

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

<b>Today</b> .....	Worship @ CAT .....	8:00 AM
.....	Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF .....	9:45 AM
.....	Bible Class @ BRF.....	11:00 AM
<b>Thursday</b> .....	Elders Meeting @ BRF .....	6:00 PM
<b>Saturday</b> .....	Canvass .....	9-11 AM
.....	Canvass .....	2-4 PM
<b>Next Sunday</b> .....	Worship @ CAT .....	8:00 AM
.....	Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF .....	9:45 AM
.....	Bible Class @ BRF.....	11:00 AM
.....	Potluck @ BRF .....	12:00 PM
.....	Canvass .....	2-4 PM

August 1, 2021

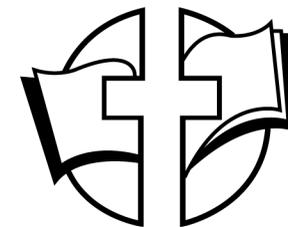
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**DAILY BIBLE READING**

Sunday	Genesis 39:1-6a	Luke 16:1-9
Monday	Ecclesiastes 9:13-18	Proverbs 8:1,11-21
Tuesday	Luke 16:10-13	Proverbs 16:1-9
Wednesday	James 3:13-18	1 Peter 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Timothy 4:12-16	1 Kings 3:16-28
Friday	Matthew 10:16-23	Matthew 13:44-46
Saturday	Luke 12:54-59	Luke 12:42-48

**The Debt Is Paid!**



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# 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

*The kind of wickedness that characterized Sodom and Gomorrah is typical of the world. But through Christ and faith in him we have been separated from the world to put off the sinful nature that loves wicked ways. This does not please the world. So, its people try to get us to join them. If we are going to continue to live in Christ and come to eternal life, it will be necessary to be on our guard against the “hollow and deceptive philosophies” of the 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. 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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## POTLUCK

A potluck will be held at our Black River Falls location on Sunday, August 8—after Bible Class has ended. This will be a true potluck, so you are asked to bring 1 or 2 dishes to pass (main dishes, casseroles, pasta salads, desserts, breads, jello, etc.). This potluck will provide a meal for our two Martin Luther College students who are here helping us with our Bible Soccer Camp as well as give us opportunity to visit with them.

## NO TALK, NO KNOCK, NO TRAINING

In August, prior to our Bible Soccer Camp, our congregation will hang 1,000 post-cards—inviting our community to the Bible Soccer Camp. **Will you help?** You will not be asked to talk to anyone, knock on any doors, or go through any training—just hang flyers. The days and times of the canvass are: 9-11am—Saturday, August 7; 2-4 pm—Saturday, August 7; 2-4 pm—Sunday, August 8. A sign-up sheet for those willing to help is in the gathering area. Choose one day and time, or come for more.

## BIBLE SOCCER CAMP NEEDS

**Snacks:** With our Bible Soccer Camp just around the corner, it means we are in need of drinks and snacks. If you would be willing to make or bring some snacks for the week of August 9-11, please bring them in Sunday, August 1st, August 8th, or during the week of Bible Camp.

**Soccer Balls:** Would you happen to have a soccer ball(s) lying around your house? If you do, would you be willing to let Faith borrow it/them during Bible Soccer Camp. If this is possible, please bring them to church either August 1st or August 8th. Thank you.

## JUBILEE DEBT REDUCTION OFFERING UPDATE

To date, God's has moved his people here at Faith to give \$23,622 towards the Jubilee Debt Reduction Offering. To God be thanks and praise! May he continue to move us to work together toward our goal of \$100,000.

# FAITH IN ACTION

## DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Worshipers Last Sunday 84

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Korthals for being here and sharing with us the sweet gospel message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For those of you who may not know, Pastor Korthals is Pastor Neumann's father-in-law. Take time to greet him this morning. Thank you, Pastor Korthals, for serving our congregation and the Savior in this way!

