

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

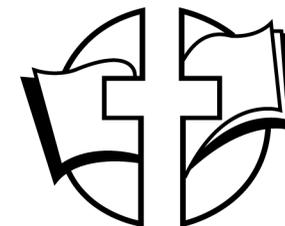
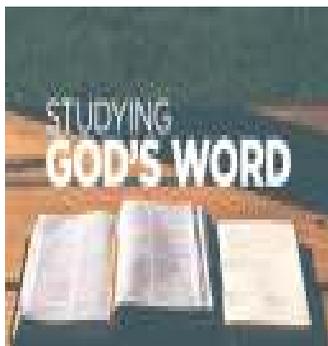
Today	Worship @ CAT	8:00 AM
.....	Worship (Facebook Live) @ BRF	9:45 AM
Tuesday	JCI Pastoral Visits.....	1:00 PM
.....	JCI Bible Class & Visits.....	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Confirmation @ BRF.....	5:30 PM
.....	Choir @ BRF	6:15 PM
.....	Bible Class @ BRF	7:00 PM
Thursday	Ladies Aid @ CAT	12:30 PM
Saturday	Landscape Brigade @ BRF.....	8:00 AM
.....	Child Protection Ad Hoc @ BRF.....	9:00 AM
.....	FiSH Scavenger Hunt @ BRF	2:00 PM
Next 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



**All God-Pleasing Obedience
Must Begin In The Heart**

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday.....	Luke 17:11-19	Galatians 5:16-24
Monday	Mark 1:40-45	Isaiah 40:25-31
Tuesday	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 9:10-15	1 Chronicles 17:16-27
Thursday.....	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
Friday	Philippians 1:12-18	Mark 14:3-9
Saturday.....	Philippians 1:19-26	Revelation 4:1-11



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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 lessons found in our worship service today impress upon us the importance of the Holy Scriptures for the Christian's life.

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. Please speak to an usher. 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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WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGES SUNDAY

Today is the last day of our summer worship schedule. Starting next Sunday, September 12, our worship schedule will once again be:

8:00 a.m.—Worship in Black River Falls

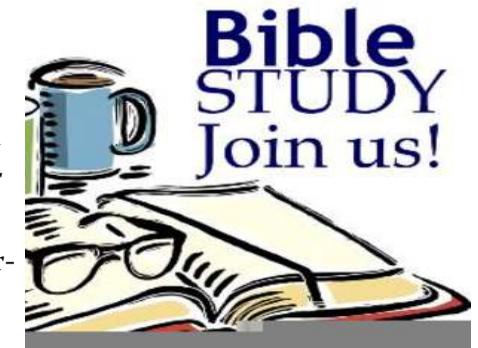
9:15 a.m.—Bible Class & Sunday School in BRF

9:45 a.m.—Worship in Cataract

11:00 a.m.—Bible Class in Cataract.

BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

After worship today, an usher will hand out a Bible Class Schedule. Please take time to read through the schedule and prayerfully consider which Bible Class(es) you might be able to attend. This is one way we continue to equip ourselves with the armor of God that we need to fight our spiritual enemies.



AROUND THE CORNER

LADIES OF FAITH

Our first Ladies of Faith (LOF) meeting is scheduled for 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!

FAITH IN ACTION

DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Worshipers Last Sunday 83
- Bible Class 29

SUNDAY SERMONS

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

GOING-ON THIS WEEK

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation for all 6-8 graders will start this Wednesday, September 8th, at 5:30 p.m.

CHOIR

A new choir season will start this Wednesday, September 8th, at 6:15 pm. We meet in the church sanctuary.

BIBLE CLASS

A new Bible Class that will study the Old Testament book of Haggai will begin Wednesday—September 8—in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting next Sunday—September 12 at 9:15 a.m.—we begin a new round of Sunday morning Bible education. There is something for everyone, so plan to dig deeper and grow stronger through these opportunities.

GO HUNTING WITH FiSH!

Invite your friends to a fun afternoon scavenger hunting on Saturday, September 11, in Black River Falls! You'll drive around BRF in teams, looking for an eclectic assortment of information (e.g. identify the 3 animal species represented at Mill's Park). Teams will be formed at 2:00 p.m. and then they will have 2 hours to find as many of the objects as possible. Treats will be served at church while the scores are tallied and the whole thing will be done by 5 p.m. FiSH is a social group geared toward recreational activities for adults, single or married, younger or older.

Holy Communion—a note to our guests

The Bible tells us that those who receive communion together are to:

1. *Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Corinthians 11:29),*
2. *Examine themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28),*
3. *Be united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Corinthians 10:17).*

*Since it is not possible for us to know whether unity in these areas exist apart from a person's public confession, we practice **close communion**. That is, we ask only those who have publicly confessed oneness with us by membership in our congregation or another WELS congregation to come forward to join us for Holy Communion. If you have questions concerning this practice, or would like to establish a communion fellowship with us, please speak with our pastor. He would be happy to explore God's Word with you.*

Prayer before Worship

Lord God almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, I am grateful for the marvelous world you have given me to use and enjoy. I thank you especially for the true Light that shines in this world, my Savior Jesus Christ. Help me to worship him today and every day, lest darkness overcome me and hide from my eyes the doors of heaven that stand open to me through faith in Jesus. Amen.

