

A man with blue eyes and a black beard, wearing a black hoodie and jacket, sits on a wooden bench. A black dog is lying on the bench next to him, wrapped in a blue and white patterned blanket. The man is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

*Who is my
neighbor?*

LUKE 10:29

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

July 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 to the glory of God by Dan & Judy Diekhoff in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary on the 17th

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ Currently
Other	<u>\$ Unavailable</u>
Total	\$

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	95
Nursery	<u>2</u>
	97

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...Lyle Gernand	Greeters.. Steaban
Organist... Barb Brewster	Social.. Rife
Fin. Asst... Stephanie Andrews	Audio.. Jim Hegenbarth
NurseryLisa Peter	
Altar Guild..Stephanie Andrews	
Ushers... Tom Hayes, Volunteers	

Next week: Assistant; K. Scott, Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; Volunteer Social; Volunteer Audio; J. Hegenbarth, Altar Guild; S. Andrews

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, July 11	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship VBS set-up Council Meeting
Mon-Fri July 12-16	9:00 am-Noon Vacation Bible School
Tue July 13th	August newsletter articles due
Thurs July 15th	7:00 pm VBS Program followed by camp out
Sun., July 18th	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty McLaughlin Norma Boehme Patti Smith Jim Falkenstein
Jim Vogt

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

Announcements

Council Meeting: Reminder to all council members there is a council meeting following the worship service.

VBS: Faith's VBS is scheduled for July 12-16 from 9 –12.

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.

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: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Psalms 25:1-10**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And

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Don't Pity the Samaritan

Remember the Samaritan village of two weeks ago that the disciples wanted to destroy (Luke 9:51-56)? Through the parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus offers instruction to his disciples on how they ought rather to think about their Samaritan neighbors. He puts a fine point on it—your neighbors are the Samaritans, and they are good neighbors to you because they often show you mercy (10:37).

Then Jesus puts an even finer point on it. “Go and do likewise.” According to the Gospel of John, Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans (4:9). As if it were not enough for Jesus to offer as the obvious hero of his parable a man from an ethnic community that the Jews to which he was speaking did not like, he goes a step further and encourages them to imitate a Samaritan.

To get the point, we may need to engage in a thought-experiment. Take some time to think of a group of people you basically dislike or distrust. Be honest. Most of us, if we are open to confessing our sin, can identify some group that has this status in our hearts.

Now, once you have this group in mind, imagine that Jesus tells a story that portrays a person from this group doing precisely the kinds of godly things you thought were reserved for people closer to you who you like and respect. Go a step further and imagine that in Jesus' story it is the people you look up to and respect who fail to do what they should do.

Finally, at the end of the story, you learn that you are supposed to go and be like the group you dislike and have little to do with. This is what it means to love your neighbor: to imagine yourself in their place and learn mercy from them. This is the gospel.

Gospel, continued

he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.

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