



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 13, 2012**

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

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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.

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God

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**Events/Activities This Week around Faith:**

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|--------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| <b>Today</b> | 9:15am SCS          | Thurs. 5/17 | 9:00am WCS             |
|              | 10:30am Worship     |             | 1:00pm Bible Study     |
|              |                     | Sat. 5/19   | 9:00am Council Retreat |
| Tues. 5/15   | 9:00am WCS          | Sun. 5/20   | 9:15am SCS             |
|              | 12:00pm OWLS Picnic |             | 10:30am Worship        |
| Wed. 5/9     | 7:00pm Worship      |             | 11:40am Meet and Eat   |

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**Announcements**

**THE OWLS PICNIC** will take place this Tuesday at noon at the West Shelter in Perrin Park. Sign up today on the sheet on the easel in the Narthex.

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** continues this Friday. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex to bake or to man the booth or both.

**COUNCIL RETREAT** is this Saturday, May 19 at 9:00am at Ottawa University located in the Quartermaster Square. Pastor Nancy Nyland, Assistant to the Bishop of the I/K Synod will lead our discussion.

**MEET AND EAT** is this Sunday, May 20 after worship. Please bring a dish to share and join in the discussion at your team table. All are welcome to stay. Council meeting to follow.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** are due May 23. This is a June/July issue so make sure you cover both month's activities.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* (ELW 389)**

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

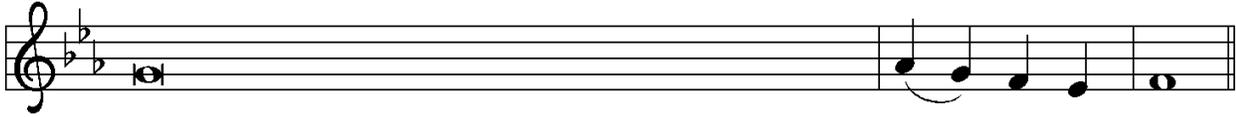
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



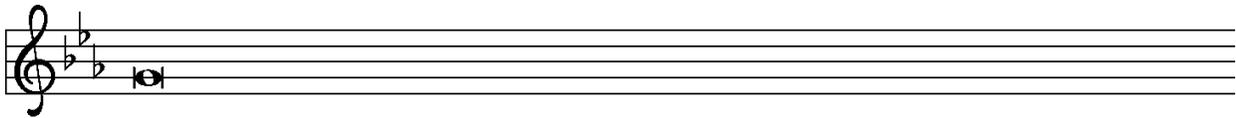
Lord, have mer - cy.



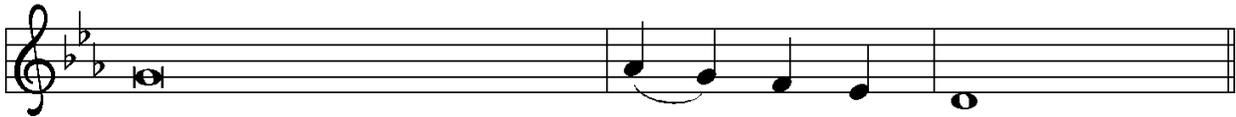
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



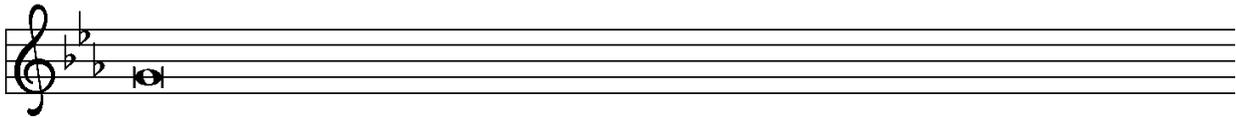
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

