

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
.....	Call Meeting @ St. John, Sparta	11:45 AM
Monday	Confirmation @ BRF	5:30 PM
.....	Bible Class @ BRF	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Bible Information Class	1:15 PM
Wednesday	Chapel @ St. Paul, Tomah	8:00 AM
.....	Bible Information Class @ CAT	9:30 AM
.....	Lenten Service @ CAT	4:30 PM
.....	Simple Supper @ BRF/CAT	5:30 PM
.....	Lenten Service @ BRF	6:30 PM
Friday	Circuit Pastors Mtg @ Mauston	9:00 AM
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
.....	Outreach Meeting @ BRF	12:30 PM



**Our Condemnation is
Crushed by God's Grace**



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FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

We assume people get what they deserve. We assume what goes around comes around. We assume God helps those who help themselves. And ALL those assumptions MUST be CRUSHED. God does not operate on the principle of merit but of grace. Like gravity, grace is a constant force at work in how God deals with us and how he wants us to deal with others. No one is beyond the reach of God's grace. When the weight of our sin makes us fearful of God's condemnation, he reveals his grace again.

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. An usher stands ready to help you. 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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Faith Lutheran Church - Online Giving

Great news! Online or electronic giving is available for Faith Lutheran Church! For those who don't find traditional cash or check convenient in today's world, online giving is a fast and easy option.

Two very good resources are available which are "fee free" for the giver and the church: **Thrivent Choice** and **Bill Pay** through your existing bank account.


NON-RECURRING OFFERINGS



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Scroll down to Thrivent Choice, click 'More'
Scroll to 'Make a Personal Donation', click
Search 'Faith Lutheran Black River Falls'
Click 'Make a Personal Donation' for Faith
Note: Thrivent redirects to inFaith Community Foundation, a Thrivent microsite
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Note: checking and savings will require your bank routing number and account number
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RECURRING (SCHEDULED) OFFERINGS



Bill Pay
Generally no fees through your existing bank
Access your online bank account

Go to Bill Pay option
Note: Normally referred to as Bill Pay within your account options
Options: paper check mailed to office
Note: Church office address in BRF
Faith Lutheran Church
N6598 County Road A
Black River Falls, WI 54615-5851



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.

NEW PSALM BIBLE CLASS

At our Bible Class this morning, guest presenter Pastor James Korthals will lead us in a study of Psalm 51. We encourage you to make use of this special Bible Class opportunity.

In Black River Falls—9:15 am

In Cataract—11 am

EASTER FOR KIDS

Faith Lutheran Church invites all children 4 yrs. old to 6th grade to our first Easter for Kids event. At this Easter for Kids day they will celebrate Easter by learning the Easter story, make projects, play games, sing songs, and have an Easter egg hunt. **This Easter for Kids will be on Saturday, April 9 from 9 - 11 am at our Black River Falls campus.** Postcards are available in the gathering area for you to take so you can invite friends and family.

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE

You may have noticed the QR code next to the offering announcement in the bulletin today. Please see the following page for information about our online giving options.

Faith Lutheran Church Council

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Garrett Jessie

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Penny Nicolai (deaconess)

Prayer before Worship

Dear Father of glory and power, I struggle against all the evil that Satan throws at me. The lusts of the flesh, pride, selfish ambition, and many other ills threaten my faith. But you have told me to ask you for help to overcome the evil schemes of Satan. With your power on my side, I cannot be overcome. You are greater than Satan. Grant me forgiveness and a rich measure of your power as I carry out this struggle in your name. Amen.

Service Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Neumann

Pianist/Organist

Mrs. Nancy Templeton (8 am)

Mrs. Rachel Neumann (9:45 am)

Soloist

Mrs. Toni Anderson-Granahan (9:45 am)



Morning Praise

OPENING HYMN

Just As I Am, without One Plea | 397 (1-5)
please stand for verse 5

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. (*1 John 1:8-10*)

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.** (*Psalms 51:1-5*)

P: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool (*Isaiah 1:18*). For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions

SUNDAY SERMONS

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

FAITH OUTREACH MEETING

This is an open meeting – anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Agenda items include church promotional video and community concert in the park. Our meeting will take place Sunday, April 3, at 12:30 p.m. in the BRF church building.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Our midweek Lenten services continue this Wednesday—March 30. 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.

BRF LANDSCAPE BRIGADE

Our building and grounds give glory to God. There is plenty of landscape maintenance to be done around our BRF building site: pruning, mulching, fertilizing, weeding and other general landscaping. Consider helping by being a part of the BRF “landscape brigade.” We will usually 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. Our first brigade event will take place on Saturday, April 2. Note this one is the first Tuesday of April.

LIVE TOMB SET-UP

We can use some help setting-up the live tomb display on Friday evening, April 8, at 6:00 p.m. No experience necessary. Feel free to bring your drill driver and staple gun.

