



**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 2, 2012**

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# FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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## WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Jim and Nancy Vogt in honor of their wedding anniversary

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### Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

|              |         |                 |          |         |                    |
|--------------|---------|-----------------|----------|---------|--------------------|
| <b>Today</b> | 9:15am  | Adult S.S.      | Fri. 9/7 | 7:00pm  | Concert/Park       |
|              | 10:30am | Worship         | Sat. 9/8 | 9:00am  | Loaves/Fishes      |
| Tues. 9/4    | 10:00am | Staff Mtg       | Sun. 9/9 | 9:15am  | S.S.               |
| Thurs. 9/6   | 10:30am | Bible Study     |          | 10:30am | Worship            |
|              | 7:00pm  | WCS Parents Mtg |          | 11:40am | Picnic – Rally Day |

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### Announcements

**South Central Youth Famine** will be held here from 6PM Friday until 6PM Saturday.

**Donations for the Troops** are still be collected until September 12. Bring you articles to the church and Terri or Rick Barr will see they are distributed. Thank you to all who prayed and donated items for the troops and their families from Lindsay and Terri Barr. It is much appreciated.

**Rally Day** is next Sunday. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:15am Worship is at 10:30am and will include the installation of Sunday School teachers. A picnic will follow worship with PLOT supplying the meat and you bringing a dish to share.

**Meet and Eat** has moved from Sunday, September 9 to Sunday September 16 because of our Rally day celebration. Please bring a dish and your ideas to share with your team.

**On Sunday**, September 16, Pastor Nancy Nyland, assistant to our Bishop, will be with us. She will meet with the Evangelism team during the Sunday School time, will give the sermon during worship and will meet with the Stewardship team during the Meet and Eat time following worship. Please plan to be at these events on Sunday, September 16.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose name is majestic in all the earth,  
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble,  
who does all things well.

**Amen.**

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and saving God,  
**have mercy on us.**

**In so many ways we cause or suffer brokenness:  
envy, ambition, conflict, boasting,  
hard hearts, lashing tongues,  
dishonor for the poor.**

**In your compassion,  
forgive our sins and heal our hurts.  
Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness,  
the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking,  
the sheaves of wisdom and justice;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

In the name of + Jesus, the Son of God,  
receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.  
Your transgressions are forgiven;  
God's love is healing balm for your wounds.  
Continue to pray for one another;  
care for those who are wandering;  
and seek the good, that you may live.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: *Morning Has Broken* (ELW 556)**

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## GREETING

God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us, God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all. **And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Refrain*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.....O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children--

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 15**

*The Psalm for the day is spoken responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## SECOND READING: James 1:17–27

A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

<sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

<sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

<sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



## **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)**



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
 let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
 and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

**CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As disciples of Christ Jesus called to love and serve all people, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

God our truth, by your word you created us to continue your mission. Bless all who hear the word, and inspire us to be doers of the word also. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our treasure, you have given us great wealth and generous resources. Help us to use these sensibly, that all creatures may live. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our justice, you dignify our labor by sharing our toil. Grant workers fair employment, adequate income, and safe conditions. Bring an end to the exploitation of children, women, and those most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our compassion, you call us to care for all in need. Hear our prayers for the unemployed, orphans, widows, and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit *especially* Walter Clive, Arlys Johnson, Anne Alia, Chuck Boston, Shirley Buschman, Marcella Denton, Kathy Dycus, Vivian Fraizer, Kathy Gillmore, Martha Harding, Flynn Hewitt, Pat Hudson, Brian Johnson, Charlie Kayrouz, Addison Licavaro, Don Maas, Guy McCauley, Dodie McEuen, Angela Rutledge, Ken Walker, Bill Winn. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our life, you gather us together in your name to send us forth to be your hands and feet in the world. Make us generous in our giving and service to others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially Bev Haire and Patti Smith with birthdays. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our hope, we give you thanks for those who have made your word known especially *Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig* and now rest from their labors. Give us strength to follow your commandments until we abide with you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

