



The Out To Dinner/Theater night will be Friday, April 26th at 5:00 PM at Domenico's Italian Restaurant, 547 E. Grand Ave., Beloit, WI. After dinner

we will be going to the Beloit Civic Theater, 1225 4th St., Beloit to see "Sylvia." Theater tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors, tickets to be paid the night of the performance. **Must be signed up by TODAY, Sunday April 21st. & the sign up sheet is on the board.** Questions? Please call Pat Parisot 815-282-0953.

SYLVIA brings us the story of Greg and Kate who have moved to Manhattan after twenty-two years of child-raising in the suburbs. Greg brings home a dog he found in the park - or that has found him - bearing only the name "Sylvia" on her name tag. A street-smart Lab-Poodle mix, Sylvia becomes a major bone of contention between husband and wife. She offers Greg an escape from frustrations of his job and the unknowns of middle age. To Kate, Sylvia becomes a rival for affection. And Sylvia thinks Kate just doesn't understand the relationship between man and dog. The marriage is put in serious jeopardy until, after a series of hilarious and touching complications, Greg and Kate learn to compromise, and Sylvia becomes a valued part of their lives.

BLESSED
BEYOND MEASURE

Thanks to all who made all of this week's events so successful! To those who helped out in any way in:

The Living Last Supper, Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Clean Up, Installation of the Butterflies, we thank you! Special thanks to all who helped make the delicious Annual Family Pancake Breakfast - you're AWESOME. These events couldn't happen without YOU! The generous dedication of our very faithful volunteers is a blessing. Thanks, too to all who ordered Easter flowers - the altar was beautiful! Special thanks to Carol and Roger Frey for decorating the Easter altar and taking such good care of everything at the altar.

And last, but by no means least, huge heartfelt thanks to Pastor Rick and Helen for everything you both do to make Faith it's best! We all love and appreciate YOU and pray for God to bless you and your family abundantly!

Thank You!
THANK YOU!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ
Resurrection of Our Lord ~ Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 21, 2019, 9:30 am

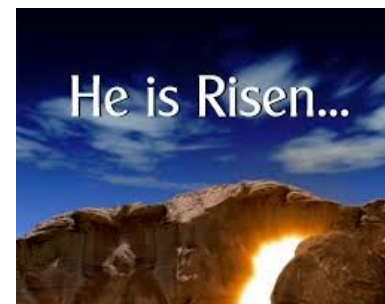
WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.
C: Amen.
- P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance. *(A brief silence.)*
God of life,
C: by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.
- P: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in +Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.
C: Amen.



Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

P: "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

C: Amen.



REQUESTS

FOR PRAYER

We pray for our shut-ins, college students, all military service men & women and their families, all homeless or unemployed, friends and family:

Aaron, Adam, Alex, Alexis, Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Austin, Austin Wagner, Barry & Joann Webster, Barry & Shelby, Becky, Ben, Bert, Beth, Bev, Bill, Bob, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brett, Brian, Cazmyre, Chloe, Chris K., Cindy, Claudine, Craig, Darlene, Darrell, Deacon, Debi, Delienne, Denise, Diane, Dianne, Dick, Dodi, Don, Don & Harriet, Donald, Donna, Doug, Doug N., Duane Drye, Ellis, Eloise, Emma, Eric, Robin & Jack Murphy, Erik, Ethel, Evelyn, Florence, Gail, Gary, Gavin, Renee & Jack McGuire, George, Gere, Grady, Heidi, Helen, Inez, Irene, Irene A., JD, Jackie, Jaleena, Jan, Janet, Janice, Janie, Jean, Jeff, Jen, Jen Blum, Jenny, Jeremy, Jess, Jim, John, John Buchko, Judy M., Julia, Julie, June, Kaitlyn, Kamya, Katherine, Kathy, Kathy Harty, Kathy Mears, Katie, Kayla, Kelli, Kennadi, Kenny, Kevin, Kris, Landon, Larry, Linda, Linda G., Lori, Lorrie, Louise, Lucy, Lucy B., Marion, Matt, Maureen, Maurice Kehoe, Melissa, Meri, Michael Murphy, Mike, Mike H., Mikey, Mya, Nancy, Noah, Pat, Patti, Payton, Rich, Robin, Roger, Ron, Ruthann, Ryann, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Sam, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Sharon, Shelly, Sheri, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Tammy, Ted, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tony Sherman, Tracy, Vic, Vicki, Viola, Violet, Vivian, Zach, Zack



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church
We are happy to have you worship with us today!

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

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Computer Technician - Anne & Rachel Strasser
Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser
Counters - Carol & Roger Frey
Greeters - Tammy Dunkel and Tina Hatch
Musician - Betty Comins
Reader - Craig Miller
Ushers - Doug Congdon and Shawn Guffey
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

Financials for Sunday, March 14, 2019 - Week 15

Attendance - 102

Weekly Offering Actual	\$2,949.05
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,150.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$35,811.22
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$32,250.00

In Case of a Pastoral Need:

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts, the 10th chapter.

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



A Responsive Reading from Psalm 118

R: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

C: **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

R: The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C: **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

R: The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

C: **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

R: The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

C: **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

R: "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

C: **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

R: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

R: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: **Amen.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 15th chapter.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

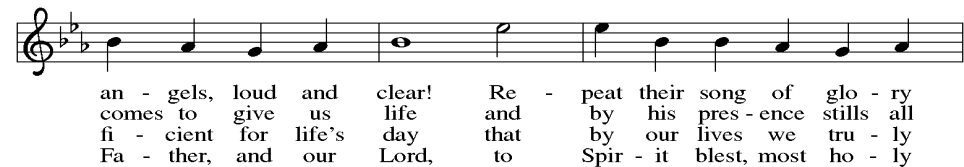
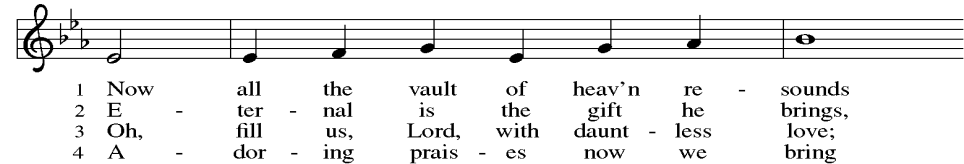
BLESSING

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 HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



DISMISSAL

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace.
Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

P: Alleluia! God, you are comfort. Draw near to all who grieve.
Refresh us with the promise that you will destroy death and that
with all the saints, we will be made alive forever in Christ.
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

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
“Living Hope” by Phil Wickham

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be,
All that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
And gladly as thou blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.**

OFFERING 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 LORD’S PRAYER

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Are We Still Amazed?”

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!



APOSTLE'S 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: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. (*A brief silence.*) Alleluia!
God, you are resurrection. Bring joy to your church as we spread the good news that Jesus is risen. Lead us to proclaim this message with persistence and confidence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Alleluia! God, you are creator. Open our eyes to the first fruits of new life around us: to budding trees, nourishing rains, warm breezes, and freshly tilled soil. Inspire our gratitude and renew our commitment to stewardship of the earth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Alleluia! God, you are reconciliation. You show no partiality among the nations, but instead call all people to the way of peace. Bring an end to conflict and division. Renew leaders and advocates for peace with a commitment to the common good. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Alleluia! God, you are strength. Awaken hope and perseverance in all who need to hear a word of life this day: those who are hungry, anxious, oppressed, despairing, or sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Alleluia! God, you are life. We give you thanks for all the newly baptized, who by water and your word are forever joined to Christ's death and resurrection. Embolden all who share this baptized life and renew us in faith and in action. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.