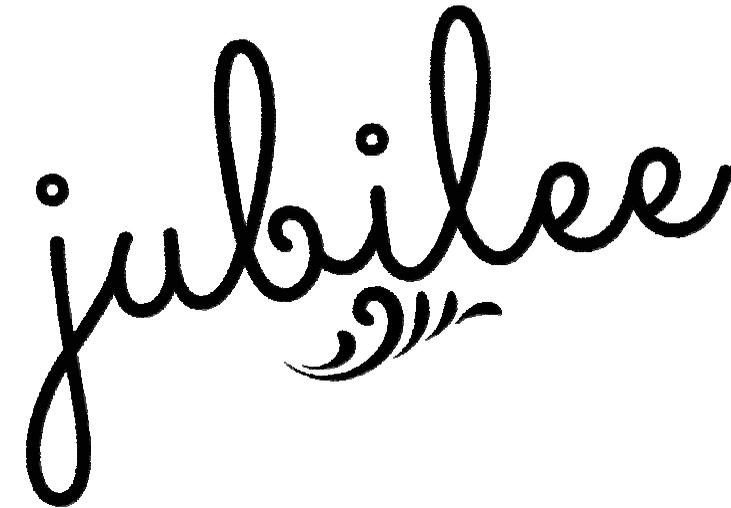


THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Today.....Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF.....8:00 AM
Bible Class & Sunday School @ BRF.....9:15 AM
Worship @ CAT9:45 AM
Bible Class @ CAT11:00 AM
Faith Teachers Meeting @ BRF12:30 PM
Youth Group Service Project2:00 PM
Monday.....Confirmation @ Zoom7:30 PM
Wednesday.....Confirmation @ BRF5:30 PM
Bible Class @ BRF.....7:00 PM
Thursday.....Know Your Bible Better BC @ BRF.....6:30 PM
Sunday.....Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF.....8:00 AM
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Congregational Meeting @ BRF11:15 AM



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday.....	John 4:46-54	Ephesians 6:10-17
Monday.....	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Matthew 10:34-39
Tuesday.....	2 Timothy 2:1-5	2 Corinthians 10:1-6
Wednesday.....	Romans 14:4-12	Romans 14:13-21
Thursday.....	1 Corinthians 10:14-22	2 Corinthians 6:11-18
Friday.....	Luke 22:31-38	2 Timothy 4:5-8
Saturday.....	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	1 John 2:15-17



A Jubilee Celebration



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

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

The salvation that God provides in Christ is like gold compared to the tinsel and wealth that so many favor instead. Which one are we chasing after in this world? Our lessons today remind us that we can be more than satisfied with Jesus and the gifts he won and gives to us through faith.

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.*

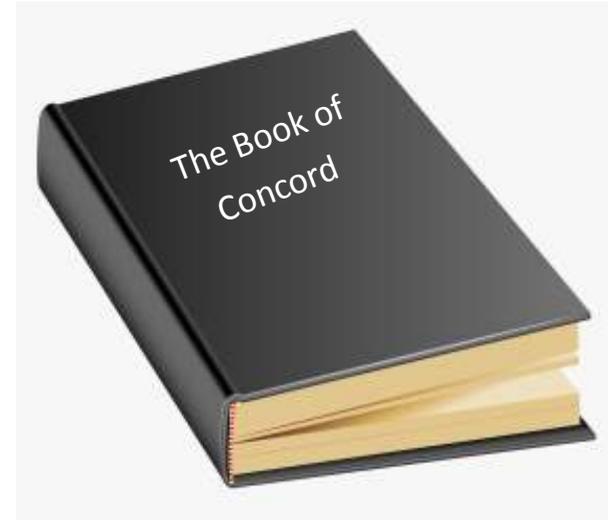
A FEW NOTES ON OUR WORSHIP

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New Bible Class
Coming...

The Formula of Concord



The days after the Reformation were filled with difficulties for the Lutheran church. The doctrinal problems of that era led the church to write its final and, in some ways, most thorough confession – *The Formula of Concord*. *Concord* means “peace,” which is what this document restored to the church. This study is intended not only as a history of those times but also as a resource for answering the same heresies today.

In this study we will answer some timely questions: What are confessions? Why do we have them? What are we saying with them? In this study we will discuss some important Bible teachings: Original Sin, Free Will, Salvation, Good Works and more.

Did you know that every confirmed member of our congregation confesses acceptance to what is written in the Formula of Concord (The Constitution of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church: Section 2). You are invited to come and learn more clearly what the Bible teaches and what you confess.

Starts in Black River Falls—Wednesday, October 27 @ 7 p.m.

Starts in Cataract—Sunday, November 7 @ 11 a.m.

FAITH IN ACTION

DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Worshipers Last Sunday 86
 - Bible Class 28
 - Sunday School 16
- Wednesday Bible Class 10
- Thursday Bible Class 5

SUNDAY SERMONS

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

YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will engage in a service project of helping members with fall clean-up. We will do this today—October 24! We will meet at the Black River Falls parking lot at 2 pm.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our next congregational voters meeting will be next **Sunday, October 31, at 11:15** am at our Black River Falls Campus. At that meeting final information will be given about our Jubilee Debt Reduction Offering, and final decisions will be made about items involving our mortgage refinance. Information for next weeks meeting can be found in the gathering area.

FAITH TEACHERS MEETING (BRF)

The Faith teachers will meet today, October 24, at 12:30 pm at our Black River Falls campus.

About our Jubilee Debt Reduction Offering

At the beginning of our special Jubilee worship services we were reminded that when Moses met God on Mt. Sinai, the Year of Jubilee was one of the celebrations the Lord prescribed for the children of Israel. During the Year of Jubilee the Israelites were to forgive all debts. This Year of Jubilee was symbolic of what was to come—the complete forgiveness of the greatest debt of all, the debt of our sin.

