

A close-up photograph of a person's hands harvesting a bunch of green grapes from a vine. The person is using a pair of pruning shears to cut the stem of the grape cluster. The background is filled with lush green grape leaves, and the lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day in a vineyard. The overall scene conveys a sense of agricultural labor and harvest.

***Go  
and work  
in the  
vineyard  
today***

MATTHEW 21:28

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2014 Allison Lane, Jeffersonville, Indiana, 282-6993 (Office), www.flcjeff.org.

**Rev. Scott Meier, Pastor**

September 25, 2011

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### **FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN**

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The Gospel	Back of bulletin
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Prayers of the People - Response; <b>Hear our prayer</b>	Assisting Minister
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Sending Song- "On Our Rejoicing"	<b>#537</b>
Dismissal	Assisting Minister

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## **WELCOME!**

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Rife family.

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### **REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

Norma Boehme   Ken Steward   Edwina Andregg   Dorothy Clerici   Patti Smith  
Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

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### **Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:**

Today Sept 25 10:30 am Worship; Gideon Speaker	Tues. Sept 27 9:00 am WCS
After Coffee Time	Thurs. Sept. 29 9:00 am WCS
SCC Youth to St. John's	1:00 pm Bible Study
to Worship	Sun. Oct. 1 10:30 am Worship
6:15 pm Girl Scouts	After, Coffee Time
Mon. Sept 26-27 Clifty Falls Leader Confernece	

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### **Announcements**

**THANKS:** Faith would like to welcome and thank Ms. Janie Spitznagle for supplying our music today while Barb vacations.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SURVEY:** Check your mailbox for the Christmas Eve Service Survey. Please take a moment to complete and place in the box labeled under past pastor's pictures. Thanks for your help with this.

**ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Beginning October 5, Faith will begin offering a Wednesday evening worship service. We will begin the evening at 6:30 with a light meal provided then follow with a worship service at 7 pm. Please mark your calendar to enjoy this new time for fellowship & worship.

#### **LAST WEEK AT FAITH**

<b>Offerings:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>
<b>Current \$ 3340.00</b>	Worship 73
Other <u>60.00</u>	Nursery <u>2</u>
<b>Total \$ 3600.00</b>	75

We need at least \$3236 in **current** each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week?

Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for His many blessings.

#### **SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Pastor . . . . . Scott Meier	
Assistant . . . . . Bev Haire	Acolyte.. Miranda Mumaw
Organist . . . . . Janice Spitznagle	Greeters.. Klemens
Fin. Asst. . . . . Kate Scott	Social . . . . . Klemens
Nursery . . . . . Lisa Peter	Audio . . . . . Lyle Gernand
Altar Guild.. Bev Haire	
Ushers. N. & J. Falkenstein, D. Johnson, G. McCall	
<b><u>Next week:</u></b> Asst.-B. Parish; Acolyte-Volunteer; Crucifer-Volunteer; Social-Czerwonka; Greeters-Haire; Fin. Asst.-S. Neathamer; Alt. Guild-D. Baugh; Ushers-G. McCall, D. Johnson, R. Barr, L. Gernand	

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

**Psalms 25:1-9**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

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