FAITH IN ACTION

DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Last Sunday
 - Worshipers in God's House 90
 - Communion 61
 - Worshipers online 9
 - Bible Class 28
 - Sunday School 9
- Monday Bible Class 14
- March 16 Lenten Service 56



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday	Matthew 27:45-56	Isaiah 5:18-23
Monday	Matthew 27:57-66	Isaiah 5:24-30
Tuesday	Matthew 28:1-10	Isaiah 6:1-4
Wednesday	Matthew 28:11-20	Isaiah 6:5-8
Thursday	Mark 1:1-11	Isaiah 6:9-13
Friday	Mark 1:14-20	Isaiah 7:1-9
Saturday	Mark 1:21-34	Isaiah 7:10-17

from us (*Psalm 103:11-12*). On account of Jesus' saving work for you, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE

Jesus Sinners Does Receive | 304 (1-2, 6)



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



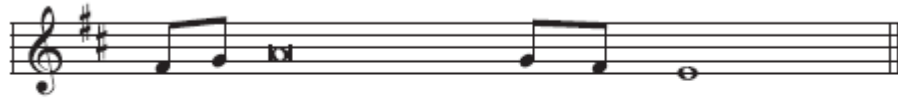
for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.



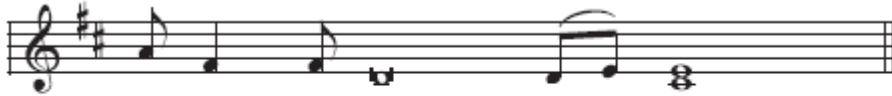
L O Lord, o-pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

Be Seated

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.

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

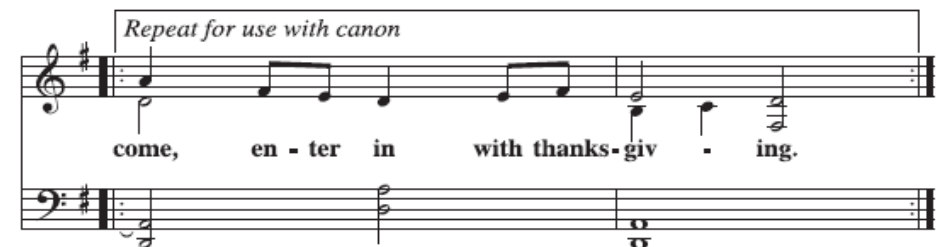


L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

VENITE



The congregation sings the refrain while Pastor sings the verses.

Verse 1

*You are a great and a wondrous God, cupping in your hands all the depths of earth.
You made the hills and the mountains high, You made the seas and the dry land.*

Refrain

Verse 2

*Come, let us worship and, bowing low, kneel before the One who has made us all.
You are the God whom we call our own, We are the flock that you shepherd.*

Refrain

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say:

I will give thanks to you, LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away, and you comfort me. ²Surely God is my salvation. I will trust him and will not be afraid, because Yah, the LORD,¹ is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation.

³Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴In that day you will say:

Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name. Declare among the peoples what he has done. Proclaim that his name is exalted! ⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things! Let this be known in all the earth! ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

¹ The Hebrew uses both forms of the divine name, the short form Yah and the full form Yahweh, which EHV usually translates LORD.

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

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

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

ho - ly Church,
bless - ed, [C] We sing in end-less praise!
glo - ry,

to Refrain
to Refrain
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain

[C] You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,
all cre - a-tion of - fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

PSALM 63

8 am—The congregation sings the entire psalm

9:45 am—The congregation sings the refrain; the soloist sings the verses

Descant

In the morn - ing I will sing,
Melody
In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
I will sing to you. I'll sing
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
prais-es to you, sing prais-es to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. you. you.

1.-3. (To verses) 4.

1. O God, you are my God; for you I

2. For your love is bet - ter than

3. On my bed I re-mem-ber

long; for you my soul is

life, my lips will speak your

you. On you I muse through the

thirst - ing. My bod - y pines for you like a

praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your

night, for you have been my help; in the

Verses

[L] 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, [C] We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,

praise you! [L] With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, [C] We
You be - came a man to set us free;

praise you, we praise you! [L] With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, [C] We
You have ris - en to free us;

praise you, we praise you! [L] With the mar - tyrs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in

does. ⁶ Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷ For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Please stand

The congregation will sing the refrain. After that we will follow the parts as marked with everyone joining in the refrains.

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.
 To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

dry, wea - ry land with-out wa - ter. So I
 name I will lift up my hands. My
 shad - ow of your wings I re - joice. My

gaze on you in the sanc-tu - ar - y to
 soul shall be filled as with a ban - quet, my
 soul clings to you; your

see your strength and your glo - ry. (To refrain)
 mouth shall praise you with joy. (To refrain)
 right hand holds me fast. (To refrain)

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. ²But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³He told them this parable:

“A certain man had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! ¹⁸I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’”

²⁰“He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. ²¹The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’ Then they began to celebrate.

²⁵“His older son was in the field. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. ²⁷The servant told him, ‘Your brother is here! Your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸The older brother was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

²⁹He answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I’ve been serving you, and I never disobeyed your command, but you never gave me even a young goat so that I could cele-

brate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours arrived after wasting your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’

³¹“The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³²But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’”

SEASONAL RESPONSE

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound | 379

SERMON

Romans 8:1-10

Freedom FROM Sin’s Control Means
Freedom FOR Spirit Control

Romans 8:1-10 – So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³ Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴ so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. ⁵ To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit