

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

**Today**.....Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF ..... 8:00 AM  
 .....Sunday School & Bible Class @ BRF..... 9:15 AM  
 .....Worship @ CAT..... 9:45 AM  
 .....Bible Class @ CAT..... 11:00 AM  
**Monday** .....Ladies of Faith @ BRF ..... 6:00 PM  
**Tuesday**.....Elders Meeting @ BRF ..... 6:00 PM  
**Wednesday**.....Confirmation @ BRF ..... 5:30 PM  
 .....Choir @ BRF ..... 6:15 PM  
 .....Bible Class @ BRF..... 7:00 PM  
**Thursday**.....Know Your Bible Better BC @ BRF ..... 6:30 PM  
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September 12, 2021

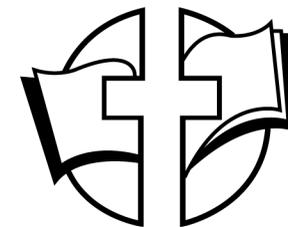
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**DAILY BIBLE READING**

Sunday	1 Kings 17:8-16	Galatians 5:25-6:10
Monday	Proverbs 30:4-9	1 Timothy 4:4-8
Tuesday	1 Timothy 6:6-12	Luke 16:9-13
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 7:20-24	Acts 27:20-37
Thursday	1 Kings 17:1-6	1 Thessalonians 2:9-12
Friday	John 4:31-38	2 Thessalonians 3:6-12
Saturday	Luke 6:20-26	Revelation 22:1-5

**A Jubilee Celebration**



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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

*Today is the third of five special services being held in connection with our special Jubilee Debt Reduction Offering. Today's service reminds us that that we are to make wise use of our time and the gifts which God grants us. The reason for this is because Jesus is going to be coming again, and we don't know exactly when. May each of us be watching and working—and therefore prepared to meet him.*

## 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 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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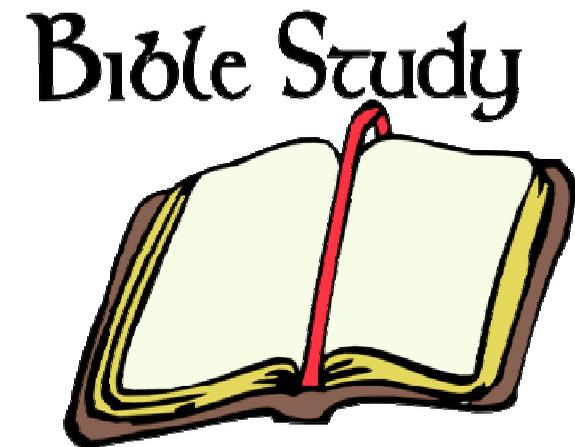
## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE BETTER

A new Bible Class titled “Getting to Know Your Bible Better” will be starting this coming Thursday—September 16—at 6:30 p.m.

This class is for everyone! It is for those who have been a member of a Christian congregation for years and for those who might be interested in joining. It is for the one who is curious concerning what God says about hot button issues today as well as for those who just need a review. It is for those who have questions about God and what he says as well as those who have confessed faith since they were young. It is for the millennial, the Gen X'er, the baby boomer, and Gen Z.

In this class we'll touch on topics such as evolution, justification, sanctification, homosexuality, angels, demons, end times, marriage, and so much more. AND, we will always look at these things on the basis of what God tells us in the Bible. His Word is the truth, and his Word will be our guide.

Come check us out and join us this Thursday (and then for a few more Thursday's after that) at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the fellowship hall of our Black River Falls campus.



## LADIES OF FAITH

Our first Ladies of Faith (LOF) meeting is scheduled for tomorrow—Monday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m.—at our Black River Falls campus. We will begin with Pastor Neumann leading us in Bible study using the book *Enough for Now*. All ladies are encouraged to come and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship with each other gathered around God's Word. As a reminder, each time LOF gathers together for a Bible lesson, it is a stand-alone study whether you have attended in the past or are able to come to future meetings!

In addition, we will view a video on the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM) from the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) 2021 Convention held last month. This video is a great overview of both CAMM fields in Malawi and Zambia and you can "see it" with your own eyes!

## ELDERS MEETING

The elders will meet on Tuesday—September 14, at 6 pm—at our Black River Falls campus.

## YOUTH GROUP

Please note that the next youth group meeting/Bible study will be Sunday—September 26—at 2 pm at our Black River Falls campus.

