

**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
.....	Outreach Meeting @ BRF.....	12:30PM
<b>Monday</b> .....	Zoom Confirmation @ BRF.....	4:00 PM
.....	Council @ CAT.....	6:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	JCI Pastoral Visits.....	1:00 PM
.....	JCI Bible Class & Pastoral Visits.....	6:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	Confirmation @ BRF.....	5:30 PM
.....	Choir @ BRF.....	6:15 PM
.....	Bible Class @ BRF.....	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b> .....	Bible Information Class @ CAT.....	1:00 PM
.....	Special Worship Service @ BRF.....	6:30 PM
<b>Sunday</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
.....	Youth Group @ BRF.....	2:00 PM

November 14, 2021

Saints Triumphant Sunday



**Keep Us Ever Watchful!**



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**DAILY BIBLE READING**

<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 25:1-13	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<b>Monday</b>	Hebrews 11:1-7	Hebrews 11:8-16
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Timothy 1:6-12	John 3:16-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	Matthew 22:23-33	1 Corinthians 15:35-43
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Corinthians 2:14-17	2 Corinthians 5:1-10
<b>Friday</b>	Hebrews 11:17-22	Hebrews 11:23-31
<b>Saturday</b>	Revelation 2:12-17	Revelation 21:1-7



# 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

*Life in this world for the believer is a constant battle against the devil, the world, and one's own sinful flesh. It is a battle that grows more intense as the end of this world approaches. What will be the outcome of this wearisome struggle? God's Word for us today declares that the triumph of everlasting life in heaven is what is in store for those who have received the forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus.*

## 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, 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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## DOOR OFFERING

A door offering to support WELS Christian Aid and Relief on Sunday, November 28. To learn more about this offering and Christian Aid and Relief, please see November's Newsletter.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE & SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS (BRF)

Starting Sunday, November 28 and going through Sunday, December 19, the children in Black River Falls will be practicing for the Christmas Eve service during the regular Sunday School/Bible Class hour. There will be no Bible Study during this time.

## HELP WANTED

We are looking for some people to help run the livestream portion of our worship service. This would involve either helping run the PowerPoint during the service or running the audio video equipment during the service.

*What all would be asked of you?*

PowerPoint – You would be asked to advance the slides on the computer that correspond with the bulletin as the worship service goes along. This would simply require the repeated pressing of a keyboard key or clicker. Training would be made available so that you would feel comfortable.

Audio/Video – This would require learning how to start, set-up, and run the projector, computer, camera, and audio equipment that is set up in back of church. However, before you dismiss this as being too difficult, there is a handbook that helps walk you through this step by step. You would not be “thrown to the wolves” right away, but would have opportunity to learn how it works before ever running it for a church service. During the first few times of running it for a worship service, others would be available to help you if you have any questions. One of the biggest things with this is the willingness and ability to arrive to worship 30 minutes early to make sure everything is set up and ready to go.

If you would be willing to help in one or both of these areas, please speak with Pastor Neumann.

Yes, we want God to be first in our lives. May we make us of this opportunity to do just that.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

The youth group will meet for Bible Class and games next week Sunday, November 21, at 2 pm at our Black River Falls campus.

### **PILL BOTTLES**

The Ladies of Faith will be collecting empty prescription pill bottles for the Central African Medical Missions (CAMM). There is a box in the gathering area.

### **SPARTA FOOD PANTRY**

Faith Lutheran Church will once again be collecting food for the Sparta Food Pantry this year. During the month of November you can donate non-perishables to help those in need in the Sparta area. The Ladies Aid will be taking care of this collection, and a box will be located in the gathering area of both our campuses.

### **CARE PACKAGES**

This November, we will again be collecting items for our members away from home. Each location will have a box for the items and we'll be filling eight boxes. A list of what is needed is in the gathering area. What a wonderful opportunity for us to encourage one another and live a life of love!

### **COME JOIN US—LADIES OF FAITH ADVENT SOCIAL**

Invitations and a sign-up sheet for this year's Advent Social can be found in the gathering area. This event will take place on **Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2:00 p.m.** in Black River Falls.