According to Luke 4:18-19, at a synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth Jesus stated: *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor...to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”* Those are the words we focus on today.

With these words Jesus assures us that every moment in the lives of those who believe in Jesus as their only Savior is a moment of jubilee. Therefore, our lives are marked by thankfulness that our greatest debt, the debt of sin, has been forgiven through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

While this special jubilee focus has given us the opportunity to make some unique gifts, the focus must remain on God’s generosity in the forgiveness of sins won through the Son he willingly and gladly sent to be our Savior. Jesus came to clean up the mess of our sin by suffering the agony and wrath and horror and punishment and pain and anger that our sins deserved. There he hung on the cross, paying for our sin and suffering our hell. There he died, dying our death. Then he rose, declaring us not guilty.

This is what gives us continuous joy and thanksgiving! And this can be the only reason we will be willing to respond with joy and thanksgiving!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Lord God, I thank you for all your gifts, and especially for the blessing of being able to hear your word again today. I confess my many faults and ask that you would forgive them for the sake of my Savior, Jesus. Increase my faith and hope in you; and convince all doubting and fearful hearts with the power of your word and the working of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Morning Praise

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | 234
please stand for the final verse

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

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

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: **God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness

C: **we lie and do not live by the truth**

P: If we claim to be without sin,

C: **we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

Silence for personal examination and confession

P: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A - men.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

For Builders Bold Whose Vision Pure | 775

Service Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Neumann

Organists

Mrs. Rachel Neumann (8:00 a.m.)

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

- P:** Help us love you and others and to use things as you desire,
C: **instead of loving things and trying to use you and others for our own selfish desires.**
P: May our hearts belong to you completely so that our lives can be devoted to things that really matter.
C: **Bless all who are suffering or in need.**
P: Be with the lonely and the grief-stricken. Move us to use the unique gifts you have given each of us to bring comfort and help to those who need it.
C: **Bless the government and the Church, and make us blessings to both.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

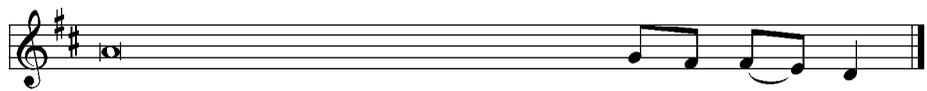
- P:** Crush the selfishness that comes to us naturally,
C: **and fill us with joyful generosity.**
P: Grant that the gifts we bring to you may show that we are just as diligent and just as interested in carrying out your business as we are in carrying out our own. We dare ask all this, Father, not because we deserve to ask it but because your Son has earned for us the right to approach you as your dear children. For this reason, we also come with the prayer he taught us:
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:** Father,
C: **I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**
P: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
P: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-8

² First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I speak the truth; I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸ Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 22

CW p. 71

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

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



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

P: Lord of our lives, by sending your Son to live and die as our perfect substitute, you provided forgiveness and salvation for a world of sinners.

C: **We praise you for your generous saving love.**

P: We thank you for reaching out to each of us personally with your Word and the water of Baptism. You have set us apart as people who belong to you,

C: **people whose purpose in life is to receive your love and live to your glory.**

P: Gracious Father, remind us that you have called us to live for you and not for ourselves or according to the standards of the world.

C: **Help us devote our time, our talents, our energy, and whatever you have placed into our hands to those things that will be of value for eternity.**

Please stand



and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of
glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to
set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the
sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of
your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:24-34

²⁴“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and *mammon*.”

²⁵“For this reason I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?”

²⁷“Which of you can add a single moment to his lifespan by worrying? ²⁸Why do you worry about clothing? Consider how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin, ²⁹but I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will he not clothe you even more, you of little faith?”

³¹“So do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For the unbelievers chase after all these things. Certainly your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

P: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

HYMN OF THE DAY

For Years on Years of Matchless Grace | 621 (1-2, 6-7)

SERMON

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10,11

Celebrate the Jubilee of our Anointed One!

I. He has rescued us from the sorrow of sin

II. He has filled our hearts with endless joy

III. He moves us all to offer him our best

The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the afflicted. He sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for those who are bound,² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance for our God, to comfort all who mourn,³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion, to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, a cloak of praise instead of a faint spirit, so that they will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD to display his beauty.

¹⁰ I will rejoice greatly in the LORD. My soul will celebrate because of my God, for he has clothed me in garments of salvation. With a robe of righteousness he covered me, like a bridegroom who wears a beautiful headdress like a priest, and like a bride who adorns herself with her jewelry.

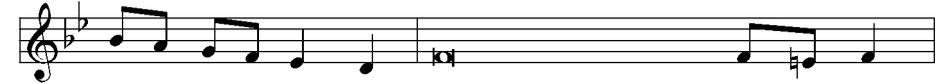
¹¹ For as the earth produces its growth, and as a garden causes what has been sown to sprout up, so God the LORD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up in the presence of all the nations.

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

Te Deum



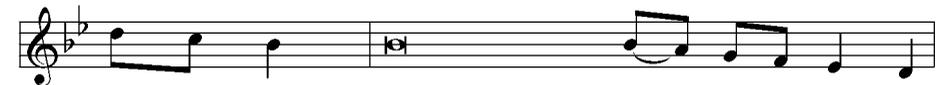
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



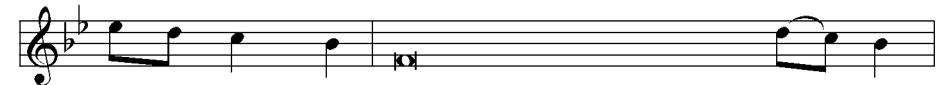
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,