

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Today	Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF.....	8:00 AM
.....	Bible Class & Sunday School @ BRF.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship @ CAT	9:45 AM
.....	Bible Class @ CAT	11:00 AM
.....	Faith Teachers Mtg. @ BRF	12:30 PM
Monday	Bible Information Class	1:15 PM
.....	Confirmation @ Zoom	4:00 PM
.....	Confirmation @ BRF	5:30 PM
.....	Choir @ BRF	6:15 PM
.....	Bible Class @ BRF.....	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Council @ CAT.....	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Lenten Service @ CAT.....	4:30 PM
.....	Simple Supper @ BRF/CAT.....	5:30 PM
.....	Lenten Service @ BRF	6:30 PM
Friday	Bible Information Class @ CAT.....	1:30 PM
.....	Youth Group Lock-In @ BRF	6:00 PM
Saturday	Confirmation @ BRF	9:00 AM
.....	Baptism @ BRF	10:15 AM
.....	Jesus Cares @ BRF	1:00 PM
Sunday	Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF.....	8:00 AM
.....	Bible Class & Sunday School @ BRF.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship @ CAT	9:45 AM
.....	Bible Class @ CAT	11:00 AM
.....	Call Meeting @ St. John, Sparta.....	11:45 AM

March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday in Lent

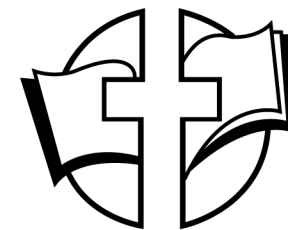


**Lent's Invitation: Turn from Sin
Confident of the Lord's Deliverance**



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday	Matthew 26:14-30	Isaiah 2:12-22
Monday	Matthew 26:31-35	Isaiah 3:1-7
Tuesday	Matthew 26:35-56	Isaiah 3:8-15
Wednesday	Matthew 26:57-68	Isaiah 3:16-26
Thursday	Matthew 26:69-27:10	Isaiah 4:1-6
Friday	Matthew 27:11-31	Isaiah 5:1-7
Saturday	Matthew 27:32-44	Isaiah 5:8-17



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BLACK RIVER FALLS LOCATION

N6598 County Rd. A. Black River Falls, WI 54615
Worship Time: 8:00 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

CATARACT LOCATION

N6774 Acorn Ave. Sparta, WI 54656
Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.
Bible Class: 11:00 a.m.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Jesus urges a life of repentance. We are never free from the temptation to think lightly of sin. Our lessons today remind us that each of us needs the righteousness Jesus provides for us and which is received by faith. These words are a call to repent and maintain a repentant attitude of heart. God earnestly desires the salvation of everyone. He gives each of us a time to be brought to repentance and faith. But, anyone who despises God's call during their time of grace will surely perish.

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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HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A ROMAN SOLDIER...

AND witness to our community the saving love of our Lord! The sign-up sheets are posted at both worship locations for our annual live tomb display. Sign-up early for the “best” times - maybe that includes a stint on one of our late night/early morning “integrity shifts.”

There will be three-hour shifts of two or three Roman guards in front of the closed tomb from 7:30 p.m. Friday (after the BRF Good Friday service) to 5:30 a.m. Easter Sunday. At that time the tomb is opened we will have two angels waving to people as they come to the BRF service at 8 a.m. We will have snacks, a fire pit for warmth and electric lighting for night. There will be handouts for anyone that stops with questions about what we are doing.

This is a living display, not a reenactment. Men, women and children may help guard the tomb as Roman soldiers - we will need a lot of help with this. This is very enjoyable fellowship! Come forward and help us witness to our community the saving love of our Lord. Contact Pastor Neumann or Brad Markhardt with any questions.

FAITH TEACHERS MEETING

The Faith Teachers will meet today, Sunday, March 20 @ 12:30 pm, at our Black River Falls campus.

NEW BIBLE CLASS STARTING

A new Bible Class which will take a look at 3 Psalms, will begin next week Sunday. These classes will be led by Pastor Korthals, Pastor Baerbock, and Pastor Neumann.

[In Black River Falls—begins Sunday, March 27 at 9:15 am](#)

[In Cataract—begins Sunday, March 27 at 11 am](#)

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Our midweek Lenten services continue this Wednesday—March 23. Worship is at 4:30 pm in Cataract and 6:30 pm in Black River Falls. A simple supper is provided at both locations at 5:30 pm.

FAITH IN ACTION

DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Last Sunday
 - Worshipers in God's House 58
 - Worshipers online 15
 - Bible Class 26
 - Sunday School 8
- Monday Bible Class 12
- March 9 Lenten Service 46

SUNDAY SERMONS

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

EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies are available for ordering and then to take home after our service on Easter. A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the gathering area with information in Black River Falls. Checks can be made out to Faith Lutheran Church and given to Kari Kellen.

YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN

The youth group lock-in will be this Friday—March 25. The lock-in will start at 6 pm. A supper meal will be provided and parents are asked to be to church no later than 8 am on Saturday morning to pick up their youth. Youth, if you are attending, please bring: 1) Soda/juice/water to share 2) Snack to share 3) Board games you'd like to play 4) A pillow and sleeping bag 5) Anything else you might need for sleeping.

WORSHIP AT THE CROSS

Our next Worship at the Cross will be this Saturday, March 26, at 1 pm at our Black River Falls campus.

