

Today's altar flowers are donated by the Miller Family in honor of Kelly's 60th birthday and by Gerry Cliffe in honor of Pat & Laurie Wick's 54th Anniversary

*Happy Birthday To You!*

**SEPTEMBER: 5-Becky Miller, 7-David Cliffe, Jr. 9-Robert Schwarz, 10-Shawn Guffey, 19-Kelly Miller, 20-Ellen Olson, 22-Erika Stinson, 25 - Gerry Cliffe**



**THANKS** to everyone who helped out with our Car Cruise-In! What a fun way to reach out to our community!

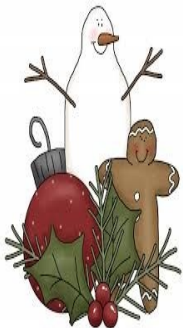


PLEASE Tell your friends & neighbors we are in the Ronald McDonald House tab program! Save the metallic tab from any beverage or soup can. The jar is in the kitchen!





**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH THE BRAT STAND!!**  
Last day is Saturday, September 28  
**ONLY 1 weekend left!**



**Saturday, November 16**  
**10am-3pm Craft Show/Bake Sale**  
**\$25 Booth Inside at Didier Hall,**  
**at St. Peter Church, South Beloit**  
***WE STILL HAVE A FEW TABLES OPEN!***  
***call 815-389-1824***

**In Case of a Pastoral Need:**  
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## Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*  
Praise & Worship Service ~ Sunday, September 22, 2019  
15th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE VIDEO *"You Are God Alone"* by Billy Foote

Welcome and Announcements



Noisy Can Collection for  
Beloit Domestic  
Violence Survivor Center

OPENING SONG *"My Lighthouse"* by Rend Collective

### INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing - we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

C: Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## *Children's Church*

READING: Amos 8:4-7

A reading from Amos, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**A RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 113**

R: Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

C: **Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time  
forth forevermore.**

R: From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of  
the LORD be praised.

C: **The LORD is high above all nations;  
God’s glory above the heavens.**

R: Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

C: **but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

R: The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the  
poor from the ashes,

C: **enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of  
the people.**

R: The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful  
mother of children.

C: **Hallelujah!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Ancient Words” by Lynn Deshazo**

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had  
a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was  
squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him,  
‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of  
your management, because you cannot be my manager any  
longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now  
that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not  
strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided  
what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people  
may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s  
debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe  
my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said  
to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then  
he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A  
hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and  
make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest  
manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this  
age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than  
are the children of light.

**Financials for Sunday, September 15, 2019 - Week 37**

Attendance - 92

Weekly Offering Actual - \$3,008.00

Weekly Offering Needed - \$2,150.00

2019 YTD Actual Offering - \$84,182.36

2019 YTD Needed - \$79,550.00



We pray for our shut-ins, college students, all  
military & first responders and their families, the  
homeless, those unemployed, or struggling with  
their sexuality, friends & family: Aaron, Adam, Adam

N., Alice, Alyson & Jarrett, Amy, Andy, Angel, Ann, Audrey, Aunt Bettie,  
Austin Wagner, Barry & Joann, Barry & Shelby, Bert E., Beth, Betty, Bev,  
Bill, Bob, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Cazmyre, Chase, Chris, Chuck, Cindy,  
Claudine, Connie, Courtney, Craig, Daisy, Dan, Darrell, Debbie, Debi,  
Denise, Diana, Diane, Dianne P., Dick, Dodi, Don, Donna, Doug, Doug N.,  
Eloise, Emily & boys, Emma, Eric Murphy & Family, Erik, Ester, Ethel,  
Evelyn, Faith, Florence, Gail, Gary, Gary McGuire & Family, Gary P.,  
Gavin, George, Harriet & Don, Heidi, Helen, Inez, Irene, Irene A., Iris,  
Jackie, Jackson, Jaleena, Jan, Janet, Janice, Janie, Jasmine, Jean, Jeff,  
Jenny, Jerry Miller, Jessica, Jim, Jim Carpenter, Jimmy, Joan, Joanie,  
Joann, JoAnn, Joey M., John, Jolynn, Judy, Julia, Julie, June, Karan, Karen,  
Kate, Kathy, Kathy Mears, Kayla, Kelli, Ken, Kenny, Kevin, Kim, Kim &  
Pete, Kris, Kyle, Larry, Lauri, Laurie, Linda, Linda Bartram, Linda G., Linda  
M., Lisa, Lori, Lynn, Mandy, Marion, Marion M., Mary Ann Mueller, Mary  
Jane, Matt, Maureen M., Melissa, Meri, Mike, Mike H., Mikey Murphy,  
Nan, Nancy, Pastor Rick & Helen, Pat, Patti, Paula, Payton, Rachel, Rich,  
Rick, R.J. Daniels, Robert, Robin, Roger, Russ L., Russell, Ruthann, Ryan  
McGuire & Family, Sam, Sara, Sarah, Scott, Selena, Sharon, Sherry,  
Sherry Lou, Shirley, Shirley Carpenter, Steve, Steve Lipinski, Stuart, Sue,  
Susan, Tallen, Tammy, Taylor, Ted, Teresa, Terese, Terri, Tim, Tina, Todd,  
Tom, Tracy, Tracy & Don, Travis, Trisha, Val, Vance, Vicki, Victor, Violet,  
Vivian and family, William Sylvester Kosmatka, and Zach.



*Our Confirmation program will begin  
Sunday, Oct. 6th after church at  
10:45am. Please speak to Pastor Rick  
or Anne Strasser of your interest.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG *"All the People Said Amen"* by Matt Maher

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

### Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Videographer - Helen Meier

PowerPoint Tech - Helen Meier

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Reader - Craig Miller

Fellowship - Gerry Cliffe

Greeters - Tammy Dunkel & Tina Hatch

Musician - Helen Meier - *Special thanks!*

Ushers - Doug Congdon and Ray Wendell

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



## 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.

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

### "The Third Conversion"

Song of the Day *"Today is the Day"* by Lincoln Brewster

## 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: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. (*A brief silence.*) Faithful God, you call your church to serve you. Free your people from the deceptions of false masters so that we discover the true richness of serving in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Creating God, you have made all kinds of creatures. Protect animals in the midst of seasonal migration, whether by water, through the air, or over land. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Wise God, you rule the nations. When the powerful trample on the needy and take advantage of the poor, turn them from their selfish ways. Show us your ways of truth that lead to justice. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Healing God, you raise up those who have been brought low, and you remember the forgotten. We lift up to you all who are in need (*especially*). Grant them joy and comfort in your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Mothering God, you give us life. Give strength to families experiencing infertility or challenging pregnancies, to foster parents, parents of adopted children, single parents, and families of all varieties. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Eternal God, you hold us close even in death. We lift to you our thanks for those who have recently died and are now at rest with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY VIDEO**  
*"The Proof of Your Love"*  
by For King and Country

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us 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 Song  
*"10,000 Reasons"* by Matt Redman