



*Mary sat  
at the Lord's feet  
and listened*

LUKE 10:39

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

July 18, 2010

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# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 are given to the glory of God by Nancy & Jim Falkenstein in memory and honor of Jim's mother, Nancy's father, and Jim's Birthday.

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## **LAST WEEK AT FAITH:**

### OFFERINGS:

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

### ATTENDANCE:

Worship	65
Nursery	<u>2</u>
	67

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.. Volunteer
Assistant... Kate Scott	Greeters.. Hegenbarth
Organist... Barb Brewster	Social.. Hegenbarth
Fin. Asst... Stephanie Andrews	Audio.. Jim Hegenbarth
Nursery ..... Lisa Peter	
Altar Guild.. Stephanie Andrews	
Ushers... Tom Hayes, Volunteers	

**Next week:** Assistant; C. Taylor. , Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; D. Smiths Social; Johnson Audio; J. Hegenbarth, Altar Guild; S. Andrews

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

Today, July 18	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship VBS set-up
Mon, July 19th	10:00 am Faithful Quilters
Fri, July 23rd	10:00 am OWLS to Beck's Mill
Sun., July 25th	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship PLOT Meeting

## **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.

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## **Announcements**

**NEWSLETTER:** The deadline for August newsletter articles was last week. If you have not submitted your article please do so immediately.

**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:** There are opportunities for Faith members to serve each other in August. There are openings for you to provide simple refreshments for Social, Greet others as they enter our church, Assist Pastor in conducting the worship service, or to be one of four Ushers. Please sign up on the bulletin board or see Veronica Rife.

**FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

**Psalm 15****SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28**

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— <sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is

# Priorities and Distractions

Is multitasking a virtue or a vice? Our society is of two minds on this subject. On the one hand, we reward people who are able to juggle a multitude of tasks. Many top business professionals and politicians are celebrated and rewarded because they work long hours and seldom sleep.

On the other hand, we say we value focus, and we shame at least some people who try to multitask. Texting or talking on the phone while driving is increasingly frowned upon because it is, studies show, unsafe. We want our professionals mindful, attentive, and in the moment. In a culture of high anxiety, calmness is a virtue.

In a culture like this, it is no wonder that a devotional book with the title *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* can become a best-seller. It is a deep yearning, commonly shared, to perform and host like Martha, all the while living with a calm and centered Mary heart.

Jesus, however, makes it clear that the issue is whether we have been *distracted* by many things, or whether we have *prioritized* the one thing needful. It is a difficult but freeing word that Jesus speaks. In order to choose the better part, we need to let go of the many things that distract. The lesson is simple in principle but so difficult in application. What is the one thing Mary chooses over the many distractions? Like the psalmist, whose singular prayer is to sit at the feet of God in the house of the LORD, she sits at Jesus' feet and listens to him. She "behold[s] the beauty of the LORD" (Ps. 27:4). There is a word for this: Adoration. There may be one more: Attention.

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*Second Reading, continued*

Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]; Luke 11:1-13.

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