## OFFERING

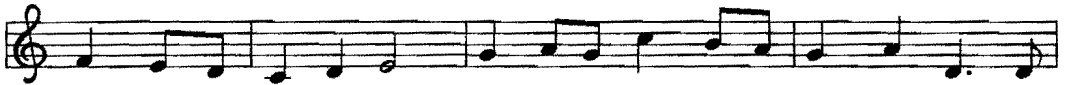
*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.*



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

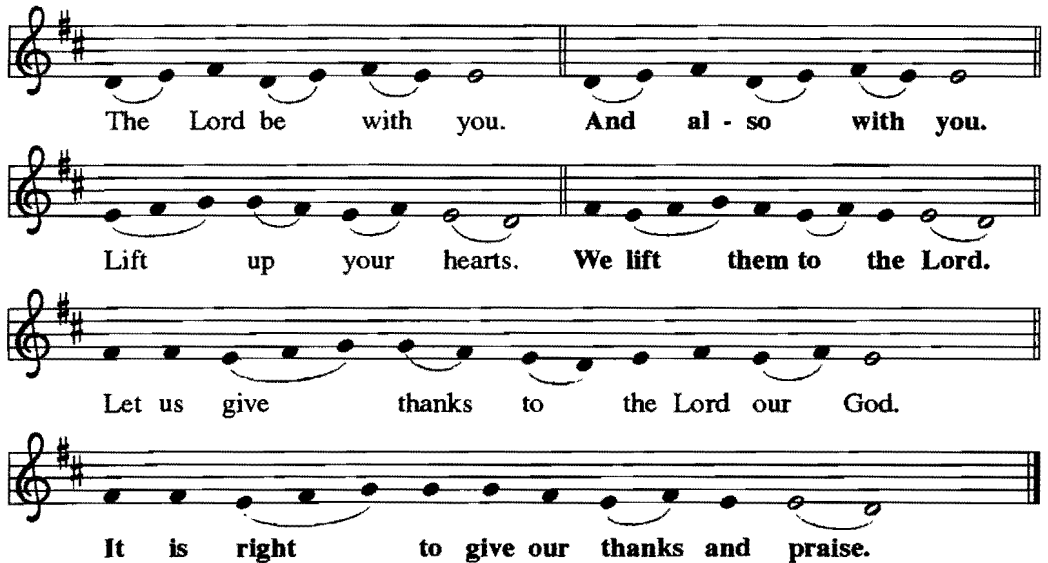
*After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*The assisting minister offers the following prayer*

Let us pray....Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

## DIALOGUE



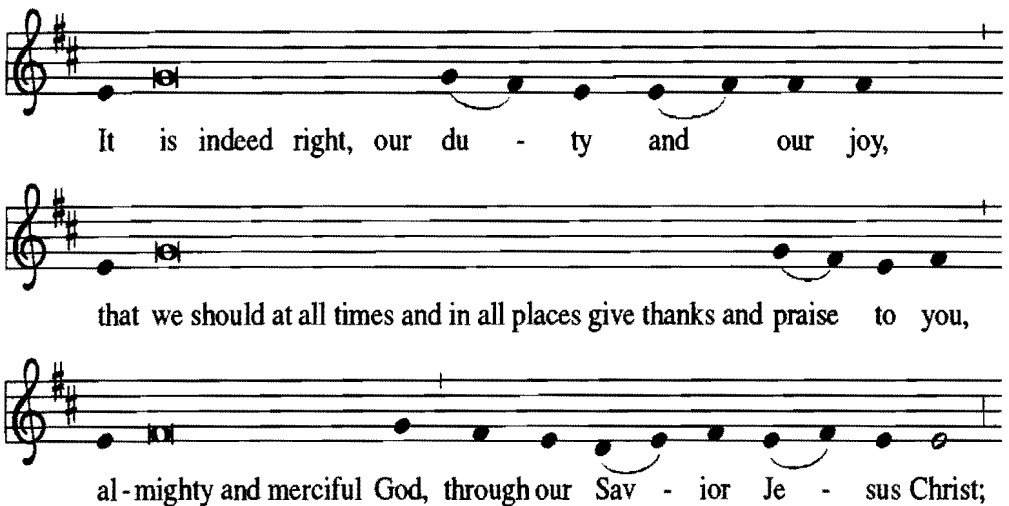
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
 and by his glorious resur - rec - tion  
 opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.  
 And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God gives food to those who hunger. Come, be fed, be healed.



