

## BELOIT CULVER'S SCOOPIE NIGHT

*Please plan on having dinner at Culver's in Beloit TOMORROW, 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

Thank you to everyone who donated to our 2017 Thanksgiving Food Drive. Sharing is caring - Thank you all!

Social Ministry Co-Chairs  
Karen Murr and Patti Dunaway

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



### Monday, November 20th -

Don't cook tonite - come to Culver's from 4-8pm! Bring your family and have dinner & dessert to support our campaign to purchase a heart defibrillator for church. Bring a friend!

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

November 21st - Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7pm

December 2 - Secret Sister Luncheon 12 to 2 - Please RSVP to Sue in the church office - 815-389-1824

December 3 - Please stay after church to help decorate Christmas tree...the more the merrier!



**Thank you to Pastor Denver Bitner, Assistant to the Bishop for the North Conference of Synod, for serving as our worship leader today. Thank you for all you do ~ please come back and visit us anytime!**



## Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring*

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, November 19, 2017 ~ 9:30am  
Stewardship Sunday



### PRELUDE

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of life in Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought and deed, by what we have done and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O God, of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As your ordained minister of the church of Christ, and in the authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

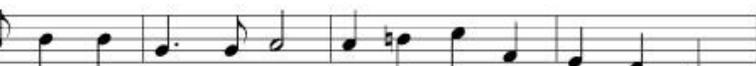
C: Amen.

YMN

### Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
The world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
The Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;  
In so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.  
Tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.  
The field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;  
For then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.  
The blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
The an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
- ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
The har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
The fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
With all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

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

### to the Day

ings during November speak of the end times.  
h proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be  
wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief  
ht and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells  
le of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we  
time, for the greater and common good. In a world  
violence and despair, we gather around signs of  
ord, water, bread and wine - eager to welcome the  
s of Christ's coming among us.

### 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 receive bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine (dark) or (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 on 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

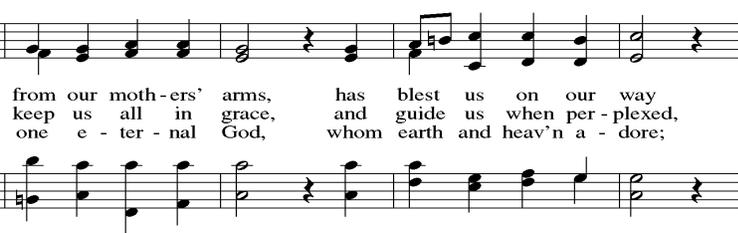
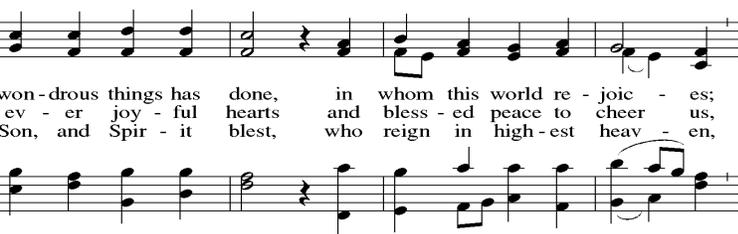
- Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey**
- Computer Technician - Rachel and Anne Strasser**
- Offering Video - Rachel and Anne Strasser**
- Counters - Roger and Carol Frey**
- Fellowship - Russell Scheibel**
- Greeters - Don & Sandy Dittmer**
- Musician - Betty Comins**
- Reader - Nicole Blakeman**
- Ushers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

### Financials for Sunday, November 12, 2017 - W

Attendance: 66

<b>Weekly Offering Actual</b>	<b>\$1,608</b>
<b>Weekly Offering Budget</b>	<b>\$2,111</b>
<b>2017 YTD Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$94,527</b>
<b>2017 YTD Offering Needed</b>	<b>\$97,106</b>
<b>Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan</b>	<b>\$9,617</b>

## HYMN Now Thank We All Our God



... into the world and serve God with gladness; be of good  
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the  
honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the  
the Holy Spirit.  
... to God.

