

like to. Experience is NEVER required with any of our activities – come, learn, and have fun! This is a great opportunity for you to invite a friend, relative, or coworker. It would also be a great opportunity for a “date night.” FiSH is our social group geared toward recreational activities for adults, single or married, younger or older.

### **SERVICE TIME CHANGE**

We will once again flip-flop service times between our two locations for the summer months. Therefore, please take note that starting Sunday, May 29, service times will be as follows: Cataract – 8 a.m. & Black River Falls – 9:45 a.m.

### **ASCENSION WORSHIP SERVICE**

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord’” (Psalm 122:1). May the spirit of the Psalmist be our spirit as we consider the opportunity to gather in God’s house for Ascension worship. That service will be Thursday, May 26, at 6:30 pm at our Cataract campus.

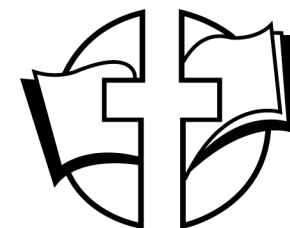
### **WOMEN’S MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

Have you longed for healing in our shattered, fragmented world? Do you feel detached and torn because everyone is at odds? Why can’t we get along? The world is desperately searching for solutions, but it can’t find the answer. These longings can only be fulfilled as we dig into Scripture and learn God’s truth.

Join women from every walk of life at the WELS Women’s Ministry Conference July 21-23, 2022. As we study Ephesians we’ll learn to cultivate unity that begins with grace for me and grace for others. When we start here, we can identify barriers that get in the way, stand firm on Scripture in the face of conflict, and extend grace in our everyday relationships. As Christians we are Won to be One.

#### **Please note these three things:**

1. More information can be found at [wels.net/wmconference](http://wels.net/wmconference)
2. Cost is \$130 (Early bird rate – by May 15) or \$150 (Registration open until June 30)
3. The Church Council moved to cover the cost of any women of our congregation who would like to attend (Please speak to Pastor if you plan to go)



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# FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## BLACK RIVER FALLS CAMPUS

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

## CATARACT CAMPUS

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

*There are plenty of people who say they care about you. But we are aware of what many of those people will do when it comes time to put those words into action. Jesus tells us in his Word that he cares for us dearly. How do you know you can trust him? Jesus followed up his words with works. Jesus said he would suffer and die for you. He fulfilled that promise. He once illustrated that point in a striking picture—that of the Good Shepherd. What sets the Good Shepherd apart is the fact that his words are followed by his works.*

## WORSHIP HOSPITALITY

*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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# FAITH IN ACTION

## DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

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## BAPTISM

We rejoice and praise our gracious God for bestowing the blessings of baptism upon Olivia, Adriana, and Britta in our service this morning. Olivia, Adriana, and Britta are the children of Cody and Heidi Heller. Please keep these children and their family in your prayers.

## LADIES OF FAITH

The Ladies of Faith will meet tomorrow—May 9—at 6 pm

## BRF LANDSCAPE BRIGADE

Consider helping the BRF Landscape Brigade on Saturday, May 14, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. This month we will be mulching, pruning, and picking up garbage. 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.

## PLAY CORNHOLE WITH FISH!

The FiSH group (Faith's Social Harbor) invites adults to "throw some bags" on Saturday, May 14. We'll play the fun lawn game of cornhole from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the comfort of our fellowship hall in BRF. Feel free to bring a snack to share if you would

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

<b>Today</b> .....	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
<b>Monday</b> .....	Bible Information Class.....	1:30 PM
.....	Ladies of Faith @ BRF.....	6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	Circuit Meeting @ St. John, Sparta.....	9:00 AM
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	Confirmation @ BRF.....	5:30 PM
.....	Bible Class @ BRF.....	7:00 PM
<b>Saturday</b> .....	Landscape Brigade @ BRF.....	8:00 AM
.....	Child Protection Ad Hoc @ BRF.....	9:00 AM
.....	Corn Hole with FiSH @ BRF.....	6:00 PM
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**Faith Lutheran Church Council**

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- PRESIDENT—Grady Severson
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- TREASURER—Tyler Jessie
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**ELDERS COMMITTEE**

- Dave Spaude
- Garrett Jessie
- Ken Diener
- Penny Nicolai—deaconess

**Prayer before Worship**

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Almighty God, as I begin a new day, help me to appreciate the reality that I belong to you by your amazing grace. You purchased me with the blood of your Son and made me a member of your family. Let me never forget my true identity as your child and disciple as I dedicate my time, talents, and treasures to your service, knowing that you gave your life for me so that I might have life to the full. Amen.

