



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ
Praise & Worship Sunday, March 31, 2019
4th Sunday in Lent ~ 9:30 am

Wednesdays, April 3 & 10 - Simple Suppers at 5:30

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Thursday, April 18 - Maundy Thursday

“The Living Last Supper” performance at 7pm, concluding with Good Friday prayers; all are invited to attend - invite your family, friends & neighbors

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday - Community Service at 12 noon at the Old Stone Church, Rockton

Sat., April 20 - Butterflies go up at 9am; please come help transform the sanctuary!

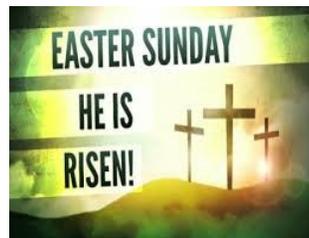


Sat., April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt here from 1-2pm

Please bring donations of wrapped candy for filling 100's of Easter eggs - Thanks!

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday

8 am - All invited!
Family Breakfast;
free will offering
donations taken



9:30 - Easter Sunday Worship Service

Prelude Video “*This Is Amazing Grace*”

by Phil Wickham



Welcome and Announcements

Invocation:

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

C: Amen.

Opening Song “*Here I Am To Worship*” by Tim Hughes

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Chorus: Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God!*

*You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me!*

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor. Chorus

I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross. (Repeat x3)(Chorus x2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through 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 and Children's Church

A Reading from 2 Corinthians, the 5th chapter.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"Blessed Be Your Name" by Matt Redman

Blessed Be Your Name, in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow.

Blessed be Your Name!

Blessed Be Your Name, when I'm found in the
desert place, though I walk through the wilderness.

Blessed Be Your name!

*Chorus: Every blessing You pour out,
I'll turn back to praise.*

*When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say;
Blessed be the Name of the Lord,
blessed be Your Name!*

*Blessed be the Name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious Name.*



We pray for our shut-ins, college students, all military families, homeless, unemployed, friends and family: Adam, Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Austin Wagner, Barry & Shelby, Barry Webster, Betty, Betty Comins, Bev, Bill, Bob, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Charlene, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Courtney, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dick, Dodi, Don, Don & Florence, Donna, Doug, Duane Drye, Eloise, Erik, Gail, Gary, Gary, Renee & Jack McGuire, Gavin, Harold Vance Family, Heather, Heidi, Helen & Pastor Rick, Inez, Irene A. & Family, Jackie, Jaleena, Janet, Janice, Janie, Jean, Jeff, Jen, Jen Blum, Jim H., Jody, John, John Buchko, Judy Moldenhaur, Kamya, Kathy, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kennadi, Kenny, Kevin, Kris, Larry, Laurie Swanson, Linda, Linda G., Marion, Matt, Maurice Kehoe, Melissa, Mike, Mikey Murphy, Nancy, Rich, Robin, Ruthann, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Sam, Sarah, Scott, Shari Birch, Sharon, Sheri, Sue, Susan, Tim, Todd, Tom, Tony Sherman, Trisha, Vic, Vicki, Violet, Vivian, Zach



**Faith Lutheran will be open for voting on
Tuesday, April 2 from 6am to 7pm for
Rockton Precincts 3 & 6**

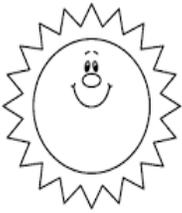
2 things end next Sunday, April 7th:
EASTER FLOWER ORDERS
EMPTY EASTER BASKET FOOD DRIVE



ORDER FORMS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD!



Our Food Drive began Sun., March 10 -
and will end next week on Sun., April 7th.
Your donations will be taken to Caritas.
There is an envelope for cash donations.
Thanks to all for your generosity,
Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway



Sunshine Committee

Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway will send Sympathy, Graduation, and Get Well cards upon notification. Please call Patti at 815-389-8957 or Karen at 815-389-2353 or you could also email Patti at pkdunaway7@gmail.com. Thanks!

In Case of a Pastoral Need:

Pastor Rick Meier

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Email: pastorr1@comcast.net



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

APRIL 4-Shirley Wright, 8-Aaron Hill, 11-Trisha Dunaway, 15-Nate Blakeman, 18-Sue Boyette, 23-Pat Parisot, 29-Inez Miller



Saturday, April 13 - 9 to Noon

We are looking for volunteers to help spruce up our church, inside & out! Please sign up on the board.

SPECIAL NOISY CAN COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Sun., April 7th - We will be taking a Noisy Can Collection to help pay for the Easter Sunday Family Pancake & Ham Breakfast

Worship Without Worry - We will host a PowerPoint presentation to provide preparation in case of an active shooter situation at church. Free. Sunday, April 7th - 3 to 5pm here at Faith Lutheran; this is through the South Beloit Police Dept.

Blessed be Your Name, when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your Name!

Blessed be Your Name, on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name! Chorus:

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name!

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name!

Bridge: *You give and take away.*

You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say;

Lord, blessed be Your Name! (Repeat bridge)

Closing: Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name!

Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name! (Repeat x1)

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG "Love the Lord" by Lincoln Brewster

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 catch up with your offering or mail it in. Thanks for being faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran Church.

Financials Sunday, March 24 - Week #12

Attendance - 80

Weekly Offering Actual \$2,190.75 Offering Budget \$2,150.00
Year To Date Offering \$27,520.65 YTD Budget \$25,800.00

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Videographer - Helen Meier

PowerPoint Tech - Mike Banker

Counters - Laurie & Pat Wicks

Reader - Pat Wicks

Fellowship - Kathy & Bob Strasser - 60th Anniversary

Greeters - Cathy & Mike Murphy

Musician - Helen Meier: Praise and Worship music

Special thanks to Helen for putting this together!

Ushers - Doug Congdon & Bob Strasser

Pastor - Rev. Richard J. Meier

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 ~ MODERN VERSION

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 ~

Communion Video *"You Are My All in All"*

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.

But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' ”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Grace Matters”

Song of the Day

“Amazing Grace-My Chains are Gone” by Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now am found

Was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

CHORUS: *My chains are gone, I've been set free*

My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns,

Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be,

As long as life endures.

CHORUS: (repeat)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,

The sun forbear to shine

But God, who called me here below,

Will be forever mine.

Will be forever mine.

You are forever mine.

2014 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!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation. (*A brief silence.*)

God of abundant grace, guide your church to look upon people as you look upon them, with compassion and as deserving of mercy. Shape us to be worthy ambassadors of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Bestow dignity on migrant and seasonal farm and factory workers. When the time comes for them to leave jobs, provide new ways for them to make a livelihood. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Inspire musicians and poets to point to your unfathomable beauty and creativity. Enhance our vision of your holiness through their works. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Protect and preserve all people who look to you to be their hiding place (*especially*). Be their respite from trouble, and give them hope. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Erase the pain of trauma and the shame and stigma of social contempt. Change the hearts of those who bully or mistreat others, and heal broken relationships. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Invite your whole company of saints into eternal, joyful feasting. When we question your abundant mercy, soften our hearts to receive the gifts of faith and love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our 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

“We Believe” by Newsboys