

*Woman, you are
set free from
your ailment*

LUKE 13:12



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

August 22, 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 Trish Perry & Charlotte Davis in memory of Bob Davis .

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ 2611.00
Other	\$ 85.00
Total	\$ 2696.00

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	62
Nursery	<u>2</u>
	64

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...Patti Smith	Greeters.. McCoy
Organist... Barb Brewster	Social.. Falkenstein
Fin. Asst...Veronica Rife	Audio.. Bill Holman
NurseryLisa Peter	
Altar Guild..Barb Brewster	
Ushers... . Nancy & Jim Falkenstein, Dick & Virginia Klemens	

Next week: Assistant; C. Taylor Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; Volunteer Social; Volunteer Audio; B. Holman Altar Guild; B. Brewster Ushers; N. & J. Falkenstein, D. & V. Klemens

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, Aug. 22 9:15 am Adult SCS
 10:30 am Worship
 After; Coffee Fellowship
 PLOT Meeting

Sun., Aug. 29 9:15 am Adult SCS
 10:30 am Worship
 After; Coffee Fellowship
 FLY & SCC planning & pool party
 At Taylor's

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty McLaughlin Norma Boehme Barb Fitzpatrick Ken Steward
Kathy Hayes

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

Announcements

SCC: The Taylor's are hosting a South Central conf. youth swim party/planning meeting on Sun., Aug. 29 following church. Our youth will meet prior to SCC meeting to plan their calendar for the 2010-11 year. Please plan to attend this fun/work event. For more information see Carol or John Taylor.

PROPERTY OUTSIDE CLEAN-UP: The outside fall clean-up days are Friday & Saturday, Aug. 27th & 28th. For times and more information see Jim Hegenbarth. Any and all help is welcome.

PROPERTY TEAM: The property team would like to know if anyone is interested in the old doors to the Emma Schoen Hall. If no one shows an interest, they will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. See Jim Hegenbarth if interested.

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 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: Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm 103:1-8**SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Sabbath Healing

Watching an infant learn to sit and crawl, we see the excellent posture that comes with confidence and youth, and is, quite literally, our birthright. Only when feeling particularly tired or discouraged does a baby's spine sag into a posture of defeat that adults know all too well—shoulders hunched, back curled, eyes lowered.

The woman in today's reading had been crippled and unable to stand up straight for eighteen years. We know nothing about her except that she was Jewish ("a daughter of Abraham") and that she was at the synagogue on the sabbath even though her condition prevented her from praying in the manner of a devout Jew—standing upright.

Healing enabled this woman not only to stand up straight, but to move with more ease, to see farther and with less strain. Immediately upon being healed, she began to praise God. It is not insignificant that she is now in the proper posture for such praise.

We may not take the concept (and command) of sabbath seriously enough to understand how problematic it was for Jesus to break the law against healing on the sabbath. Maybe we would do well to examine the limits we place around when we work and when we rest, when and how we make ourselves available. But regardless, the point here is that Jesus placed acts of mercy and love above human traditions and laws.

Whether or not we ourselves are in need of physical healing, we all experience crippling stress and sin that weighs us down and takes both physical and emotional toll on our lives. God longs to set us free from our bondage, and will do so, regardless of the social mores that may be broken, or the human traditions that will have to change.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Next Sunday's Readings: Proverbs 25:6-7 or Sirach 10:12-18; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

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