

My sheep hear my voice

JOHN 10:27



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

April 25, 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 Trish & Ed Perry in celebration of their wedding anniversary

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ 2551.00
Other	\$ 47.00
Total	\$ 2598.00

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	68
Nursery	0
	68

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
Assistant... Bob Parish
Organist... Barb Brewster
Fin. Asst... Kate Scott
NurseryLisa Peter
Altar Guild..Veronica Rife
Ushers... Volunteers

Acolyte.. Davis Jancosek
Crucifer.. Tyler Landis
Greeters.. Vogt
Social.. Vogt
Audio.. Bill Holman

Next week: Assistant; L. Gernand, Crucifer; Volunteer Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; D. & V. Smith Social; Diekhoff Audio; Chuck Landis

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, Apr. 25	9:15 am	SCS
	10:30 am	Worship After; Coffee Fellowship Choir Rehearsal
Tues., Apr.27	9:00 am	WCS
Wed. Apr. 28	7:00 pm	Confirmation
Thurs., Apr.29	9:00 am	WCS
	2:00 pm	Bible Study
Fri-Apr.30-May 2		Youth Retreat, Pastor Out
Sun., May 2	9:15 am	SCS
	10:30 am	Worship After; Coffee Fellowship Choir Rehearsal

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting held immediately following worship on May 9 to present the proposed improvements to the sanctuary. This meeting will also be to take a vote on the proposal presented.

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES: CLM is collecting Macaroni & Cheese for the month of April.

YOUTH: The youth Retreat to Lutheran Hills is this Friday-Sunday, please sign up on the doors.

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 or Lyle if interested.

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

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalms 23**SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Messiahs Need No Introduction

Actions speak louder than words” goes the familiar saying. Or as Jesus said to those who questioned him, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me” (John 10:25). In other words, it doesn’t mean a whole lot to *claim* to be the Messiah. It’s easy to make empty promises, to bolster one’s ego, and to set oneself up as the hero who will save the world. To live up to the name is something else entirely.

And it’s quite a name that Jesus is claiming: not only “Messiah,” but also oneness with the one he called “Father,” the author of life itself. And yet Jesus wasn’t trying to pad his résumé by claiming to be one with the Father. He wasn’t trying to gain credibility in the eyes of his detractors. He was opening our eyes to the reality that “Our Father in heaven” is not some monarch who maintains the status quo, privileges those from a certain background, or needs to be appeased by sacrifice, but one whose power is revealed in its very opposite: service, humility, and care for those who could never repay him. If Jesus and the Father are one, then God’s Messiah is going to look a lot different than what those in power were hoping for—a savvy political and military leader. It’s no wonder they had to ask: “Are you *really* the one we’ve been waiting for?”

But for those on the underside of society, who longed for nothing more than loving acceptance and a place in God’s family, Jesus needed no introduction. As they ate with him, prayed with him, and became his companions, they knew whom they had met: the one God had appointed to set them free, the incarnate love of their Father in heaven.

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me;²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

Next Sunday’s Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

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