## 2021 MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE

The 6th annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: GOD'S VISION FOR YOUR FUTURE) will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in Downtown Rochester MN on Saturday, October 23rd. Please go online at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org) to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. Hope to see you there! More details can be found on the white table in the gathering area. Check it out today.

## About our Jubilee Debt Reduction Offering

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*Have you had the privilege of participating in our Jubilee Offering?*

*We don't often think of giving offerings as a privilege, but it is. That's because offerings aren't given to a church, but to God. They are an opportunity for us to say "thank you" for all that our Lord has given to us and done for us. That is true with our Jubilee offering as well. In this offering we are given the privilege of working together as a congregation in an effort to place our congregation in a better financial position. This better financial position will bless us with the ability to not only continue our present ministries, but also to expand them in the future.*

*To date, the Lord has moved the hearts of our members to support this Jubilee Offering with \$30,122. For that support, and for the work that God the Holy Spirit has done in our hearts, we give God the glory. We pray that our Lord continue to move the hearts of all our members to prayerfully consider how we might be able to participate in this privilege as we strive for our goal of \$100,000.*

## Prayer Before Worship

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Holy Spirit, I can only produce your fruit as you strengthen and nourish my faith. Keep my connection to Jesus my Savior strong as you feed my faith with your Word and sacraments. As I bear fruits of faith, work through my words, actions and offerings to bring glory to you and benefit to those around me. Amen.

## Service Participants

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**Presiding Minister**

**Pastor Joel Neumann**

**Organists**

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

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

# The Common Service

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## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father our Creator, the Son our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier.

C: **Amen.**

P: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it

C: **The world and all who live in it.**

P: He has created us to be a people for himself

C: **Who are eager to do what is good.**

P: It is good and right to give thanks to our God at all times and in all places.

C: **For his faithfulness and mercy is new to us everyday.**

P: Come, worship and bow down before the Lord of all the earth!

C: **To his great name be glory, for his loving-kindness never fails.**



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,

# FAITH IN ACTION

## DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Worshipers last week Sunday 87
- Communion 71
- Wednesday Bible Class 20

## SUNDAY SERMONS

Copies of Sunday sermons can be found in the gathering area. Sermons can also be found online at [www.faithwels.com](http://www.faithwels.com). Video recordings of our service can be found on our Facebook and YouTube sights. Follow links at [faithwels.com](http://faithwels.com) to navigate to these sights.

## TODAY'S THE DAY!

A new round of Sunday morning Bible education begins TODAY, with something for everyone – kids, teens & adults! We encourage you to be like Mary and sit at the feet of Jesus for the one thing needful.

- *Sunday School & Bible Class*: Starting at 9:15 a.m. in Black River Falls.  
⇒ We will be using the lesson schedule from the Christ-Light curriculum for all the classes. This will help with your Bible conversations, especially at home. Home devotions utilizing the lesson are found in the adult lessons. There will be an adult and teen Bible study and “Sunday School” classes will be held for pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children. All classes run from 9:15-10:15 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Neumann or Brad Markhardt.
- *Bible Class*: Starting at 11 a.m. in Cataract.

**HYMN**

**Our Father's God in Years Long Gone | 535**

*Please stand*

**P:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**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.



*Be Seated*

**CLOSING HYMN**

**O God, Your Hand the Heaven's Made | 481**



*Please stand*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P:** As we approach our Triune God, let us confess the shallowness of our thankfulness for all that he provides.

**C:** *♪* **Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
For songs of praise for worldly wealthiness,  
While of your richer gifts we're unaware.**

**P:** Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace, For life and vision, for a purpose clear, For Christ, your Son, and for each human face That shows your message ever new and near.

**C:** *♪* **Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,  
For words that speak at variance with deeds.  
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways,  
Unmindful of a broken brother's needs.**

P: Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine, That gives as Christ gave,  
never counting cost, That knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,” As-  
sured that only what’s withheld is lost.

C: **♪ Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast  
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:  
♪ Open our eyes to see your love’s intent,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height.  
Let thankful days in loving labor spent  
Reflect the truly Christlike life and light.**

P: Our Lord’s forgiveness is not shallow! He has made all things new in  
Christ Jesus. He opens the doors to an eternal banquet hall, inviting  
sinners to dine with him as the gracious host. Therefore, as a called  
servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

P: For those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and  
safety in our communities, we pray to you:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, all who suffer and all who are in dan-  
ger, we pray to you:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our apathy, for renewed commitment to  
do your work, we pray to you:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For stronger nurture through Word and sacrament and for a greater measure  
of your Holy Spirit, that we gain strength to serve you, we pray to you:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: In thankful love, we pledge our lives for your service and our gifts for your  
kingdom. Bless our jubilee celebration and use the gifts we gather to help  
strengthen our congregation and expand our ministry and mission here and  
throughout the world—to your glory and for the benefit of many people.

C: **May we hold high the cross of Christ, who rose and lives eternally, that  
all in him their Savior see and sing the hymn of jubilee.**

P: Hear our prayer for our needs and for all people as we pray:

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.**

## 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 remain seated*

## THE PRAYERS

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have called us to share your saving love with the people of our world. We pray that you work through us so that they may trust in you.

**C:** **We implore you to hear us, O God.**

**P:** For people who are spiritually lost and confused, for those searching for truth or aching for forgiveness:

**C:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** For our churches, that your Word be proclaimed freely and faithfully, that we grow in lives of service and determination to do your will:

**C:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** For our nation's financial institutions and our economy, that we may generously support your work in times of plenty and in difficult times as well:

**C:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P:** For those in positions of public trust, that they may govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice, we pray to you:

**C:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

Loving Savior, the treasure of your mercy has turned our lives from sin, despair, and death into a jubilee of forgiveness and joy. Empower us by your great love to share this jubilee so that many more people might know your mercy and praise your name. We pray to you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be Seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*1 Thessalonians 5:14-24*

<sup>14</sup> We also encourage you, brothers, to admonish those who are idle. Encourage those who are discouraged, help those who are weak, and be patient with everyone. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one repays evil with evil, but instead, always strive to do good to each other and to everyone else.

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always. <sup>17</sup> Pray without ceasing. <sup>18</sup> In everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Do not extinguish the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with contempt. <sup>21</sup> But test everything. Hold on to the good. <sup>22</sup> Keep away from every kind of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Please stand

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 13:32-37

<sup>32</sup>“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Watch! Be alert and pray, because you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going away on a journey. When he left his home, he put his servants in charge and assigned what each one was to do. He also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore keep watch, because you do not know when the owner of the house is coming: whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or early in the morning. <sup>36</sup>If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup>What I say to you, I say to everyone: Keep watch!”

**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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

I Gave My Life for Thee | 454

**SERMON**

Mark 13:32-37

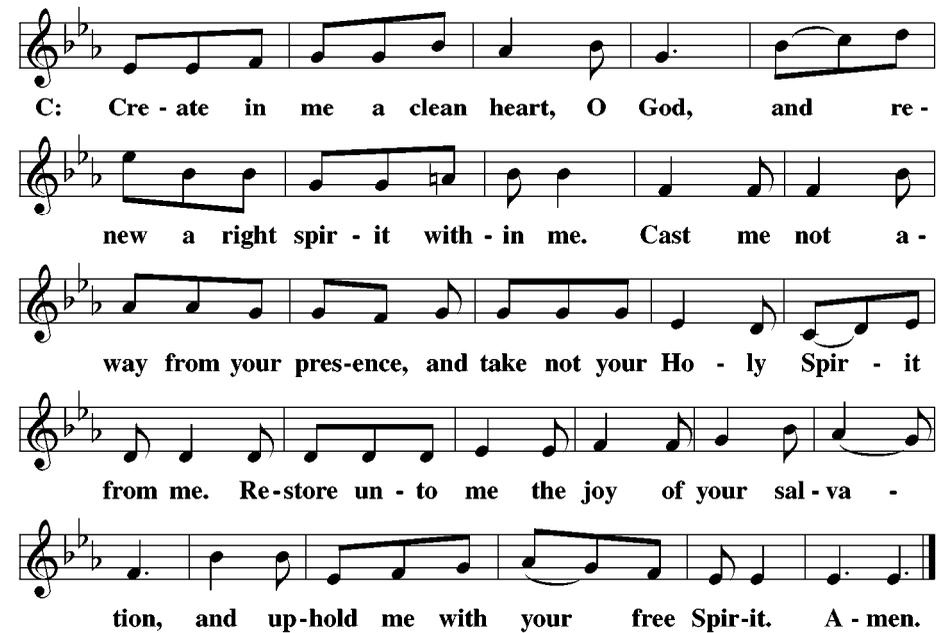
Be Working When the Lord Returns!

I. We don’t know when Jesus will return, but we know he will return

II. He has given each of us some work to do

III. He will require all of us to give him an account

After the sermon the congregation sings:



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.