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JOHN 20:29

FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

April 11, 2010

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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

The Flowers today are given today by the Baugh's in celebration of Dona's birthday

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ 3962.55
Other	\$ <u>170.00</u>
Total	\$ 4132.55

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	138
Nursery	<u>3</u>
	141

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.

SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH:

Pastor ... Scott Meier	Acolyte.. C.heyanne Peter
Assistant...Patti Smith	Crucifer.. Will Czerwonka
Organist... Barb Brewster	Greeters.. Chris Nix
Fin. Asst... Kate Scott	Social.. Baugh
NurseryLisa Peter	Audio.. Bill Holman
Altar Guild..Veronica Rife	
Ushers... Volunteers	

Next week: Assistant; K. Scott , Crucifer; G. Jancosek Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; Falkenstein Social; Volunteer, Audio; B. Holman

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, Apr. 11	9:15 am	SCS
	10:30 am	Worship After; Coffee Fellowship Council & Youth Meetings
Mon., Apr. 12		<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
Tues., Apr.13	9:00 am	WCS
	7:00 pm	WELCA Wheadon Circle
Wed. Apr. 14	10:00 am	WELCA SonShine Circle
	7:00 pm	Confirmation
Thurs., Apr.15	9:00 am	WCS
	2:00 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	SCC Spring Assembly
Sun., Apr.18	9:15 am	SCS
	10:30 am	Worship After; Coffee Fellowship

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty McLaughlin Norma Boehme Edie Maas Elaine Thoms

Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

Announcements

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES: The 6th Annual Celebration of the Bliss House Ministry will be held on April 11 at 300 Spring. For more information see Sue Neathamers or call Barbara at 280-7098. Also, the pantry is in need of Mac & Cheese so we are making this our special item to collect for the month of April.

YOUTH: Please bring the Campbell soup labels you've been collecting, the youth will be taking them to Cedar Lake Lodge on April 18

PROPERTY TEAM: The outside clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 17 beginning at 8:30 am. Lots of help is needed, all are welcome!

I-K SYNOD ASSEMBLY: We are looking for two delegates from Faith to send to the Synod Assembly. It is June 4-6 and is being held in Covington, KY. Please see Pastor of Lye if interested.

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

NOISY OFFERING will be collected today.

SCC SYNOD ASSEMBLY: Faith is hosting the Conference Synod Assembly on Thursday, April 15 at 7 pm. A few volunteers are needed, please see Pastor if you can help.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to

Late to the Party

Do you ever feel like you showed up late to the party? Our gospel says that Thomas wasn't there the evening that Jesus appeared to the other disciples. He didn't get to have the same experience the other disciples had. He missed out. If we were in his shoes, we might be as skeptical as he was, and perhaps even a little frustrated: at ourselves for not being there, at everyone else for expecting us to jump right on board as if we *were* there, and maybe even at Jesus for appearing to everyone but us.

Last Sunday was the "big" festival, when there wasn't an empty seat in the house. But today, which the church sometimes calls "Low Sunday" because the attendance is so much lower than the week before, is a day for us latecomers—those of us who missed it the first time around. Today is for those who feel crowded out or brushed aside when most people are celebrating. Today is for those whose lives are stretched so thin that sometimes there isn't enough energy left for an "Alleluia."

Today Jesus comes back—not for all the others who got it the first time, but *for you*, and says, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe" (John 20:27). That's good news for all of us latecomers! The new life that Jesus died to bring is not only for those people for whom believing comes easy; it's also for those for whom it's a struggle, those who are sometimes left out of the church's celebration, those who are so used to disappointment and rejection that they need a reminder that the promise is real. Today that promise comes to us in bread and wine. As we share it, the risen Christ extends his hands to you. Believe him when he says that Easter is for you too!

Gospel, continued

Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

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