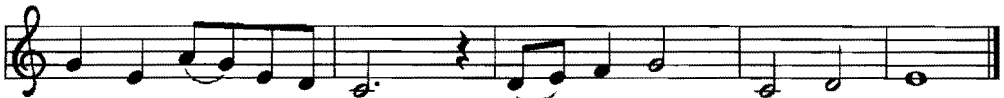
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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 peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*Distribution of the elements will be by the table method. When the ushers direct you to the center aisle, come forward and kneel or stand at the altar as you are able. Receive the wafer from the pastor and eat it immediately. Take a glass of wine or grape juice from the tray offered by the assisting minister. Drink it immediately. Place the used cup in the tray offered by the acolyte. Return to your pew via the side aisles.*

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in his grace. **AMEN**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister offers the following prayer*

Let us pray.... We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **Amen.**

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;  
 for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.  
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,  
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;  
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.  
 that in this house have called up - on your name.  
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.  
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.



## **BLESSING**

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive Christ's blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

**SENDING SONG: *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* (ELW 534)**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **Members**

Walter Clive, repair of hip replacement

Arlys Johnson, recovering from broken femur surgery

### **Family & Friends**

Anne Alia, health issues

Chuck Boston, alcohol rehab

Shirley Buschman, transitioning to home

Marcella Denton, intestinal illness

Kathy Dycus, in recovery in Carmel, IN

Vivian Fraizer, surgery for recurring colon cancer

Kathy Gillmore, health concerns

Martha Harding, health concerns

Flynn Hewitt, (newborn) hole in heart

Pat Hudson, treatment for leukemia

Brian Johnson, skin cancer (Joyce Gerwing's son)

Charlie Kayrouz, stage 4 cancer

Addison Licavaro, (newborn) heart murmur

Don Maas, rehab following gall bladder surgery

Guy McCauley, health issues

Dodie McEuen, health issues

Angela Rutledge, heart attack

Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue

Bill Winn, health issues

\*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone you would like to remain on or be placed on the list.

### **Shut-in**

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods      Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center

Norma Boehme, Westminster Village Ken Steward, Westminster Village

### **Service agencies/programs/special needs**

CLM

Eric Hall Foundation

Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad

Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment

Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Families affected by tornados and drought in IN and KY

### **Last Week at Faith**

|                  |            |                    |    |
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| Current Offering | \$3,290.00 | Worship attendance | 68 |
| Other Offering   | 35.00      | Nursery attendance | 1  |
| Total Offering   | \$3,325.00 | Total attendance   | 69 |

We need \$3,226 in current each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for God's blessings.

### **SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP**

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Pastor</b>              | <b>Pastor Scott Meier</b>    |
| <b>Assistant</b>           | <b>Kate Blough</b>           |
| <b>Organist</b>            | <b>Barb Brewster</b>         |
| <b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>    | <b>Youth</b>                 |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>         |                              |
| <b>Greeters</b>            | <b>Don and Vivian Smith</b>  |
| <b>Ushers</b>              | <b>Bill and Cathy Holman</b> |
| <b>Audio</b>               | <b>Lyle Gernand</b>          |
| <b>Nursery</b>             | <b>Lisa Peter</b>            |
| <b>Social</b>              | <b>Rife's</b>                |
| <b>Financial Assistant</b> | <b>Ken Hawkins</b>           |

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Pastor</b>              | <b>Pastor Scott Meier</b>    |
| <b>Assistant</b>           | <b>Kristina Peter</b>        |
| <b>Organist</b>            | <b>Barb Brewster</b>         |
| <b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>    | <b>Youth</b>                 |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>         |                              |
| <b>Greeters</b>            | <b>Jim and Nancy Vogt</b>    |
| <b>Ushers</b>              | <b>Bill and Cathy Holman</b> |
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**Scripture Readings for next week: Isaiah 35: 4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2: 1-10, 14-17; Mark 7: 24-37**