

A dramatic painting of a man in a dark blue robe with his arms outstretched, set against a dark background with a glowing light source on the right. The man's face is partially visible, and the overall mood is one of peace and divine light.

Your faith has saved you;
go in peace

LUKE 7:50

FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

June 13, 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 to the glory of God by Dick & Virginia Klemens in memory of Percy Blanchard & Eileen Lipsky.

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ 3,337.85
Other	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 3,362.85

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	66
Nursery	<u>0</u>
	66

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.. Volunteer
Assistant... Volunteer	Greeters.. Johnson
Organist... Barb Brewster	Social.. Volunteer
Fin. Asst... Barb Brewster	Audio.. Lyle Gernand
NurseryLisa Peter	
Altar Guild..Volunteer	
Ushers... .Tami & Fred Czerwonka, Scott & Veronica Rife	

Next week: Assistant; V. Klemens Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; K. Scott Social; KlemensAudio; L. Gernand
Ushers; T. & F. Czerwoonka, S. & V. Rife

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, June 13	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship
Tues., June 15	7:00 pm VBS Lead Staff Meeting
Thurs., June 17	10:00 am OWLS to Streamcliff Farms
Sun., June 20	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship PLOT Meeting

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty McLaughlin Norma Boehme

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

Announcements

COUNCIL: There is NO council meeting for June, meeting schedule will resume in July.

NEWSLETTER: The June/July newsletter is in your mailbox. The editor and secretary apologize for the delay in getting this out to you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The adult class has decided to continue to meet during the SCS hour during the summer months. Please consider joining us.

OWLS OUTING: The OWLS will be going to Streamcliff Farms on Thursday, June 17, meet at church at 10 am. For more information, please Nancy or Jim Falkenstein.

LUTHERAN HILLS: Anyone planning to attend camp this summer needs to let either Pastor Scott or Carol Taylor know today. For more information see Carol or Pastor.

VBS: There will be a VBS meeting on June 15 at 7 pm for ALL lead teachers, art, music, science, recreations & refreshments. Agenda is to work on materials for the special areas and hand out curriculum materials to lead teachers, adjust schedules and assign classrooms. Please plan to be there so everyone can work together.

ATTENDANCE: Please take a moment to complete the attendance sheet in the maroon folder in the right hand side of the pew.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our volunteer coordinator is looking for volunteers for the summer months in the following areas: worship assistant, greeters, social, & ushers. Please see Veronica Rife following the service today in the narthex. Thanks for your help.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15 [not printed]

Psalm 32

SECOND READING: Galatians 2:15-21

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

GOSPEL: Luke 7:36—8:3

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." ⁴⁸Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹But

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Give Jesus Your Resources

It is not an insignificant detail that today's gospel ends with the words, "[they] provided for them out of their resources" (Luke 8:3). "They" are a group of women—Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and many others—who provided for the disciples and for Jesus' ministry out of their material means, their livelihood. You could even translate the passage, "They provided for them out of their very substance, their very selves."

Actually, everyone in the story is providing for Jesus' ministry in a very material way. The Pharisees are feeding him. The weeping woman is anointing his feet with her own ointment. This is an economic story through and through, and it continues when Jesus tells his parable. It is a story with a simple moral lesson: the debtor who has a larger debt forgiven will love more than the one whose lesser debt is forgiven.

It is not clear at the end of the parable who Jesus believes is the greater sinner—Simon the Pharisee or the weeping, sinful woman. What is clear is that Jesus has extended a word of forgiveness to the woman, and she responds with tears and a sense of peace. Simon, trapped in his focus on the woman's sins, is either unwilling or incapable of hearing a word of forgiveness for himself. Possibly he believes he has little sin needing forgiveness.

The story ends with Jesus receiving long-term material support for his ministry by women who have been forgiven and healed of much: Mary Magdalene, set free from demons; Joanna, a follower of Jesus though her husband serves under Herod. In fact, Joanna continues to minister to Jesus materially; she is one of the women who goes to prepare his body on the morning of his resurrection (Luke 24:10). Our hearts follow our resources. Joanna gives of herself, and her heart follows. This is, remember, a story in the same gospel that includes these words, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34).

Gospel, continued

those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

^{8:1} Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him,² as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,³ and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39.

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