



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

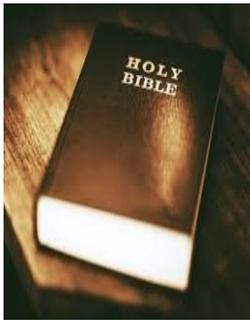


Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 5pm

Faith Lutheran Church's  
3rd Annual Trivia Night  
and Italian Dinner

**SIGN UP SHEET COMING SOON**

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### READERS SCHEDULE

- November 3 - Mike Marty
- November 10 - Pat Wicks
- November 17 - Nicole Blakeman
- November 24 -
- December 1 -
- December 8 - Mike Marty
- December 15 -



### FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

- November 3 - Russell G. Scheibel
- November 10 - Church Potluck
- November 17 - Nicole Blakeman
- November 24 - Laurray & John Coots
- December 1 - Sue & George Brunson
- December 8 - Tammy D. & Tina H.
- December 15 -



### ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE

- November 3 - Bernie & Pat Parisot
- November 10 - George & Sue Brunson
- November 17 - Craig & Kelly Miller
- November 24 - Sue Boyette & Vicki
- December 1 - Gail & Dennis Kelce
- December 8 -
- December 15 -



## Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

Sunday, November 17, 2019 ~ 9:30 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK: BISHOP JEFF CLEMENTS  
ON VIDEO**



**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the + Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. *(A brief silence.)* Source of all life,

**C:** we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

**P:** God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven +, God's love is unconditional. And we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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-geth-er 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: The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

C: **Amen.**



***Annual Meeting and Potluck:***  
*Thanks to all who participated in last Sunday's important congregational event.*

*Special thanks to outgoing Council members: Cathy Murphy, Patti Dunaway, Karen Murr, Todd Strasser, and Rachel Strasser. Your years of time & service are appreciated! We welcome new Council members for their 3-yr. term commitment: Mike Marty, Teresa Moffitt, Sue Miller, Amanda Guffey, and Pat Parisot. They'll join Pastor Rick, Craig Miller, Doug Congdon, Mike Banker, George Brunson, and Sue Brunson (non-voting member.) Annual meeting minutes are now posted on the bulletin board. All are invited to attend a Council meetings - 3rd Monday every month @6pm. New members are invited to attend on Monday, December 16th at 5:30 pm for dinner followed by the meeting at 6pm. Please RSVP to Sue!*



**The Faith Lutheran Craft Show was yesterday, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this show successful again!**



2-Ruth Marty, 7-George Brunson, 10-Dawn Banker, 10-Judy Jenner, 13-Tina Hatch, 14-David Schneider, 15-Eloise Manley, 20-Karen Murr, 21-Bennett Marty, 22-Evelyn Stafford, 23-Zarah Castro, 28-Terri Schoepski



*We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins & all of our students, military personnel & their families. We pray for all of our friends, families & loved ones, especially:*

Aaron, Aaron Hill, Alyson, Austin Wagner, Barry & Joann, Barry & Shelby, Bert E., Betty Fulton, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brad, Brenda, Cazmyre, Chancy, Claudine, Connie, Darrell, Dave R., Debi, Diane, Dick, Dodi, Don, Doug, Eloise, Eric Murphy family, Florence, Gail, Gary McGuire family, Gavin, Heidi, Inez, Irene, Isaiah, Jan N., Jackie, Jaleena, Janet, Janie, Jarrett, Jeff, Jen, Jenny, Jessie, Jessie Arellano, Jimmy, Joan, Judy, Julia, Julie, Julie Wright, June, Kate, Kathy Mears, Kayla, Ken, Kenny, Larry, Laura Hill, Linda, Lisa, Lisa W., Mandy, Mia, Mike, Mike H., Mikey Murphy, Nickel family, Nikki, Paula, Rich, Ruthie, Ryan McGuire family, Selena, Sharon, Sherry Lou, Steve, Sue, Tanya, Terri, Tina, Tom, Tony Sherman, Tracy, Zach



**This week's altar flowers were donated by Craig and Kelly Miller to celebrate the love of God!**



## SECRET SISTERS

*Reveal/Selection/Welcome Luncheon  
Saturday, December 7 at 12 Noon  
Please bring your final gift  
and a dessert.*

*The main dish and beverages will be provided!*



**Thanksgiving  
Food Drive**

**OUR FOOD DRIVE  
ENDS TODAY  
THRU NOV. 17  
THANK YOU ALL!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*) O God, the protector of all who trust in you,

**C:** Without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through 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 98

**R:** Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**C:** O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**R:** You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**C:** Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**R:** Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**C:** With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

R: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

R: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**C: Amen.**

**SECOND READING: II Corinthians 9:6-12**

A reading 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.

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 21:1-8**

R: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*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.

**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 10, 2019 - Week #45**

**Attendance - 74**

<b>Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$1,884.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering Budget</b>	<b>\$2,150.00</b>
<b>2019 YTD Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$101,593.76</b>
<b>2019 YTD Offering Needed</b>	<b>\$96,750.00</b>

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Altar Guild - Carol and Roger Frey**

**Computer Tech - Todd Strasser**

**Offering Video - Anne Strasser**

**Reader - Nicole Blakeman**

**Counters - Pat & Laurie Wicks**

**Fellowship - Nicole Blakeman**

**Greeters - Sandy & Don Dittmer and Dick Hedrington**

**Musician - Betty Comins**

**Ushers - Doug Congdon & Curtis Blakeman**

**Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier**



The Out to Dinner Group will meet Friday December 13th at 6:00 PM at the Butterfly Club, 5246 E. County Rd. X, Beloit, Wi. Must be signed up by Sunday, December 8th. Come join us!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### For the Fruit of All Creation



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



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



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



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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON "Signs of a Healthy Congregation"

### HYMN OF THE DAY Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

## *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:** United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*(A brief silence.)* Faithful God, when we question the future, you reveal the hope of victory through your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us the wisdom to rely on your words and the courage to witness to your love and faithfulness. Hear us, O God.

**C: our mercy is great.**

**P:** God our joy, the seas and the hills shout your praise. Inspire us to sing a joyful song to you as we work to preserve and protect your marvelous creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** God our ruler, you judge the world with righteousness and the people with equity. Grant perseverance to world leaders and elected officials, so that they never grow weary in doing what is right. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Gracious God, you offer peace to fearful hearts. Heal the hurts of all those who suffer injustice and persecution, those who spend months and years in prisons and in hospitals, and for any one in need today *(especially)*. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** God our song, thank you for worship leaders, artists, and musicians who create works of praise and prayer. Guide them in their leadership, and empower them to lift up new voices and works of art among the assembly. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Everlasting God, as we await the dawn of the new heaven and the new earth, we give thanks for your beloved who have died in Christ. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

**C: Amen.**

### **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

*"Yes I Will"* by Vertical Worship

### **PROCESSION WITH OFFERINGS AND 2020 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:** God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our savior and Light.

**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**

~ COMMUNION ~