

BELOIT CULVER'S SCOOPIE NIGHT

Why cook when you can have a great meal at Culver's next Monday, Nov. 20th from 4-8pm?! We will receive a percentage of all sales from this to help fund our purchase of a heart defibrillator. to our volunteers! We hope to see you all there!



OCTOBER 22 - NOVEMBER 19

Please bring in your donations of cans & boxed food for Thanksgiving dinners. Vegetables, fruit, cake mixes, soups, pie filling, stuffing mix, cranberries. Sharing is caring - Thank you all!

Social Ministry Co-Chairs
Karen Murr and Patti Dunaway

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 12, following worship - The members of our church are hereby convened for the annual meeting of the congregation today, Sunday, November 12, immediately following the worship service.

November 19th - Stewardship Sunday - Please bring your yellow Pledge Card; Pastor Bitner to preside.

November 20th - No cooking tonite! Bring your family and friends to Culver's and support our campaign to purchase a defibrillator for church! Please tell your neighbors & friends!

November 21st - Church Council Meeting at 5:30pm

November 21st - Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7pm

Thank you to Pastor Denver Bitner, assistant to the Bishop for the North Conference of Synod, for serving as our worship leader today and next Sunday. He will be participating in our annual meeting today.



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through the Word

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 12, 2017 ~ 9:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgive us our sins, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence.)* Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, O God, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and be saved through you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By your grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us our sins, O God, and be merciful to us, your sinners. Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through your gifts and grace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

**Come, We That Love the Lord
We're Marching to Zion**



that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
il - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
re we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
ch - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.



ch - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



ch - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
n of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

to the day

e prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters.
s us to encourage one another with the promised
f the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and
desmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and
celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of
e feast of victory - the marriage feast of the lamb.

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are happy to worship with us today! Please join us in our Fellowship beverages, snacks and conversation after worship.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward by rows to take bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine (dark) (light). **WE OFFER GLUTEN-FREE BREAD AS AN OPTION FOR COMMUNION.** Just indicate to Pastor when it's your turn you eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for a piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal - ALL believers are welcome!

Offering ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, make sure to catch up with your **offering** the next week you'd like, please mail it to the church office and write the envelope and it will be included in that week's offering only by the designated counters for the day. Thank you for your faithful in giving generously to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church.

Today's Worship Leaders

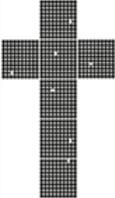
- Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey**
- Computer Technician - Rachel and Anne Strasser**
- Offering Video - Rachel and Anne Strasser**
- Counters - Roger and Carol Frey**
- Fellowship - Carol & Roger Frey/Annual Meeting**
- Greeters - Don & Sandy Dittmer**
- Musician - Betty Comins**
- Reader - Mike Marty**
- Ushers - Doug Congdon and Ray Wendell**
- Guest Pastor - Rev. Dr. Denver Bitner**

Financials for Sunday, November 5, 2017 - W

Attendance: 87

Weekly Offering Actual	\$2,772
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,111
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$92,919
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$94,995
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$9,617

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY



Worship program for our congregation

Worship is a gathering of “therefore” people. We have
God’s great mercy. “Therefore”, we work together to
bring God’s mercy in the world through both word and deed. So
that we do even more of God’s work, you are encouraged to
participate in giving by 1/2 of 1% of your household income.

Follow these simple steps:

1. Take 1/2 of 1% of your annual household income. (Example, \$70,000)

2. Circle the first four numbers from the right. (~~\$70,000~~)

3. Give \$7.00 each week by the remaining amount.
(Example: \$70,000 - \$7.00 = \$69,993)

4. Give twice a month, multiply the amount by two.
(Example: \$7.00 x 2 = \$14.00 twice a month)

5. Give four times a month, multiply the amount by four.
(Example: \$7.00 x 4 = \$28.00 each month)

This works for any income, so please use your
own household income.

This coming week you will receive a letter and Pledge
Card to indicate your giving for the coming year. Please look for
it and either bring your 2018 Pledge Card to worship
or mail your Pledge Card to the church:

Faith Lutheran Church
1305 Blackhawk Blvd.
South Beloit, IL 61080

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Today’s altar flowers are donated by:
Viola Thostenson, in memory of Bernard
Today would have been their 60th Anniversary

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*) O God of justice and
mercy, illumine our way through life with the words of your
Scriptures. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs
of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos, the 5th chapter.

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you
desire the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone
should flee from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and
leaned his hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not
the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no bright
light? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in
your assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings
and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of
your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me
the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your
lutes. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness
like an ever-flowing stream.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM Psalm 70

R: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste
to help me.

