



Friday, Jan. 26 - Out to Dinner Group - 6:00pm at Road Dawg Family Restaurant, 2956 Milwaukee Rd., Beloit. Please sign up by Sunday, January 21st. All are welcome! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Monday, Feb. 12 - Scoopie Night at 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. Workers needed to help out. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Saturday, Feb. 24 - Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia Night Fundraiser for our 2018 Houston Youth Gathering this summer. Dinner at 5pm. Gluten free dinners available. Trivia at 6:30pm. Tables of 8. There will be awesome Silent Auction baskets for you to bid on!
Tickets (Dinner & Trivia): 13 years + \$10 per person
 4-12 years \$5 per person
 3 & under - free (dinner only)

FREE Babysitting will be available.

***** Gift Baskets needed for Silent Auction *****

See Kelly & Craig Miller for tickets; bring your family & friends!



Your 2017 Statements are ready for pick up in the church narthex on the table.

**Thank you,
 Roger Frey, Financial Secretary**

JANUARY

- 2 - Irene Balk, 10 - Hannah Guffey**
- 12 - Betty Bonner, 20 - Viola Thostenson**
- 23 - Amy McCormick, 27 - Samantha Guffey,**
- 27 - Victor Lipinski, 30 - Craig Miller**
- 30 - Justin Brown**



If your birthday is not listed, please see Sue or leave a note!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ
 Sunday, January 7, 2018
 Baptism of Our Lord ~ 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.**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

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.**

Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Computer Technician - Anne & Rachel Strasser
Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser
Reader - Pat Wicks
Counters - Roger & Carol Frey
Fellowship - Gerry Cliffe
Greeters - Liz Shockley and Teresa Moffitt
Musician - Betty Comins
Ushers - Doug Congdon and Todd/Ben Strasser
Guest Pastor - Rev. Dr. John Heins



Today's altar flowers are donated by **Gerry Cliffe**, in memory of Fran Cliffe, in remember and celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary **Shawn, Amanda & Sam Guffey** to celebrate Hannah's (Golden) 10th birthday today



Today 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, loved ones, especially: Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey & Tom, Barry & Shelby, Betty, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Cathy, Cazmyre, Cindy, Cory, Damon, Dan Ostrum, Debi, Dick, Dodi, Don, Dustin Insko, Emily, Evelyn & Fran Tranbarger, Florence, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Irene & Ted, Janet, Janie, Jeff, Jen, Joyce, Kathy Mears, Kayla, Kenny, Kim, KMS, Larry, Leonard Dygart, Leroy Mueller, Lilac, Linda, Lisa, Lyla Williams, Lynn Coots Family, Mary, Nancy, Raymond, Rich, Rick & Vick, Ricky, Sara, Shalom, Shirley, Sue, Tammy, Tina, Tom, Tom & Gale Miller, Tracy, Tristan, Vance, and Viola.



Please sign up today - we need you!
GREETERS, READERS, USHERS,
COFFEE HOUR TREATS

Special Thanks

Thank you so much for the nice gift of money from the congregation. I am happy to be your church secretary!
 Sincerely, Sue Brunson

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are happy to have you worship with us today! Please join us in our Fellowship Room 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 it in the wine (dark) or juice (light). **GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AN OPTION FOR COMMUNION. 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.

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

Financials Sunday, Dec. 31 2017 - Week 52

Attendance - 58

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,621.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$110,870.69
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$111,373.00
YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$9,617.63



We welcome Pastor John Heins to Faith Lutheran during Pastor Rick's absence. He will lead us in worship through Jan. 21. If a pastoral need arises, please call the church office at 815-389-1824. Pastor Heins can be reached directly at 815-623-8323.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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: Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from Genesis, the 1st chapter.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



A Responsive Reading From Psalm 29

R: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD
glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship
the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

R: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory
thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the
LORD is a voice of splendor.**

R: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks
the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount
Hermon like a young wild ox.**

R: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

R: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips
the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying,
"Glory!"

