



## In Our Music God Is Glorified



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

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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

*Unbelief mocks and says that if God did all things well and was the source of all good because he is good, then he shouldn't allow misery and need in the first place. But especially in need and suffering God does all things well; that truth is the center of the Christian's quiet confidence.*

## 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, 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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## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

**Today** ..... Joint Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF .....10:00 AM  
..... Picnic @ BRF.....11:30 AM  
**Monday** ..... Bible Information Class.....1:15 PM  
..... Council Meeting @ BRF .....6:00 PM  
**Tuesday** ..... JCI Pastoral Visits .....1:00 PM  
..... Concert at the Lunda Park Band Shell .....7:00 PM  
**Saturday** ..... Jesus Cares Worship at the Cross @ BRF ...1:00 PM  
**Sunday** ..... Worship @ CAT.....8:00 AM  
..... Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF .....9:45 AM  
..... Pastor Installation @ Christ, Burr Oak.....3:00 PM

## DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday	John 8:2-11	Isaiah 40:3-11
Monday	John 8:12-30	Isaiah 40:12-20
Tuesday	John 8:31-47	Isaiah 40:21-26
Wednesday	John 8:48-59	Isaiah 40:27-31
Thursday	John 9:1-12	Isaiah 41:1-7
Friday	John 9:13-41	Isaiah 41:8-14
Saturday	John 10:1-13	Isaiah 41:15-20



install their new pastor, Christopher Johns, on Sunday, June 26 at 3 pm. All are welcome to join them in this joyful celebration.

### **ATTENTION BAKERS**

If you have a penchant for baking, a servant's heart, and love to partake of the bountiful baked goods God continuously supplies us with, we could use your gifts and talents. We could use some treats to be used for Sunday morning. We take all kinds. We take all amounts. Just place them in containers and put them in the freezer at church and mark the container with your name (to get your container back), it's contents and the date baked.

Don't bake, yet want to contribute? Many of the local bakeries have wonderful selections that we have used in the past also. If you have any questions, please speak with Kari Kellen. Thank you!

### **YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth Group

## **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 Cor. 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 invite 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.*

## **About Branches Band**

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Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches..." (John 15:5) Branches Band, a Milwaukee-based music group, uses their love for music to identify the Savior of the world: Jesus! From ancient hymns to modern songs, from guitars and piano to percussion and vocal harmonies, the truth of God's love and grace is at the root of the Branches Band ministry.

Branches Band travels all over the United States and Canada with their repertoire including hundreds of hymns and songs. Branches Band has served over 575 WELS and ELS congregations by offering Christian concerts, assisting with worship, and developing music resources for today's church leaders and worship teams. For more information, visit [facebook.com/branchesband](https://facebook.com/branchesband) or [branchesband.com](https://branchesband.com).

## **Prayer before Worship**

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Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world. Shine in my heart through your Word, that I may give you glory. Open my eyes to see the brilliance of your love and power. Lead me to trust in you to guide me on the path you would have me follow. Amen.

# Order of Service

# FAITH IN ACTION

## OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

Verse 1—Branches Band

Verses 2,3—Congregation (please stand for the final verse)



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,  
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin  
The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,  
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - jice!

## DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Last Sunday
- Worshipers in God's House 74
- Worshipers Online 6

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Branches Band

## CHURCH PICNIC

All are welcome to stick around for our church picnic and games after worship today.

## COUNCIL

Thank you to the Branches Band

## CONCERT IN THE PARK

Faith Lutheran Church will once again be hosting a concert in the park at the Lunda Community Park this summer. It is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, at 7 pm. This year, Branches Band will be here. To learn more about Branches Band and their music, check out [www.branchesband.com](http://www.branchesband.com).

## JESUS CARES WORSHIP AT THE CROSS

The next Jesus Cares Worship at the Cross will be Saturday, June 25 at 1 pm at our Black River Falls campus.

## NEW PASTOR INSTALLATION

Our brothers and sisters at Christ Lutheran Church in Burr Oak will welcome and

**P:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

**BLESSING**

May the Lord | **Sung by Branches Band**

## Service Participants

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**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Joel Neumann

**Music**

Branches Band (Andy & Rachel Braun)

Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son  
 And give him the glo - ry— great things he has done!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, alt.  
 Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (11 11 11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1832–1915.

### INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Refrain by Branches Band (BB):

Praise the Lord, my soul; All my inmost being,  
 Praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul.

Refrain with Congregation:

**Praise the Lord, my soul; All my inmost being,  
 Praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul.**

**P:** Our Lord commands us to “be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” However, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**C: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

**P:** The wages of sin is death. Our Lord calls us to “repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**C:** We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.

**P:** We join in silent confession:

*Silent Confession*

**BB:** He forgives your sins and heals your diseases;  
He redeems your life, crowning you with love.

**C:** ♪ **The Lord is gracious, abounding in his love.**

**He does not treat our sins according to what we deserve.**

**P:** Our Lord wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners. Christ died for us. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

**C:** **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**

**BB:** As high as the heavens, so great is his love for us;  
As far as east is from west, he removed your sins.

**Refrain with Congregation:**

**Praise the Lord, my soul; All my inmost being,  
Praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus

#### **PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION**

*Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your table. But you are a friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.*

#### **PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.*

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Please stand*

#### **SONG OF SIMEON**

**1** O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!

**2** All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Sung by Branches Band*

*Be seated*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:24,25*

**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: Amen.**

### **PERSONAL PREPARATION** *(you may find the inside cover of the hymnal to 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.*

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON**

*Isaiah 35:4-7*

<sup>4</sup>Tell those who have a fearful heart: Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance. With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged. <sup>6</sup>The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland. <sup>7</sup>The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.



## SONG OF RESPONSE

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

Verses 1 & 4—Branches Band

Verses 2,3 & 5—Congregation



1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let  
2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor  
3 'Tis he for-gives my sins; 'Tis  
4 He fills the poor with good; He  
5 His won-drous works and ways He



all with-in me join And aid my tongue to  
let his mer-cies lie For-got-ten in un-  
he re-lieves my pain; 'Tis he that heals my  
gives the suf-f'ers rest; The Lord has judg-ments  
made by Mo-ses known, But sent the world his



bless his name Whose fa-vors are di-vine.  
thank-ful-ness And with-out prais-es die.  
sick-ness-es And makes me young a-gain.  
for the proud And jus-tice for th'op-pressed.  
truth and grace By his be-lov-ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731–76.

## SECOND LESSON

Acts 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer.  
<sup>2</sup>A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation.

kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



1 O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho-san-na in the high-est! How tru-ly blest is



might, Your glo-ry, earth and heav-en In  
he Who in God's name is com-ing To



count-less ways re-cite. Ho-san-na! Come and  
set his peo-ple free! He comes to bring sal-



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va-tion And with his blood out-poured, De-



in your grace and mer-cy Re-ceive our fer-vent cry.  
liv-er us from bond-age—Ho-san-na, might-y Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.



## 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

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up 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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his

<sup>4</sup>Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, “Look at us.” <sup>5</sup>So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

<sup>6</sup>But Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!” <sup>7</sup>Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man’s feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup>Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God.

<sup>9</sup>All the people saw him walking and praising God. <sup>10</sup>They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

### CHILDREN’S SONG

*Children are invited to learn and sing the song with the Branches Band*

*Please stand*

### GOSPEL LESSON

*Mark 7:31-37*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

<sup>32</sup>They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. <sup>34</sup>After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”) <sup>35</sup>Immediately the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup>Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. <sup>37</sup>They were amazed beyond measure and said, “He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

**GOD'S WORD IN SONG**

Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness

*Verse 1—Branches Band*

*Verses 2&3—Congregation*



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a  
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a  
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the  
strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out  
suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing  
Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing  
des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing  
what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

**GOD'S WORD IN SONG**

**DEVOTION**

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**GOD'S WORD IN SONG**

Take Heart | Branches Band

*Please stand*

**THE CREED IN SONG (all)**

We All Believe in One True God



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both for -



Ho - ly Ghost, Ev - er - pres - ent help in need,  
Mar - y's Son, Who de - scend - ed from his throne  
e'er pro - ceeds, Who up - holds and com - forts us



Praised by all the heav'n - ly host, By whose might - y  
And for us sal - va - tion won, By whose cross and  
In all tri - als, fears, and needs. Bless - ed, ho - ly



pow'r a - lone All is made and wrought and done.  
death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.  
Trin - i - ty, Hear our praise e - ter - nal - ly!