

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

TodayWorship @ CAT.....8:00 AM
Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF.....9:45 AM
Bible Class @ BRF11:00 AM
Faith Teachers Meeting @ BRF12:00 PM
Youth Group @ BRF2:00 PM
MondayCouncil Meeting @ CAT.....6:00 PM
Next SundayWorship @ CAT.....8:00 AM
Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF.....9:45 AM



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday.....	Luke 10:23-37	Galatians 3:15-22
Monday.....	James 2:1-13	2 Samuel 9:1-11
Tuesday.....	Matthew 10:40-42	Romans 3:19-22
Wednesday.....	Zechariah 7:8-14	Mark 12:41-44
Thursday.....	Exodus 22:20-26	Philemon 1-25
Friday.....	Hebrews 2:11-18	Deuteronomy 24:17-21
Saturday.....	Jeremiah 2:13-19	Matthew 25:31-46



Live In and Live On Christ



...Rooted in Christ...Reaching Out with the Word

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLACK RIVER FALLS LOCATION

N6598 County Rd. A. Black River Falls, WI 54615

Worship Time: 9:45 am—summer

CATARACT LOCATION

N6774 Acorn Ave. Sparta, WI 54656

Worship Time: 8:00 am—summer

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In our service today we are reminded that there remains only one appropriate response of God's people to his saving Word and works—faithfulness to him in the midst of godlessness and apostasy. In view of all that we see and hear in the Word, we are encouraged to a public confession of loyalty to that Word in a hostile world.

WORSHIP HOSPITALITY

*We are pleased that you have joined us for worship. If you are in need of **restrooms**, they are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. If your child becomes restless during the service there is a **quiet room** outside the sanctuary if you need to take them out. **Hearing assistance** is available in Black River Falls, please speak to an usher. And if it has become difficult to stand for longer periods of time, **please do not feel that you must stand** each time the congregation is invited to stand.*

A FEW NOTES ON OUR WORSHIP

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FEEDING ON JESUS—THE BREAD OF LIFE

A new round of Sunday morning Bible education begins Sunday, September 12, with something for everyone – kids, teens & adults! We encourage you to be like Mary and sit at the feet of Jesus for the one thing needful.

- *Sunday School & Bible Class:* Starting Sunday, September 12 at 9:15 a.m. in Black River Falls.
 - ⇒ We will be using the lesson schedule from the Christ-Light curriculum for all the classes. This will help with your Bible conversations, especially at home. Home devotions utilizing the lesson are found in the adult lessons. There will be an adult and teen Bible study and “Sunday School” classes will be held for pre-K through 6th grade children. All classes run from 9:15-10:15 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Neumann or Brad Markhardt.
- *Sunday Bible Class:* Starting Sunday, September 12 at 11 a.m. in Cataract.
- *6-8th Grade Confirmation:* Starting on Wednesday, September 8 in Black River Falls.
- *Learning to Know your Bible Better (Basic Instruction Class):* Starting on Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- *Wednesday Bible Class:* Starting Wednesday September 8 at 7 p.m. in Black River Falls.

God help us to let his word dwell in us richly. For more information about Bible Classes please watch for the Bible Class Schedule that will be made available next week Sunday!

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

It's coming! Our worship service times will change on Sunday, September 12. On that Sunday, the morning schedule will look like this:

8 am—Worship in Black River Falls

9:15 am—Bible Class and Sunday School in Black River Falls

9:45 am—Worship in Cataract

11 am—Bible Class in Cataract

LADIES OF FAITH—LAP QUILTS (BRF)

Ladies of Faith is planning on making lap quilts again this year. We are looking for anyone who might have fabric that they would be willing to donate for the project. If you do, or if you have any questions, please speak with Annette Markhardt or Laurie Goetzka.

GO HUNTING WITH FiSH!

Invite your friends to a fun afternoon scavenger hunting on Saturday, September 11, in Black River Falls! You'll drive around BRF in teams, looking for an eclectic assortment of information (e.g. identify the 3 animal species represented at Mill's Park). Teams will be formed at 2:00 p.m. and then they will have 2 hours to find as many of the objects as possible. Treats will be served at church while the scores are tallied and the whole thing will be done by 5 p.m. FiSH is a social group geared toward recreational activities for adults, single or married, younger or older.

BRF LANDSCAPE BRIGADE

Consider helping the Landscape Brigade on Saturday, September 11, from 8:00 -9:00 a.m. This month we will be putting down mulch, dead-heading, and doing some weeding. The Landscape Brigade will meet the second Saturday of each month, April through October, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you would like to.