### **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. So plan to set aside **Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m.** to gather around God's Word as we meditate on the many and varied blessings God gives to us. Following the service will have a pie and ice cream social. Our Thanksgiving service this year will be held at our **Cataract campus.**

## **Faith Lutheran Church Council**

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PRESIDENT—Dale Jessie

ELDER CHAIRMAN—Dave Spaude

RECORDING SECRETARY—Garrett Jessie

FINANCIAL SECRETARY—Rick Treptow

TREASURER—Tyler Jessie

TRUSTEE/COUNCILMAN AT LARGE—Kirk Goetzka

### **ELDERS COMMITTEE**

Dave Spaude

Garrett Jessie

Ken Diener

Penny Nicolai—deaconess

## **Prayer before Worship**

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Almighty God, you have urged us to run so as to obtain the prize. Help us to realize as we begin this week the importance of striving for those goals you have placed before us. Through your Word help us to examine ourselves. Show us our real needs. Help us focus our attention on the cross of your Son and on his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Direct our course that we may obtain that prize; for his sake. Amen.

## **Service Participants**

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**Presiding Minister**

**Pastor Joel Neumann**

**Organists**

**Mrs. Nancy Templeton (8:00 a.m.)**

**Mrs. Linda Jessie (9:45 a.m.)**

# Service of the Word

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## OPENING HYMN

Sing With All the Saints in Glory | 776  
*please stand for the final verse*

## INVOCATION

**P:** 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

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

# FAITH IN ACTION

## DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Worshipers Last Sunday 74
- Bible Class 27
- Sunday School 11
- Wednesday Bible Class 20
- Thursday Bible Class 4

## SUNDAY SERMONS

Copies of Sunday sermons can be found in the gathering area. Sermons can also be found online at [www.faihwels.com](http://www.faihwels.com).

## OUTREACH MEETING

The Outreach Committee meets today—November 14—at 12:30 pm at our Black River Falls campus.

## COUNCIL

The Church Council meets tomorrow—November 15—at 6 pm at our Cataract Campus.

## THURSDAY/SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

As Christians, we want to put God first. That is our desire in all areas of life. At the same time, there are many things in life that the Lord has enabled us to do that are not contrary to his Word. One of those is enjoying the hunting season. However, when hunting takes first place over God's Word, there is a problem.

But thanks be to God! Because of the Christian freedom we have, you have opportunity to enjoy the hunting season while still putting God first. That is the purpose of a special worship service on Thursday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. at our Black River Falls campus. This service allows us to gather around Word and Sacrament on Thursday, and if we so desire, go out hunting on Sunday morning.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER VIDEO

## Blessings of Christian Service

*Online worship, while it is a great blessing for times when we are physically prevented from gathering with other Christians for worship, cannot replace the face-to-face interaction and encouragement that is both given and received when God's people gather together for worship. We have a need to see and be with other Christians that can't be ignored. One of the blessings of being together is Christian Service.*

### 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.



### CLOSING HYMN

There Is a Higher Throne | 727

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

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.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be Seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Daniel 12:1-3*

Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (*responsively between men and women*)

*Psalm 118*  
*CW p. 108*

**M:** Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

**C:** **Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**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.**

## HYMN

Blessed Are the Saints of God | 394

*Remain seated*

**P:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# THE PRAYERS

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.
- C: **We too join them to praise your majesty.**
- M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!
- C: **We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**
- M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.
- C: **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**
- M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.
- C: **Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

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

*Silent prayer*

## SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup>In the one case, every priest stood ministering day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which are never able to remove sin. <sup>12</sup>In the other case, this priest, after he offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>13</sup>Since then he has been waiting until his enemies are made a footstool under his feet. <sup>14</sup>By only one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he said:

<sup>16</sup>This is the covenant I will make with them after those days, says the Lord.

I will put my laws on their hearts and I will write them on their mind.

<sup>17</sup>Then he adds:

And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer.

<sup>18</sup>Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.



**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 13:24-29

<sup>24</sup>“But after that distress in those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light. <sup>25</sup>The stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then you will see the Son of Man coming on clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>At that time he will send out his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of the sky.

<sup>28</sup>“Learn from this illustration of the fig tree: Whenever its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also when you see these things happening, you will know that he is near—at the doors!

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

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near | 207

- vs 1,2—All
- vs. 3—Women
- vs. 4—Men
- vs. 5,6—All

**SERMON**

Mark 13:24-29

Learn the Lesson of the Fig Tree

- I. Don't be ignorant
- II. Don't be careless
- III. Don't be fearful

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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!*