Service Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Joel Neumann

Organists

Mrs. Nancy Templeton



Divine Service II

OPENING HYMN

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus | 474

please stand for the final verse

INVOCATION

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?. See John 20:21-23.

ABSOLUTION

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins.

Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

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.

C: Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You | 455

Please stand

The “Nunc Dimittis” (Now dismiss) is also known as the “Song of Simeon.” Through God’s Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Tune: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
 the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car-nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
 ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,

All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
 Is now, shall ev - er be, God’s tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
 name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- P:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C:** Lord, have mercy.
- P:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C:** Christ, have mercy.
- P:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C:** Lord, have mercy.
- P:** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C:** Amen.

Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.



GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: MORNING HYMN

1 All glo - ry be to God on high! Your
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You

name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy; We
 your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King, For
 take all hu - man sin a - way. Have

praise you for your peace and grace, Your
 all, O Fath - er, you have done Through
 mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer; From

fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 God's right hand, your mer - cy share.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

Be Seated

PERSONAL PREPARATION *(you may find the inside cover of the hymnal to be helpful)*

Our congregation practices the biblical teaching of close communion. The Bible teaches that communing together signifies a oneness in faith, life, and worship. Reception of the Lord's Supper by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which doesn't exist. Therefore, if you are a member of Faith or a sister Wisconsin Synod congregation, we kindly invite you to commune with us today.

Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

The Scriptures teach us that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is (+) my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1,2,6-9

So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it. ²Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you.

⁶Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and they will say, "This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people," ⁷because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call on him? ⁸What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today?

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart.
Alleluia.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

Please stand

P: The Gospel according to Mark 7.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

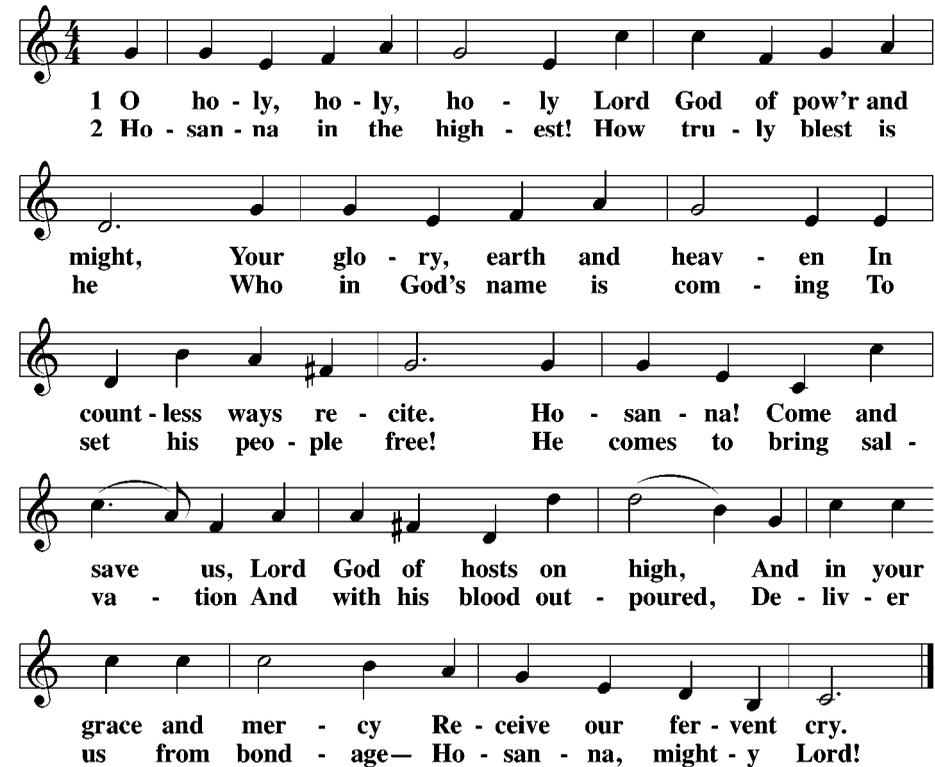
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. ²They saw some of his disciples eating bread with

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Tune: LANCASHIRE



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Please stand

THE PRAYERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. ³In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. ⁵The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands."

⁶He answered them, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written:

These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

⁷They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines.

⁸"You abandon God's commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things."

¹⁴He called the crowd to him again and said, "Everyone, listen to me and understand. ¹⁵There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean.

²¹"In fact, from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, ²²adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. ²³All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, My Faithful God | 459

SERMON

Ephesians 6:10-20

YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW
Know the enemy you fight
Use the equipment you wear

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, ¹⁵and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. ¹⁶At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. ¹⁷Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray for me also, that when I open my mouth a message will be given to me that boldly reveals the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak about it boldly, as it is necessary for me to speak.



NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he
came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered
death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with
the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to
come. 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!

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.