**C: Let those who seek my life be put to shame and
be confounded; let those who take pleasure in my
destruction draw back and be disgraced.**

R: Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
because of their shame.

**C: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you,
O LORD, who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the
LORD!”**

R: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me
quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD,
do not tarry.

C: Amen.

READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

From 1 Thessalonians, the 4th chapter.

Do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that Jesus will bring with him those who have died, we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are still alive and who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with

the words of the Lord, word of life.

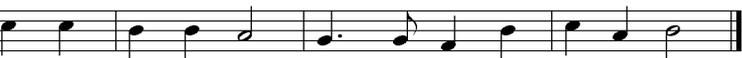
Praise to God.



lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Turn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Matthew 25:1-13

From the gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Jesus says to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the bridegroom came, they took no oil with them; but the wise took oil with their lamps.

CLOSING HYMN

May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray.
May the light of God shine on us today.

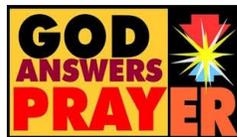
May the love of God live in us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say.
May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways.
May the peace of God be with us today.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.



We pray for: Alyson & Jarrett, Anna, Audrey, Aunt Pat, Bob, Boyd, Brad, Brenda, Cindy, Claudine, Connie Martin Family, Curt, David Geddes, Debi, Devin, Don, Doug, Dustin Insko, Eloise, Florence, Gavin, George, Harriet, Hatch Family, Heidi, Irene, Jen, Jessica, Joyce, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kenny, Kirrby, Larry, Linda, Lisa, Lou, Louie Mercer Family, Lyla V, Mary, Matthew, Maureen, Nancy, Nikko, Rich, Rick, Family, Sharon, Sara, Sue, Tammy, Terry, Theresa, Anderson & Family, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tom & Tracy, Trisha, Viola, Veronica, Vivian, Zack, Zoey, and all our service men and women, those who are lonely, home unemployed, our college students, and our shut-in.



and be with you.
so with you.
 your hearts.
them to the Lord.
 give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
ht to give God thanks and praise.

~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

The Lord's Prayer

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,
 the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

~ COMMUNION ~

AFTER COMMUNION

Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only
 bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on
 your love. Filled again by these signs of your grace,
 and hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for
 your peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

and bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine
 upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with
 favor and give you peace.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became
 and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here
 is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those
 who were ready got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish
 said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
 going out.' The wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough
 for you and you had better go to the dealers and buy some
 for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom
 came, and those who were ready went with him into the
 wedding banquet. Later the other bridesmaids came also,
 saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I
 tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you
 know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
 C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, wa-
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, w-
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness,

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior a



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all

’ CREED

God, the Father almighty,
of heaven and earth.
Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
as conceived by the Holy Spirit,
of the virgin Mary,
d under Pontius Pilate,
ucified, died, and was buried;
cended to the dead.
third day he rose again;
ended into heaven,
eated at the right hand of the Father,
will come to judge the living and the dead.
the Holy Spirit,
y catholic church,
nunion of saints,
giveness of sins,
urrection of the body,
e life everlasting. Amen.

OF INTERCESSION

ing God’s reign of righteousness and mercy, let us
n people of every time and place. (*A brief silence.*)
your church to be ready to respond when Christ
s in the cries of those in need. We lift up the
s mission of care through Lutheran World Relief and
encies. Lord, in your mercy,
r prayer.

thanks for natural resources like oil, coal, trees,
er, and wind. Help us to use them wisely.
your mercy,
r prayer.

the cries of your people in nations caught in war and
ion. Hold in your care all veterans and their families.
e burden of tough memories and bring restoration
oleness. Lord, in your mercy,
r prayer.

P: Shine your merciful and healing light on the despair
of our minds and souls. Bring hope in the midst of
depression, and illness. *We pray especially for the
people out loud (pause)* . . . Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless those who prepare for marriage or who have
married in this place. Strengthen all bonds of friend
relationship in our community. Give us joy in life to
Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Keep us alert for Christ’s coming, sustained by the
we will be reunited with all the faithful who have die
for their lives of witness. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concern
hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care
we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING “Broken Things” by Matthew West

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, May we thy bounties
whatever the gifts may be. as stewards true rec
All that we have is thine alone, And gladly as thoug
a trust, oh Lord, from thee. to thee our first fruit.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give tha
that you illumine our way through life with the word
Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the n
others, and at the end bring all the world to your fe
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with yo
Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
C: Amen.