



Mary anointed  
Jesus' feet, and  
wiped them  
with her hair

JOHN 12:3

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

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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. A red Fellowship Pad is at the end of each pew, please pass it down the pew so everyone can sign for the day, this helps us know visitors and have vital information

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The Flowers today were given to the glory of God by Rick & Terri Barr in celebration of Lindsey's birthday

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## **LAST WEEK AT FAITH:**

### OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ <b>2607.50</b>
Other	\$ <u>125.00</u>
Total	\$ 2732.50

### ATTENDANCE:

Worship	102
Nursery	<u>0</u>
	102

We need at least \$3236.00 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.

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

Pastor ... Scott Meier	Acolyte.. Cheyanne Peter
Assistant... Lyle Gernand	Crucifer.. Whitney Hayes
Organist... Barb Brewster	Greeters.. Klemens
Fin. Asst... Nicole Parish	Social.. Baugh
Nursery .....Lisa Peter	Audio.. Jim Hegenbarth
Altar Guild..Arlys Johnson & Vivian Smith	
Ushers... Fred & Tami Czerwonka, Mike Vescelus, Dave Lindemann	

**Next week:** Assistant; C. Taylor , Crucifer; J. Hayes Acolyte; M. Mumaw Greeters; Andrews Social; Rife, Audio; J. Hegenbarth

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

Today, Mar. 21	9:15 am	Sunday Church School
	10:30 am	Worship After; Coffee Fellowship
Tues., Mar. 22	9:00 am	NO WCS, Spring Break
Wed., Mar. 23	6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Confirmation
Thurs., Mar. 24	2:00 pm	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
Sun., Mar. 28	9:15 am	Sunday Church School
	10:30 am	Worship After; Coffee Fellowship

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Betty McLaughlin Billie Williams Dorothy Clerici Edwina Andregg  
Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers  
in our Faith Family and beyond.

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### **Announcements**

**EASTER LILIES:** Today is the last day to order lilies. Please place  
you order from in the offering plate . Remember to designate in mem-  
ory/honor if you wish.

**PROPERTY TEAM:** Thanks to all that came to help with our in-  
side clean up yesterday!

**LENTEN DINNERS:** WELCA is once again sponsoring a dinner  
prior to the Wednesday Lenten Services. Please watch for a sign-up  
sheet in the Narthex so our ladies know how many to prepare for.

**VISITATION TEAM:** This team met and is beginning their visits.  
There is a calendar on the bulletin board to help track our visits.  
Please mark your visit on the appropriate date. This team will work  
in conjunction with Pastor and Council in making visits to those  
needed.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor is leading the Bible Study once again on  
Thursday afternoon at 2:00. See Pastor for more information

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself

so that they might declare my praise.

**Psalm 126****SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

# A Radical Reordering of Life

In today's second reading, from Philippians, Paul writes that he wants to know Christ and the power of his resurrection (Phil. 3:10). Paul even goes on to say that he wishes to become like Christ in his death. But what does this knowledge of Christ and becoming like Christ in his death look like? If Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, is any indication, then perhaps it looks a lot like folly. Mary has recently seen the power of resurrection. She has seen Jesus raise her brother from the dead (John 11:43-44). She has seen God-made-flesh call forth life from death. In defiance of all the laws of nature, in defiance of reason itself, Jesus has raised Lazarus from the dead as Mary stood as witness. Life as she knows it has radically changed, but death as she knows it has radically changed as well. Perhaps along with life and death, wealth, material possessions, and social expectations as she knows them have also changed.

Knowing Christ and the power of his resurrection is something one might be careful to wish for, because it represents a radical reordering of life, death, and "stuff" as we know it. Mary's entire world—what she valued, what was important, what was unimportant—shifted in ways that from the outside must have seemed baffling. An act that is worshipful to her appears wasteful to others; but encountering the death and resurrection of Christ can do that.

In baptism, each child of God dies to the old self and is resurrected to new life again and again. Sometimes daily. Sometimes hourly. As the baptized we live a reoriented life where, like Mary, everything is changed. Sometimes from the outside it looks like folly. But to us, it is freedom.

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## GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49.

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