## BIBLE CLASS TODAY!

We begin five weeks of Bible Class today after our late worship service in Black River Falls. Pastor Korthals will lead a study of Psalm 73 – Why Do the Wicked Prosper While the Godly Suffer? This class is for everyone. Parents with children are also welcome to stay. An activity sheet will be provided for children.

## PASTOR NEUMANN

Pastor Neumann will be returning to the office this week Thursday, August 5. If a pastoral emergency should arise, please call his cell phone, or our congregational president—Dale Jessie (608-633-0422)

## YOU ARE INVITED

Bible Soccer Camp will be held August 9-11 this year at our Black River Falls campus. All children ages 4-13 are invited. A registration sheet can be found in the gathering area.

## ELDERS MEETING THIS WEEK

The Elders will meet Thursday—August 5—in Black River Falls.

## Holy Communion—a note to our guests

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*The Bible tells us that those who receive communion together are to:*

1. *Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:29),*
2. *Examine themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28),*
3. *Be united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Corinthians 10:17).*

*Since it is not possible for us to know whether unity in these areas exist apart from a person's public confession, we practice **close communion**. That is, we ask only those who have publicly confessed oneness with us by membership in our congregation or another WELS congregation to come forward to join us for Holy Communion. If you have questions concerning this practice, or would like to establish a communion fellowship with us, please speak with our pastor. He would be happy to explore God's Word with you.*

## Prayer Before Worship

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Triune God, you often "hide" yourself in things I would least expect—in a child born in a manger; in a crucified, accused criminal; in water, bread, and wine; in trials and suffering; and in the words of a book. When I struggle to see you or wonder where you are, keep my faith focused solely on the cross. There I will always see your unconditional love, compassion, and sacrifice for me and every sinner. Amen.

## Service Participants

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**Presiding Minister**

**Pastor James Korthals**

**Organist**

**Mrs. Linda Jessie (8 am)**

**Mrs. Nancy Templeton (9:45 am)**

# The Common Service



## OPENING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing | 340

*please stand for the final verse*

## INVOCATION

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



## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



*Be Seated*

## CLOSING HYMN

Now, the Hour of Worship O'er | 330

Please stand

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

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

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
 We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
 God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the  
 sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

**LAMB OF GOD**

*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - - - men.

*Be Seated*

**PERSONAL PREPARATION** *(The inside cover of the hymnal may be helpful)*

*Our congregation practices the biblical teaching of close communion. The Bible teaches that communing together signifies a oneness in faith, life, and worship. Reception of the Lord's Supper by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which doesn't exist. Therefore, if you are a member of Faith or a sister Wisconsin Synod congregation, we kindly invite you to commune with us today.*

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is (+) my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

**P:** Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Be Seated*

# THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON**

*Genesis 18:20-32*

<sup>20</sup>So the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, <sup>21</sup>I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Abraham approached him and said, "Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn't he?"

<sup>26</sup>The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "See now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. <sup>28</sup>What if there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?" He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

<sup>29</sup>He spoke to him yet again and said, “What if only forty are found there?” He said, “I will not do it for the sake of the forty.” <sup>30</sup>He said, “Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?” He said, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” <sup>31</sup>He said, “See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?” He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty.”

<sup>32</sup>He said, “Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?” He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten.”

### VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand*

P: The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 11.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

### GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 11:1-13*

On another occasion, Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.”

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY , HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

## 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

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

**P: The Lord be with you.**



**C: And al - so with you.**

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

<sup>5</sup>He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup>because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And the one inside replies, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give it to you.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

<sup>9</sup>“I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

<sup>11</sup>“What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true**

God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
 and became fully human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the  
 resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness | 376

**SERMON**

*Colossians 2:6-15*

Our Lives Changed When Jesus Paid the Debt

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were

taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. <sup>9</sup>For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. <sup>10</sup>And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

<sup>13</sup>Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. <sup>14</sup>God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

**CREATE IN ME**

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.