

**Highview in the Woodlands  
1000 Falcon Point Place, Rockton, IL 61072**

***CHILDREN'S CHURCH***

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

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

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**A Responsive Reading From Psalm 49**

R: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

**C: you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

R: My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**C: I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

R: Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

**C: the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

R: One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

**C: for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

R: in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

**C: For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

R: Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

**C: Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

A reading from Colossians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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, July 28, 2019- Week #30**

**Attendance - 75**

<b>Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$1,775.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering Budget</b>	<b>\$2,150.00</b>
<b>2019 YTD Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$68,019.86</b>
<b>2019 YTD Offering Needed</b>	<b>\$64,500.00</b>



***NEXT SUNDAY is our CHURCH PICNIC!***

**Outdoor worship begins at 10am, then the picnic. Church will provide fried chicken, lemonade, water, and dinnerware. Please bring a dish to pass and your lawn chairs. Any help setting up and taking down tables will be much appreciated!**

## 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: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.



Today's altar flowers are donated by Anne, Todd and Ben Strasser in honor of Rachel's 18th birthday. Happy Birthday, Rachel!

## GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon "Rich Toward God"

### Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

## **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.*) Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. Work through your church to restore justice and mercy, and send rest and comfort to all who are bowed down. Trusting in God, our abundant provider, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Your creation longs for generous care. Give growth to the fields, strength to farmers, ranchers, and laborers who toil in summer's heat, and wisdom to us to respect earth's bounty. Trusting in God, our loving creator, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life - low and high, rich and poor - and sway every heart toward your merciful will. Trusting in God, our Sovereign, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Your people in this congregation praise you and pray for your almighty help. Comfort those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or stress. Provide for those in need (*especially*). Trusting in God, our purpose and goal, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Your communities near and far lack basic resources. Supply work, food, and health care for all who are in need. Bring relief to those who are overworked. Trusting in God, our help, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Your saints who have died now rest in your merciful care. Comfort us in faith and love as we continue our labor on earth. Trusting in God, who gives life to the dead, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

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**

*"My Feet Are On the Rock" by I Am They*

## **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**