**DAILY BIBLE READING**

Sunday	Mark 11:27-33	Isaiah 24:4-13
Monday	Mark 12:1-12	Isaiah 24:14-20
Tuesday	Mark 12:13-27	Isaiah 24:21-23
Wednesday	Mark 12:28-34	Isaiah 25:1-5
Thursday	Mark 12:35-40	Isaiah 25:6-9
Friday	Mark 12:41-44	Isaiah 25:10-12
Saturday	Mark 13:1-31	Isaiah 26:1-6



**Service Participants**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b> | <b>Pastor Joel Neumann</b>  |
| <b>Organist</b>           | <b>Mrs. Nancy Templeton</b> |
| <b>Flautist</b>           | <b>Katie Clevon</b>         |

# Holy Baptism



## OPENING HYMN

Baptismal Waters Cover Me | 739  
*remain seated for the entire hymn*

## INVOCATION

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

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

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**C:** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

## BLESSING

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

Jerusalem the Golden | 214



hearts, we come before you and say:

**C:** Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

**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.

*Be Seated*

## HYMN

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep | 436

*Please stand*

**P:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**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.

**M:** 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:** Amen.

*The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**M:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Olivia Ruth, Adriana Adele, and Britta Marie to be baptized. In baptism God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

**M:** Olivia Ruth/Adriana Adele/Britta Marie, by the power of the Word, the Holy Spirit has led you to believe that this new life in Christ is yours. Now in Holy Baptism the Lord Jesus assures you of your salvation. That you may give public testimony of your faith, I therefore ask you:

Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost?

**A:** Yes, I believe.

**M:** Do you believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**A:** Yes, I believe.

- M:** Do you believe that this Triune God planned and carried out your salvation?  
**A:** **Yes, I believe.**
- M:** Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?  
**A:** **Yes, I believe.**
- M:** Do you desire to be baptized?  
**A:** **Yes, I do.**
- M:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

*The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:*

Olivia Ruth/Adriana Adele/Britta Marie, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

*Please stand*

## EXHORTATION

- M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ:  
 Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Olivia, Adriana, and Britta may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

# THE PRAYERS

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C:** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- P:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C:** **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**
- P:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:
- C:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**
- P:** Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C:** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**
- P:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

- P:** Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy

SERMON

John 10:27,28

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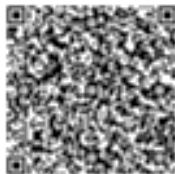
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
 From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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!*



C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Olivia, Adriana, and Britta and grant them a rich measure of your Spirit that they may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord!

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
 they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

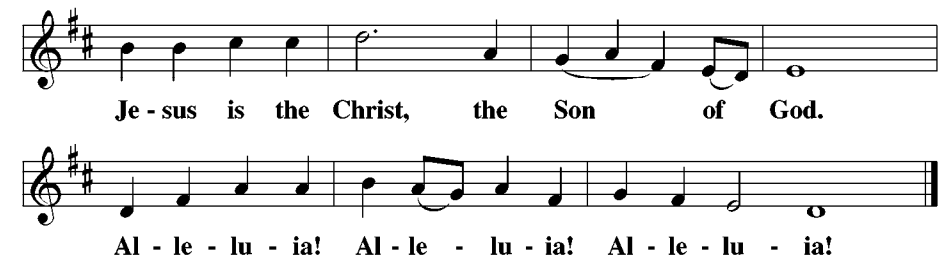
### FIRST LESSON

*Acts 13:15-16, 26-39*

<sup>15</sup>After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Gentlemen, brothers, if you have a word of encouragement for the people, say it."

<sup>16</sup>Then Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and said,

<sup>26</sup>"Gentlemen, brothers, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you. <sup>27</sup>The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup>When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup>But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup>and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people.



*Please stand*

### GOSPEL LESSON

*John 10:22-30*

<sup>22</sup>Then the Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple area in Solomon's Colonnade.

<sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around Jesus, asking, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I am doing in my Father's name testify about me. <sup>26</sup>But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

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



*Be Seated*



Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>13</sup>One of the elders spoke to me and said, “These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?”

And I answered him, “Sir, you know.”

<sup>14</sup>And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,  
and they serve him day and night in his temple.

He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

<sup>16</sup>They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.

He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**P:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.



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



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

<sup>32</sup>“We are preaching to you the good news about the promise that was made to our fathers. <sup>33</sup>God has fulfilled this promise for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

You are my Son. Today I have begotten you.

<sup>34</sup>“That God would raise him from the dead never again to be subject to decay, God said in this way: I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.

<sup>35</sup>“Therefore he also says in another place: You will not let your Holy One see decay.

<sup>36</sup>“For David, after he had served God’s purpose in his own generation, fell asleep, was laid to rest with his fathers, and saw decay. <sup>37</sup> But the One God raised did not see decay.

<sup>38</sup>“So, gentlemen, brothers, let it be known to you that through this Jesus forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, also forgiveness from everything from which you could not be justified through the law of Moses. <sup>39</sup> In this Jesus, everyone who believes is justified.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23 | CW pg. 72

*sung responsively between pastor and congregation*

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

<sup>11</sup>All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup>saying: