

Did You Know Faith provides...



There are 11 people in our Prayer Chain. If you have an emergency or special need, please call Mary Ann Mueller 815-979-1339 or any one on the list posted on the board.



You can dedicate one or both vases of altar flowers in honor or memory. The cost is \$7 each, both for \$14. Sign Up sheets are on the board by the water fountain in the narthex. Dates available through 2019.



Weddings can be arranged with Pastor Rick. A small reception can also be held for up to 40 guests.



Baptisms can be arranged with Pastor Rick.



Funerals can be arranged with Pastor Rick. A small luncheon can also be provided for up to 40 guests.



Hall rental can be arranged with the church office. Our Fellowship Room can comfortably hold about 40. The kitchen is also available. There is a small refundable fee for usage.



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ
Praise & Worship Service ~ Sunday, April 28th, 2019
2nd Sunday of Easter ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE VIDEO "Today Is The Day"

by Lincoln Brewster

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation:

P: We gather in the name of the Father,
and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG Trading My Sorrows by Darrell Evans

1. I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

*Refrain: Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord!
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord!
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord!
Amen!*

2. I'm pressed, but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned,
Struck down, but not destroyed!
I am blessed beyond the curse For His promise will endure,
That His joy's gonna be my strength;
Though the sorrow may last for the night,
His joy comes in the morning!
Repeat verse 1 Repeat Refrain X2
Repeat verse 2 Repeat verse 1

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God of life,

C: you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Children's Sermon
VIDEO

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

by Rick Found



TODAY'S READING: Acts 5:27-32

A reading from Acts, the 5th chapter.

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



How lucky we are to have such a wonderful group of people in our Faith congregation - always willing to help when asked or needed! Yes, we're talking about YOU!

Here's how you can help - Sign Up sheets are on the bulletin board in the front hallway.

Sunday Greeter - Come at 9:10 to stand in the doorway to greet and shake hands with all those coming to church. It's a nice job for a family or 1, 2, or 3 people.

Scripture Reader - You'll get an email with the readings ahead of time. Everyone's worried that they're not "good enough"- yes YOU ARE! It really is a nice opportunity to help.

Usher - Pass out bulletins to all who enter the sanctuary, collect Welcome slips, pass the offering plate, hold a cup of wine or juice at Communion. This is a position open to both women and men. Doug Congdon is the head usher, and will go over these things with you.

Fellowship Treats - Sign up on the Fellowship Room door to either pay Russell \$20 for donuts he'll buy & bring, or bring what you want. Those who partake in Fellowship treats and drinks are expected to make a small donation each Sunday.



Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you for giving us gifts and talents to use in service and share our love for others. Place in our hearts a desire to live faithfully and do the things you have prepared in advance for us to do. Today we pray that you would bless the work of our hands. May we be good stewards of your blessings and may many lives and hearts be impacted today. May all honor and glory be yours. Amen.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS 23-Pat Parisot, 29-Inez Miller
MAY BIRTHDAYS

1-Sandra Dittmer, Becky Naff, 4-Mike Stinson, 7-Rob Binder,
 8-Al Schnurr, 9-Betty Comins, 11-Tyler McCormick,
 15-Helen Meier, Roger Frey, 21-Dorothy Taylor,
 22-Diane Lipinski, Kennadi Rice-Devlin, 24-Laura Hill,
 26-Donald Schlegel, 27-Grady Naff, 31-Kelli Hedrington



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



*LOST at church – gold bracelet
 with charms. Please contact church
 office or Tammy Dunkel. Thank you!*

Faith Lutheran Church
 Thanks for your support!



Our famous Faith Lutheran Brat Stand
 will officially be open for business on
 Fri. May 31 & Sat. June 1 10:30-2:30pm

We'll need lots of your help during the
 14 week season...more info to come!
 Anne Strasser, Pat Wicks, Craig Miller



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

**"Let Your Faith Prevail
 (over Doubt)"**



SONG OF THE DAY "Forever" by Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord our God & King, His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise ~ Sing praise, sing praise

*Refrain: Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, Forever. Forever.*

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever ~ Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise *Refrain x2*
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
Sing praise, sing praise Sing praise (Hallelujah)
Sing Praise (Hallelujah)

**Forever You are faithful, Forever You are strong
Forever You are with us, Forever and ever and ever,
Forever (x2)**

Confirmation Creed

We believe in God the Father, who is the Creator of heaven and earth. God loved his creation and said it was good. God has given us life and things to support our life, like plants and animals. God is still creating through people, every time there is new life and more technology. God provides for us by giving us all that we need for daily life.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the world. He healed many people because he cared about them. He taught many stories and parables to his followers to increase their faith. He died on the cross to save us from our sins. He rose from the dead, and after he rose he commanded us to make new disciples all over the world. Because he loves us, he offers all who believe eternal life. He promises to be with us till the end of the age.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of our faith. He gives us spiritual gifts like love, joy, and kindness. He forgives our sins and helps us to live holy lives. The Holy Spirit calls people to become part of the Christian Church, and helps the church to grow around the world. He calls us to serve others in the world, and helps us live in peace with our neighbor.

This is most certainly true. AMEN!

In Case of a Pastoral Need:

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*Today's altar flowers are donated by
John & Laurray Coots, Mike & Dawn Banker
in memory of Don and Fran Banker*



We pray for our shut-ins, college students, all military families, homeless, unemployed, friends and family:
Aaron, Adam, Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Austin, Barry & Joann, Barry & Shelby, Beth, Bert B., Bill, Bob, Brad, Brenda, Claudine, Craig, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dick, Dodi, Don, Don & Harriet, Heidi, Dodi, Donna, Doug, Doug N., Eloise, Emma, Ethel, Erik, Florence, Gail, Gary, Gary, Renee & Jack McGuire, Gavin, George, Heidi, Helen, Isaiah, Inez, Irene A., Jackie, Jaleena, Jan, Janet, Janie, Jean, Jeff, Jen, Jessica, John, Julie, June, Kathy, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kenny, Kevin, Kris, Lacy, Larry, Linda, Linda G., Lois, Lori, Lorrie, Matt, Maureen M., Nancy, Pat, Payton, Rich, Robin, Eric & Violet Murphy, Romaine, Ruthann, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Sam, Sandy, Scott, Selena, Sharon, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Tammy, Ted, Teri, Theresia, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tony Sherman, Tracy, Tristan, Vicki, Viola, Violet, Vivian, Zach.



Sunshine Committee

Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway will send Sympathy, Graduation, and Get Well cards upon notification.
Patti: 815-389-8957 or pkdunaway7@gmail.com
Karen: 815-389-2353 . Thank you!



A special care package is being prepared to send to US Army veteran Austin Wagner, son of Aaron Miller, grandson of Becky & Willis Miller, great-grandson of Shirley Wright. He is now stationed at Fort Carson, CO, but will be deployed this summer to Africa. We want him to know he's got our support & prayers! NO CHOCOLATE, please. He would enjoy getting cards, pistachio nuts, teriyaki jerky, snacks, gum, & magazines. Cash is also needed for shipping costs. Thank you!
Mailing date: Monday, May 20th. Collection box is in narthex.

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 ~ ALL baptized Christians are invited and welcomed to receive Holy Communion at Faith Lutheran. Receive your bread or gluten-free wafer, intinct in the wine (dark) or grape juice (light).

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Videographer - Helen Meier, Rachel Strasser

PowerPoint Tech - Mike Banker

Counters - Roger & Carol Frey

Reader - Don Reedy

Fellowship - Sue & George Brunson

Greeters - Tammy Dunkel, Tina Hatch

Musician - Helen Meier: Praise and Worship music

Special thanks to Helen for putting this together!

Ushers - Doug Congdon, Shawn Guffey

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



Financials for Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 - Week 16

Attendance - 148

Weekly Offering Actual - \$3,039.00

Weekly Offering Needed - \$2,150.00

2019 YTD Actual Offering - \$38,850.22

2019 YTD Needed - \$34,400.00

Maunder Thursday Financials

Offering Plate - \$54.00

Designated Lent envelopes - \$20

Designated Good Friday envelopes - \$31.00

Living Last Supper - \$296.00

Designated Expenses envelopes - \$114.00

TOTAL - \$515.00

Easter Sunday Breakfast Donations:

\$184 + Noisy Can \$157.12 \$341.12

Expenses \$102.44

Remaining balance of \$238.68 goes to the Youth Fund

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. *(A brief silence.)* Strengthen the witness of your church in all corners of the world. Make us visible signs of your grace so others see your goodness and come to believe. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Breathe life and peace into your creation. Protect homes, fields, and communities from damaging winds. Bless environmentalists, engineers, and legislators who work to curb pollution and to ensure clean air for us and for future generations. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Give to all government leaders a renewed spirit of humility and servanthood, following the example of Christ, our leader, savior, and ruler. Uphold cease-fires, treaties, and all agreements and agencies that further the cause of peace on earth *(especially)*. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: By the resurrection of the wounded Christ, draw near to those wounded in body or spirit. Liberate all who are bound by grief, abuse, addiction, or pain. Restore faith to the despairing and hope to the suffering *(especially)*. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Protect and provide for all whom you send out in mission across the world. Empower global mission organizations and partners who provide for the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We give you thanks for all the saints who believed in you and who now enjoy eternal life in your name *(especially)*. Sustain us with your everlasting presence, for you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY VIDEO “*God’s Not Dead*” by Newsboys

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love’s sake.

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 MODERN LORD’S PRAYER ~

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

~ COMMUNION ~



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world. In the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of the living God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG “*Days of Elijah*” by Robin Mark

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

*Refrain: Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

These are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise. These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord! *Refrain*

There's no God like Jehovah. Repeat X8

Refrain: Repeat x 2

Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

DISMISSAL

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

God in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!