Holy Communion—a note to our guests

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

Dear suffering Savior, during this precious part of the church year, I follow as you move with determination toward Jerusalem, destined for death. Keep me from viewing your passion superficially—that is, only reading or hearing the words but not taking them to heart. You took this journey also for me. You suffered the pain, the mocking, the betrayal, the very punishment of hell—for me. You are *my* Savior. Amen

Service Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Neumann

Organist

Mrs. Nancy Templeton

The Common Service



OPENING HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us | 339 (1-2)

please stand for the second verse

INVOCATION

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

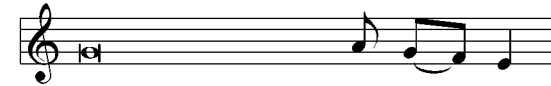


CONFESSION OF SINS

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 give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



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

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

Day by Day | 765

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Not in Anger, Mighty God | 423

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.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Choir

This setting for the Nunc Dimittis comes from the newly published Christian Worship hymnal

1. Lord, bid your servant go in peace, your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.
2. This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.
3. With saints of old, with saints to come, to you we lift our voice.
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest be honor, love, and praise.

Please stand

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.

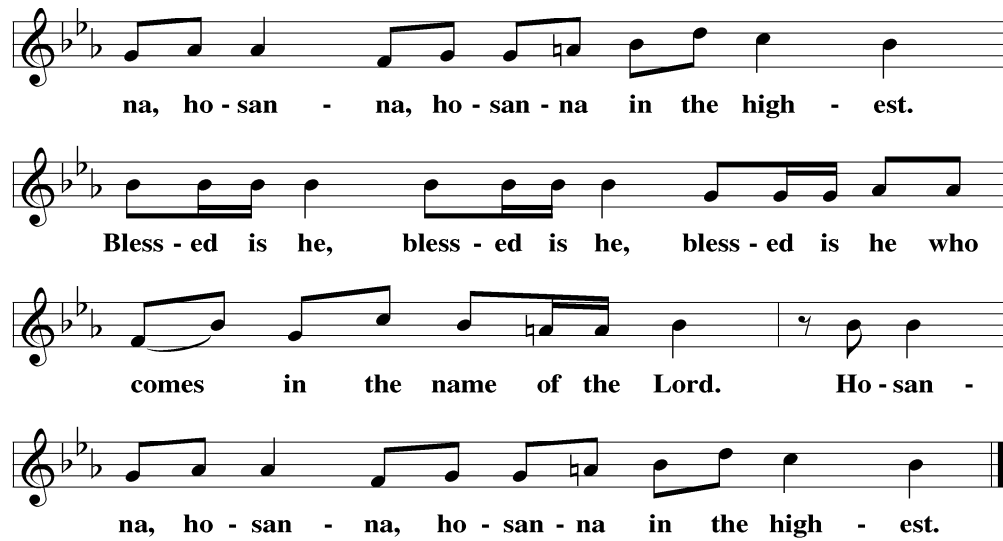
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PERSONAL PREPARATION *(The inside cover of the hymnal may be helpful)*

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.

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.



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.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, ²and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly." ⁸And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. ⁹Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

¹²So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

Please stand

P: The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 13.



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

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? ³I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too.”

⁶He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘Look, for

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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.

three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?'⁸ But the gardener replied to him, 'Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. ⁹If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.'"

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

Lord, to You I Make Confession | 302

SERMON

Numbers 16:23-40

Take to Heart God's Divine Sign

I. It teaches us to remember—do not take sin lightly

II. It teaches us to remember— God loves you dearly

Numbers 16:23-40 The LORD spoke to Moses: ²⁴“Tell the assembly, ‘Move away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram!’” ²⁵So Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram. The elders of Israel followed him. ²⁶He told the assembly, “Move back from the tents of these wicked men. Do not touch anything that belongs to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins!” ²⁷So from every side, they moved away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the entrance to their tents with their wives, children, and little ones.

²⁸Moses said, “This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that all this was not just my idea. ²⁹If these men die a death like everyone else and if they suffer the same fate that everyone does, then the LORD has not sent me. ³⁰But if the LORD creates something unheard of and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, you will know that these men have treated the LORD with contempt.”

³¹As soon as he finished speaking all these words, the ground beneath them split open. ³²The earth opened its mouth and swallowed up everyone who was with Korah

along with their households and all their possessions. ³³So they and everything that belonged to them went down alive into the grave. The earth closed up over them, and they disappeared from the midst of the assembly. ³⁴Hearing their screams, all the Israelites who were around them fled, because they said, “The earth will swallow us up too!” ³⁵Fire went out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred fifty men who offered the incense.

³⁶The LORD spoke to Moses: ³⁷“Tell Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest to remove the censers from the burning debris and scatter the fire far away, for the censers are holy. ³⁸Make the censers belonging to those who sinned at the cost of their own lives into hammered sheets for plating the altar, because they presented them before the LORD, and the censers are holy. They will serve as a sign to the Israelites.”

³⁹Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, which had been presented by those who had been burned up by fire. They hammered them into plating for the altar ⁴⁰as a reminder to the Israelites that no unauthorized person, who is not from the descendants of Aaron, should come near to burn incense before the LORD and become like Korah and his followers. Eleazar the priest did just as the LORD said to him through Moses.

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.