

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - 7pm

Thanksgiving Worship at Cross & Crown, 7404 Elevator Rd., Roscoe, IL; several area churches are participating

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 Happy Thanksgiving!

SUNDAY, December 2

Please plan to stay after church to help put up the Christmas tree ornaments and decorations

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 12 noon to 2pm

Secret Sister Luncheon/Reveal/Welcome New Sisters



SECRET SISTERS INVITATION

Bring your final gift and a side dish or dessert. Main dish will be provided.

Please sign up on the bulletin board!

SATURDAY, December 15

“Eli’s Bethlehem Inn” Dinner Theater

MONDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Service

TUESDAY, December 25 Merry Christmas!

November & December Birthdays - Happy Birthday to YOU!

NOVEMBER: 28 –Terri Schoepski

DECEMBER: 2 – Gail Krause, 5 – MaryAnn Mueller, 13 – Mike Murphy, 16 – Rachel Schuller, 18 – Sandy Johnson, 24 – Nicole Blakeman, 25 – Kathy Strasser, 31 – Pat Schnurr

JANUARY: 2 – Irene Balk, 10 – Hannah Guffey, 12 – Betty Bonner, 19 – Thomas Rowlett, 20 – Viola Thostenson, 23 – Amy McCormick, 27 – Samantha Guffey, 27 – Victor Lipinski, 30 – Craig Miller, 30 – Justin Brown



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, November 18, 2018 ~ 9:30 am

The 26th Sunday of Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the + Holy Trinity, one

God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

C: Amen.

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

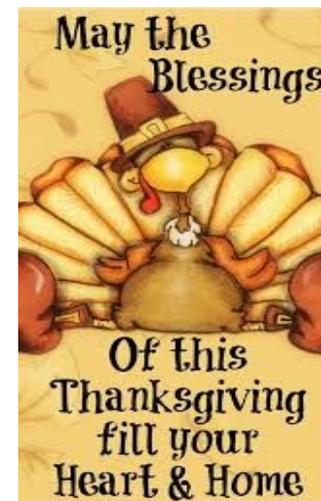
(A brief silence.) Oh God, our merciful redeemer,

C: **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor’s face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for + His sake, God forgives you all your sin.

Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C: Amen.



OPENING HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-gether sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



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



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

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: This Sunday is Celebration and Faith Promise Sunday. We gather to celebrate and give thanks for the ministry God has given us. We will also share in the delight and duty of making commitments of how we can share the gifts of time, abilities, spiritual gifts, and financial resources in delight for God's gift of grace, and that our ministry can grow in outreach with the gospel. We have prayerfully considered how we might grow as disciples and stewards. As we offer our commitments for 2019, we do so with gratitude for our blessings. Thanks be to God for the gift of Jesus Christ and the life transforming grace through him.

C: Amen.



We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins & all of our students, military personnel & their families. We pray for our friends, families & our loved ones: Alyson & Jarrett, Angel, Audrey Seeley, Austin, Austin Wagner, Barry & Shelby, Bill, Bob, Boyd & Inez, Carl, Christie Family,

Claudine, Darrell, Debi, Denise, Don, Don & Harriet, Eloise, Emily & Family, Evelyn, Faith, Gary, Gavin, George, Grandma, Jaleena, Janet, Jean, Jered, John, Julie & Lisa Wright, Kenny, Kris, Larry, Lauri, Linda, Matt, Melissa, Mike, Mya, Nancy, Nic, Ruthann, Ryan, Brynn and Ellis McGuire, Sandy, Sharon, Steve, Ted, Terri, Thelma, Tim, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Vicki, Vivian



**Thanksgiving
Food Drive**

**Food Drive ends today, Sun., Nov.18;
we are collecting canned and
boxed goods as well as cash
for turkeys and fresh fruits
and vegetables to be
donated to Caritas**



**Altar Flowers are donated by Julie Wright
in memory of Jim Wright**



HUGE thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our 4th annual Craft Show such a wonderful success. We had over 40 crafter this year, and Didier Hall over at St. Peter was a really nice venue. Thanks again to everyone! Sue Brunson



Christmas Poinsettia Order Forms are in the office, Fellowship and in the narthex. \$12.50 each; deadline for red, pink or white flowers is Friday, December 14th.

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

We are happy to have you worship with us today!

Please join us for beverages, snacks and conversation after worship.



COMMUNION

We'll follow the same new procedure as last week. After receiving your bread or gluten-free wafer, help yourself to a small cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light) from the usher. Dispose of your cup in the receptacle on your way back to your seat.

OFFERING ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** next week. Mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope to be included in that week's offering, seen only by designated counters. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

Financials Sunday, November 11, 2018 - Week #45

Attendance - 74

Actual Offering	\$1,659.30
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2018 YTD Actual Offering	\$99,403.35
2018 YTD Offering Needed	\$97,920.00

In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick
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Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol and Roger Frey
Computer Tech - Anne & Rachel Strasser
Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser
Reader - Jeremy Naff
Counters - Laurie and Pat Wicks
Fellowship - Pat Wicks
Greeters - Boyd and Inez Miller
Musician - Betty Comins
Ushers - Doug Congdon & Laurie Wicks
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Almighty God,

C: Your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:8-12

A reading from Malachi, the 3rd chapter.

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me — the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 16

R: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

R: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

~ COMMUNION ~

R: O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

R: I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

R: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

R: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: II Corinthians 9:6-15

The second reading is from 2nd Corinthians, the 9th chapter.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God"

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
“Cast My Cares” by Finding Favour

PROCESSION WITH OFFERINGS AND 2019 PLEDGES

*We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thou bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
And gladly as thou blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift,

R: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

*Alleluia! Lord and Savior open now your saving word!
Let it burn like fire within us; Speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.*

GOSPEL: Luke 6:32-38

Our gospel is a reading from Luke, the 6th chapter.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Thanksgiving and Thanksliving”

HYMN OF THE DAY O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

The 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.***

(*word meaning "universal"; you may substitute "Christian")

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *(A brief silence.)* Gracious God, you made the church through the working of the Holy Spirit, and you provide the assurance of faith through your Son. Guide us in our proclamation of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You created all things and said your creation was good. Protect land and water from harm, cause all living things to thrive, and raise up stewards for the well-being of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You desire peace for the whole world. Provide refuge for those in harm's way, bring an end to war, and instill in political leaders the love for all that comes from you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You reveal your compassion through caregivers, advocates, and medical professionals. Heal the sick, deliver the suffering, bind up the brokenhearted, provide shelter for the homeless and food for the hungry. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You bless us in our coming and our going, in our waking and our sleeping, and in our daily work. Make our love and good deeds a reflection of the freedom you give us in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You grant us everlasting life. Through the witness of your saints who now rest in the Lord, inspire us in our lives of faithful service. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.