

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, December 2

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



ANGEL TREE

Once again this year we will be asking you to be taking one of the 75 angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree and bring in your UNWRAPPED gifts and toys by Sunday, December 16th. We'll have 2 barrels again. Thank you!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 12 noon to 2pm

Secret Sister Luncheon/Reveal/Welcome New Sisters



SECRET SISTERS LUNCHEON

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 at 6pm; a free event BUT reservations are necessary—sign up or call the church office at 815-389-1824

MONDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Service at 5pm

TUESDAY, December 25 Merry Christmas!

November & December & January Birthdays

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 25, 2018 ~ 9:30 am
Christ the King 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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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: Aaron, Adam, Alyson & Jarrett, Aunt Bettie, Austin Wagner, Barry & Shelby, Bert, Bill, Bob, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Brenda, Cindy, Claudine, Daniel Mears, Darrel, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dick, Don, Don & Harriet, Donna, Eloise, Emma, Evely, Florence, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, rene A., Iris, Jackie, Janet, Janie, Janice, Jeff, John, Kamyra, Kathy Mears, Kathy Strasser, Kena, Kenny, Kevin, Kim, Kohen, Kris, Larry, Lauri, Linda, Linda G., Lori, Lucy, Lyla, Matt, Maureen M., Melissa, Mike, Nancy, Pam, Pat, Payton, Pete, Rich, Ruthann, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Sam, Sanchez Family, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Sharon, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Tallen, Tammie, Tammy, Ted, Terri, Thelma, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Vicki, Violet, Wells family in loss of David M.,



Altar Flowers are donated by Sue Boyette in honor of Evelyn Stafford's birthday and from Sue and Vicki in memory of Vi Adrian



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

Today's Worship Leaders

- Altar Guild** - Carol and Roger Frey
- Computer Tech** - Mike Banker
- Offering Video** - Helen Meier
- Reader** - Pat Wicks
- Counters** - Laurie and Pat Wicks
- Fellowship** - Bake Sale Overflow
- Greeters** - Boyd and Inez Miller
- Musician** - Betty Comins
- Ushers** - Doug Congdon & Laurie Wicks
- Pastor** - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

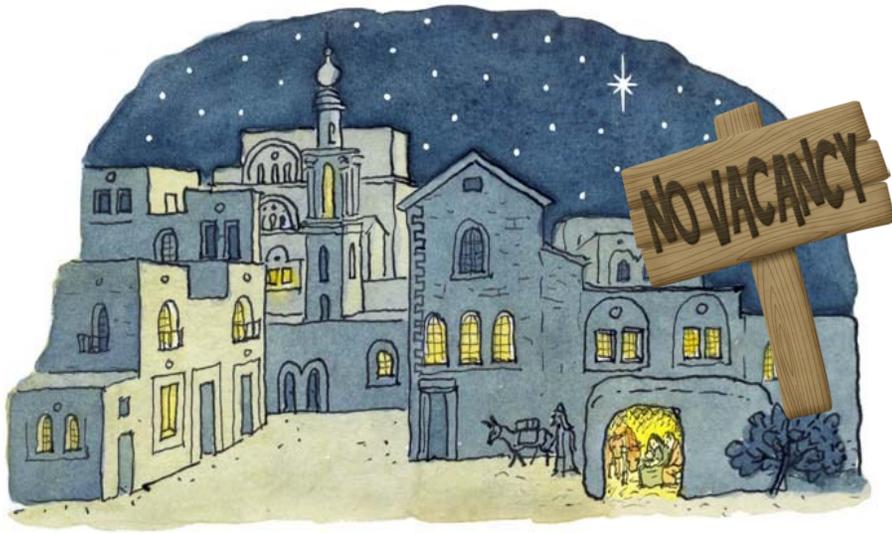


Thanksgiving Food Drive

Big thanks to all of you who donated food and money to Caritas. You are wonderful! Parri Dunaway and Karen Murr

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.

In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick
Cell: 815-566-5247 Home: 815-227-4679
Email: pastorr1@comcast.net



You Are Cordially Invited to

"Eli's Bethlehem Inn"

A Special Dinner Theater Christmas Event

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Faith Lutheran Church ~ 6:00 pm

**Reservations are required. Please
make your reservations either on
the sign-up sheet or by calling
the Church office at 815-389-1824**

**A free-will offering will be taken
at the event. Open to the public.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One; he would be the "one like a human being" given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Almighty and ever-living God,

C: you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from Daniel, the 7th chapter.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 93

R: The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

C: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

R: The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

C: Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

R: Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from Revelation, the 1st chapter.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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: John 18:33-37

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered,

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.



2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES
are on a table at the back of the sanctuary. Please remember to stop and get your box. Thank you!
Roger Frey

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 in our Fellowship Room.

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 18, 2018 - Week #46

Attendance - 91

Actual Offering	\$1,875.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2018 YTD Actual Offering	\$101,278.85
2018 YTD Offering Needed	\$100,096.00

~ 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.

~ COMMUNION ~

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

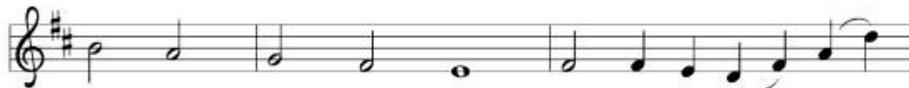
P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

“Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“THE ALPHA AND OMEGA KING”

HYMN OF THE DAY Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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.*

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.)* Almighty God, you love us and free us through the death and resurrection of your Son. Lead your church through the gospel. Bless pastors, deacons, musicians, teachers, and all who speak your truth.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You reveal your goodness through the majesty of what you have created. Bring favorable weather to places affected by storms, protect plants and animals from devastation, and guide us in our use of all natural resources.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You desire justice in the world. Grant to courts wise and discerning judges, attorneys, and public defenders, and guide the rulers of nations to bring about peace.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You are our beginning and end. Soothe the afflicted, comfort the distressed, console the bereaved, and heal the sick *(especially)*. Give all who provide care a measure of your compassion and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You call us to serve our neighbors. Nourish us with word and sacrament so that we serve as your hands and feet in the world. Protect those who are traveling, and bless those who are unable to attend worship today.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your dominion is forever and ever. We give thanks for the faithful departed who live with the saints of all ages in your infinite love. 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.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

"The King Is Coming" by the Gaither Vocal Band

*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.