

**Friday, Jan. 26 - Out to Dinner Group - 6:00pm at Road Dawg Family Restaurant, 2956 Milwaukee Rd., Beloit. Deadline is today - all are welcome! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.**



**Monday, Feb. 12 - Scoopie Night -Beloit Culver's. Don't cook! Come to Culver's to support our church from 4pm-8pm! Proceeds go towards an AED heart defibrillator and our youth program.**



**Saturday, Feb. 24 - Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia Night Fundraiser 2018 Houston Youth Gathering this summer. Dinner - 5pm. Gluten free dinners available. Trivia at 6:30 - tables of 8. Sign up on the board. FREE Babysitting. Silent Auction Gift Baskets COST: \$10 (13 +) \$5 (4-12) 3 & under - free (dinner only)**

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REMEMBER WHEN...Remember how in love you were on your wedding day? Recapture that wonderful feeling by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. A weekend is scheduled for April 13, in Peoria, IL and November 9 at the Baymont Inn, Rockford, IL. See [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org) for info and registration. Talk to Pastor John or his wife, Connie if you have questions.

**Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church.** We are happy to have you worship with us today! Please join us in our for beverages, snacks and conversation after worship. **Communion** is by intinction. Come forward by rows to receive the bread with an open hand then dip in the wine (dark) or juice (light). **Gluten-free bread is an option - just indicate to Pastor when it's your turn.** If you eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another 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 baptized believers are welcome.

**Financials Sunday, Jan. 14 - Week #2**

**Attendance - 82**

<b>Weekly Offering Actual</b>	<b>\$3,287.30</b>
<b>Weekly Offering Budget</b>	<b>\$2,176.00</b>
<b>2017 YTD Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$6,344.30</b>
<b>2017 YTD Offering Needed</b>	<b>\$4,352.00</b>



**Faith Lutheran Church**

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*  
 Sunday, January 21, 2018  
 Third Sunday after Epiphany ~ 9:30 am

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + 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 sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one 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, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake 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 name. Amen.**
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

O Zion, Haste



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923  
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walsh, 1837-1901

Thank you 

We thank Pastor John Heins for his service during Pastor Rick's absence. We very much appreciate your help and invite you and your wife, Connie to come back any time! If a pastoral need arises, please call the church office at 815-389-1824. Pastor Heins can be reached directly at 815-289-1760. Next week, Pastor Karl Otto will be here to worship with us. His number is 815-988-0677.

Worship Leaders

- Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
- Computer Technician - Anne & Rachel Strasser
- Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser
- Reader - Sue Brunson
- Counters - Roger & Carol Frey
- Fellowship - Laurray and John Coots
- Greeters - Liz Shockley and Teresa Moffitt
- Musician - Betty Comins
- Ushers - Doug Congdon, Todd, and Ben Strasser
- Guest Pastor - Rev. Dr. John Heins



Today's altar flowers are donated by :  
Sue & George Brunson in honor of  
Don's & Ricky's birthdays in January



We pray all service men and women, all homeless and unemployed, our shut-ins, our college students, those in the military and their families. We pray for our friends, families, and loved ones, especially: Aaron, Alyson & Jarrett, Amber, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Bailey, Barry & Shelby, Betty, Bill, Bob, Boyd & Inez, Cathy, Connie, Damon, Daryl, Debi, Dick, Dodi, Doloris, Don, Eloise, Florence, Gary, Gavin, George, Heidi, Janet, Janie, Jean, Jen, Jess, Jessica, John, Joyce, Karen, Ken, Kim, Kris, Kurt, Larry, Linda, Mary, Matt, Patti, Raymond, Rich, Scott, Shirley, Tammie, Tammy, Tina, Tracy, Todd, Tom, Veronica, Viola, Vivian, Zach, and Zak.



I really appreciate all of your prayers, cards and get well wishes. Thank you all very much!  
Leroy Mueller

## CLOSING HYMN - Verses 1, 2, 3

### You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

*Tú has venido a la orilla*



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my  
love for the rest of the wea - ry - a love that's  
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
fish nets and will for work - ing.  
will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
Friend, you have come to call me.



Refrain / Estribillo  
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi  
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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: Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Church

### FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from Jonah, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## A Responsive Reading From Psalm 62

R: For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

**C: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

R: In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**C: Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

R: Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

**C: Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

R: God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

**C: Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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.**

## 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.*

~ COMMUNION ~

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

## 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.**

P: For the poor and oppressed, for the sick and bereaved, for those living with HIV and AIDS, and for all people in need (*especially those for whom we pray out loud*), that your power and compassion will be visible to those who need care and those who provide care, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For this congregation and its ministries, for visitors in our midst, and for students returning to school, that your Holy Spirit will guide us in all our endeavors, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: In thanksgiving for those who have died that their lives of faithful service point us to the steadfast love of Christ, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

*"Shelter" by Carrollton*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;*

*All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, in thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,*

*And gladly as though blessed us, to thee our first-fruits give.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**"CHOSEN, CALLED, AND NEVER ALONE"**



## Hymn of the Day - Verses 1, 2 & 4

### O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
~~3 In thee all full - ness dwell - est, all grace and pow'r di - vine;~~  
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:  
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:  
~~the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.~~  
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
~~We wor - ship thee, we bless thee, to thee a - lone we sing;~~  
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
~~we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.~~  
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

## 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:** Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. For the church in all its forms, for unity in Christ, and for those who proclaim the good news in word and deed, that all trust that the kingdom of God has come near, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**P:** For clean water and air, for fertile lands, so that all creatures and people have enough food, nourishing drink, and breathable air, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**P:** For public defenders and district attorneys, for the armed forces and international peace organizations, and for all public leaders, that those in authority work for the well-being of all people (*especially*), let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**