**Today's altar flowers are donated by Sue Boyette  
and Vicki Donalson, in honor of Evelyn Stafford's  
90th birthday and in memory of Vi Adrian**

## Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray. (A brief silence.) Righteous God,  
**C:** our merciful master, you own the earth and all  
and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to  
with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the  
day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

A reading from Zephaniah, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated  
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will  
people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who  
hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm  
wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste  
they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though t  
vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The gre  
LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the  
LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day w  
wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and  
a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thic  
day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified  
against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress u  
that they shall walk like the blind; because they have s  
the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and  
like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able  
on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passio  
earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

**R:** Word of God, word of life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### A RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 90

**R:** Lord, you have been our refuge from one generati

**C:** Before the mountains were brought forth, or th  
the earth were born, from age to age you are G



us back to the dust and say, "Turn back,  
n of earth."

**ousand years in your sight are like yesterday when  
and like a watch in the night;**

up them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly  
rass:

**orning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is  
and withered.**

re consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of  
h.

**uities you have set before you, and our secret sins  
ht of your countenance.**

us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to

### **READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

m 1 Thessalonians, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

ing the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,  
ed to have anything written to you. For you yourselves  
ll that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the  
hey say, "There is peace and security," then sudden  
ill come upon them, as labor pains come upon a  
nan, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are  
ss, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are  
light and children of the day; we are not of the night or  
So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us  
and be sober; for those who sleep - sleep at night, and  
e drunk - get drunk at night. But since we belong to the  
sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love,  
met the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not  
for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may  
Therefore encourage one another and build up each  
ed you are doing.

God, word of life.

**oe to God.**



### **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God

**C: It is right 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 ~**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us  
this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may  
on your great love. Filled again by these signs of  
grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may  
thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forever

**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's favor  
on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon  
favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

for those who cry out for healing, hope, or help, and  
for whom we have promised to pray (*especially*).  
of to caregivers and surround those who are lonely  
powerful presence. Lord, in your mercy,  
**prayer.**

for this congregation and the talents and treasures  
on brings. Bring new talents to blossom among us,  
ourage and build up one another.  
our mercy,  
**prayer.**

dwelling place in all generations, we remember with  
ng all who have died in you (*especially*). Teach us to  
days as gifts from you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**prayer.**

These prayers and the hopes and concerns of our  
God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**PEACE**  
e of Christ be with you always.  
**with you.**

**VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING**  
**“Rescuer” by Rend Collective**

**MISSION WITH OFFERINGS AND 2018 PLEDGES**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

<i>but thine own, gifts may be. ive is thine alone, rd, from thee.</i>	<i>May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive, And gladly as though blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.</i>
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**PRAYER**  
ord you called your people Israel to tell of your  
gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert  
pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.  
Word of life, O God,  
**ou thanks and praise.**

**ALLELUIA**

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your s  
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hea  
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news th

**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> ch

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: “For it is as if a man, going on a long journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents, and I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been true. Because you did a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents, and I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been true. Because you did a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.’

ve what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You  
azy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did  
d gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to  
ed my money with the bankers, and on my return I  
received what was my own with interest. So take the  
aim, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to  
o have, more will be given, and they will have an  
but from those who have nothing, even what they  
taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him  
r darkness, where there will be weeping and  
teeth.'"

pel of the Lord.  
o you, O Christ.

### SERMON

### THE DAY

For the Fruit of All Creation



fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



e gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



ow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
on - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

### APOSTLES' 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

**P:** Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy  
with people of every time and place. *(A brief silence)*  
for the church. Enliven its witness in ecumenical mission,  
feeding programs, and new ventures. Open our hearts to  
relationships that share faith, and open our mouths to share  
news. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** We pray for parks and open spaces, for clean air and  
water. Help us protect places where we are reminded of  
work in creation and find renewal. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** We pray for those who have been and are still today  
trafficked, or oppressed. Make clear the needs of the  
silenced by suffering, that we may listen and bring  
exploitation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