**C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits
enthroned as king forevermore.**

R: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD,
the blessings of peace.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

A reading from Acts, the 19th chapter.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior
regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples.
He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became
believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is
a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?"
They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized
with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the
one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this,
they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had
laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they
spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about
twelve of them.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

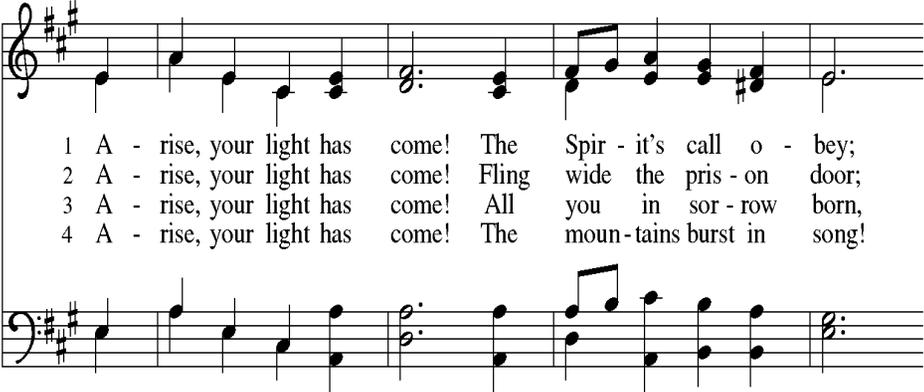
BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

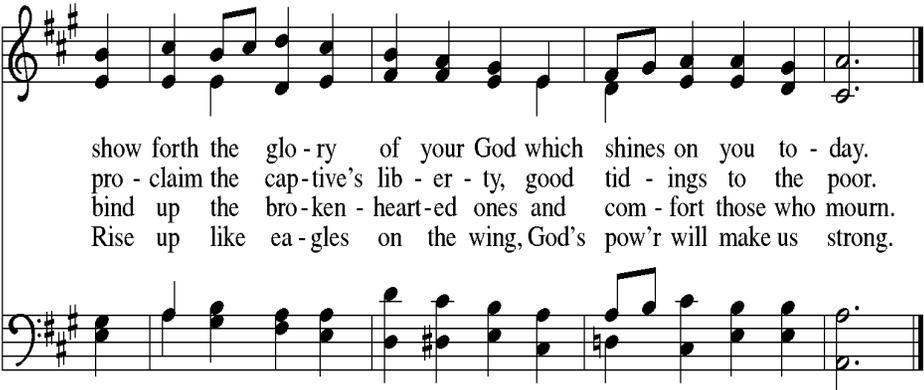
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God with us: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.

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.

~ COMMUNION ~

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: Mark 1:4-11

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

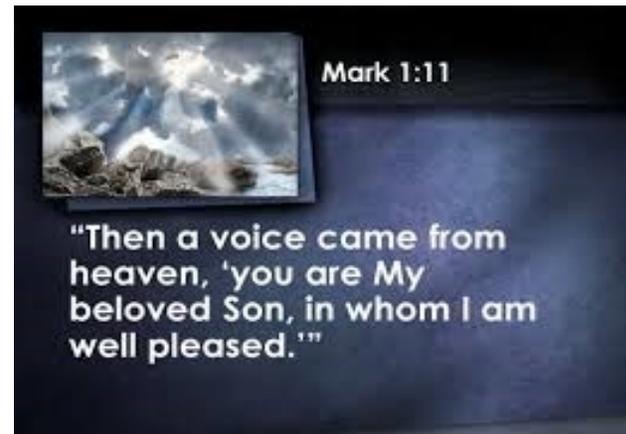
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON "SPIRIT IN THE WATER"





1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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. (*A brief silence.*) For the church and the ministry of the baptized, that your Holy Spirit will teach all people to forgive sins, ending violence and ushering in peace throughout the world, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the earth and all living things, for favorable weather, for plants and animals, that you will cause all creation to thrive in the care of good stewards, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the leaders of national and local governments, agencies, and organizations, for areas of the world suffering from war that you will bless all people with plenty, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the sick and suffering, the imprisoned and hungry, the lonely and grieving (*especially*), that Christ our great physician will soothe and console all in need, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For our local community, and for this congregation, that in our joys and sorrows we remember that we are God's beloved children, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith, both distant and near, who have taught us to believe the good news 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 ~
 "Do Something" by Matthew West