About Us

WE ARE A CHRIST PREACHING CHURCH! *We believe, teach and confess that Jesus is God's own Son, who came into the world to be the Savior of all people so that through his sufferings, death and resurrection, we might have forgiveness of sins and eternal life.*

WE ARE A BIBLE TEACHING CHURCH! *We believe and teach that the Bible is the true and divinely inspired Word of God, the sole authority for Christian faith and life.*

WE ARE A MEMBER OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD (WELS)! *The WELS is a church body with congregations in all 50 states and missionaries in 25 countries.*

Prayer before Worship

Lord Jesus, you gave up the company of your holy angels and the presence of your heavenly Father to be born here on earth. You breathed my air and were tempted by the sins that I give in to. You did not make full use of your heavenly glory for a time, not so I would feel sorry for you, but to save me. Clothe me with your righteousness and help me resist temptation. Amen.

Service Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Neumann

Organists

Mrs. Linda Jessie (8:00 a.m.)

Mrs. Nancy Templeton (9:45 a.m.)

Morning Praise

OPENING HYMN

In Christ Alone | 752
please stand for the final verse

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness

C: we lie and do not live by the truth

P: If we claim to be without sin,

C: we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Silence for personal examination and confession

FAITH IN ACTION

DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Worshipers Last Sunday 71
- Bible Class 25

SUNDAY SERMONS

Copies of Sunday sermons can be found in the gathering area. Sermons can also be found online at www.faihwels.com.

BIBLE CLASS (BRF)

Our Bible Class Potpourri continues today with the topic “Hey God! What about Angels?” Class will begin around 11 am. Please remember: special children’s activity sheets are prepared for younger children, so stick around and bring your kids too!

FAITH TEACHERS MEETING (BRF)

The Faith teachers will meet for their first meeting today, August 29, at 12 pm at our Black River Falls campus.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will meet today at 2 pm in Black River Falls.

IT’S TIME TO SING AGAIN! (BRF)

Choir will be starting Wednesday, September 8th, at 6:15 p.m. New members are always welcome to join us in singing praises to God.

LADIES AID (CAT)

The Ladies Aid will have their first meeting on Thursday, September 9 at 12:30 p.m. in Cataract. All ladies who are members of Faith are welcome to attend. They will start with a potluck lunch that day, so bring a dish to pass.

P: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A - men.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall | 506

P: Father,

C: I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.

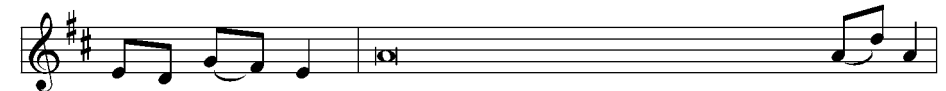
P: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 11:24-28

²⁴By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter when he grew up. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated with God's people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. ²⁶He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

²⁷By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king's wrath, because he persevered as one who sees him who is invisible.

²⁸By faith he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not strike them down.

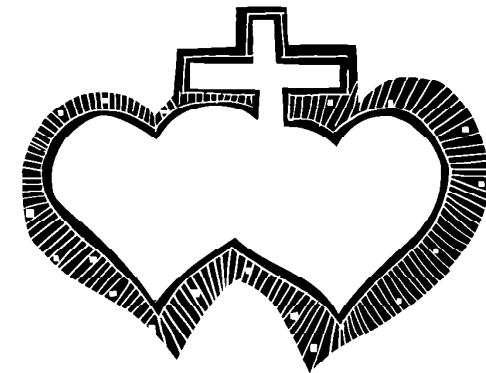
- P:** Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear
- C:** **and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- P:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- P:** Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience.
- C:** **Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake.**
- C:** **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.**



GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Faith respond to God's good news with gifts to support His work. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests—we rejoice in the opportunity to share God's Word with you!

Please stand

THE PRAYERS

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

P: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain.

C: Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son,

P: the eager readiness to believe his promises,

C: and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments.

P: O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness.

C: Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, yes, our whole persons to reflect the mind of Christ.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 71

CW p. 92

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:60-69

⁶⁰When they heard it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?"

⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, "Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? ⁶²What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me, unless it is given to him by my Father."

⁶⁶After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the Twelve, "You do not want to leave too, do you?"

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

SERMON

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

A Christian's Response to the Lord's Saving Actions

I. Recognize, remove, and repent of false gods

II. Recommit to the one true God

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and he summoned the elders of Israel, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and they presented themselves before God.

²Then Joshua told all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel has said."

¹⁴Joshua said, "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵But if you see no benefit in serving the LORD, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the LORD!"

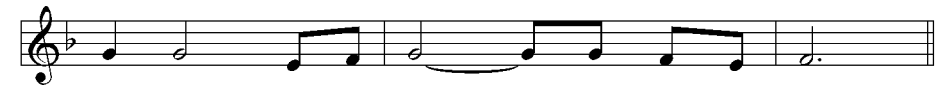
¹⁶The people responded by saying, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD in order to serve other gods! ¹⁷For the LORD our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸The LORD drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God!"



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its
 2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est
 3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his



joys are but a name. But his love a - bides for -
 com - fort of my soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing
 cross my trust shall be Till with clear - er, bright - er



ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same.
 o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
 vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

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