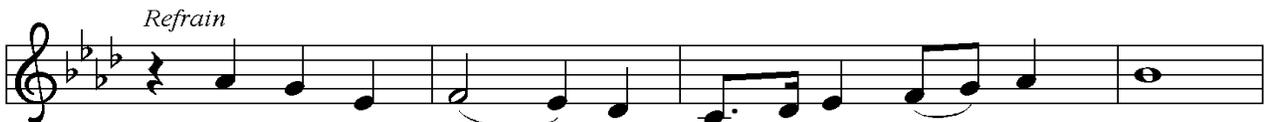


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



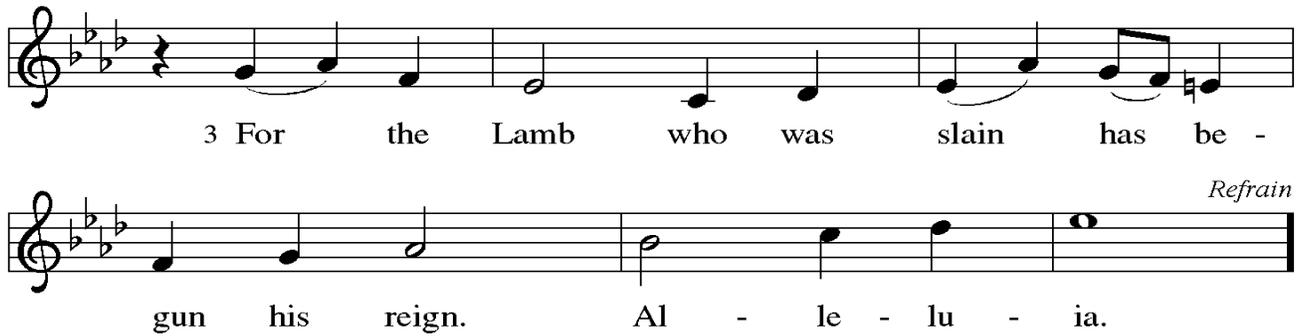
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.....O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 10:44–48

A reading from Acts.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.  
<sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 98

*The Psalm for the day is spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done <sup>1</sup>marvelous things,  
 whose right hand and holy arm have <sup>1</sup>won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made <sup>1</sup>known your victory,  
 you have revealed your righteousness in the sight <sup>1</sup>of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the <sup>1</sup>house of Israel;  
 all the ends of the earth have seen the victory <sup>1</sup>of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup>all you lands;  
 lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup>joice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup>with the harp,  
 with the harp and the <sup>1</sup>voice of song.

**<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound <sup>|</sup> of the horn  
shout with joy before the <sup>|</sup> king, the LORD.**

**<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and <sup>|</sup> all that fills it,  
the world and those who <sup>|</sup> dwell therein.**

**<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers <sup>|</sup> clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
who comes to <sup>|</sup> judge the earth.**

**<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the <sup>|</sup> world with righteousness  
and the peo- <sup>|</sup> ples with equity.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1–6**

A reading from 1 John.

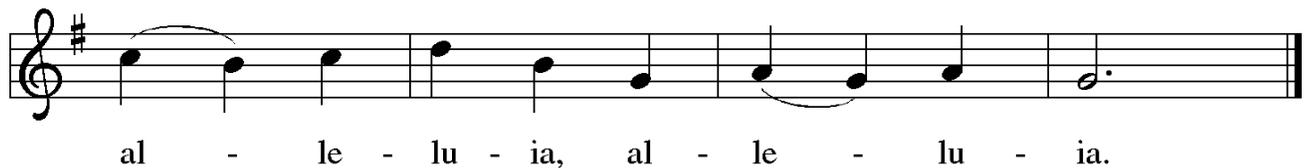
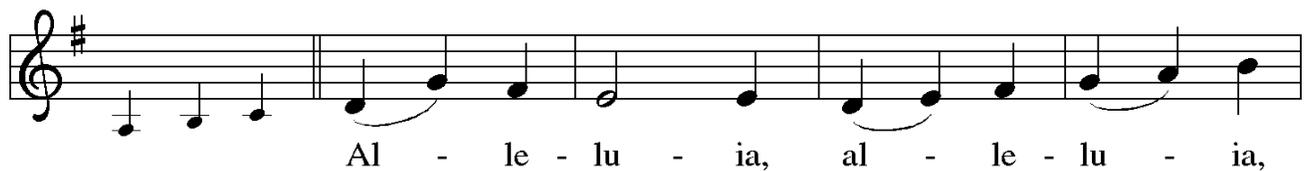
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

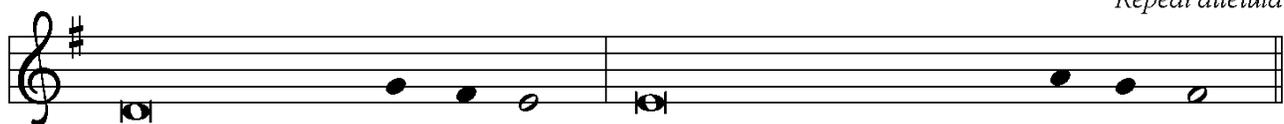
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*Repeat alleluia*



## **GOSPEL: John 15:9–17**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**      *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *What Wondrous Love Is This* (ELW 666)**



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.



## **CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Enlivened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the life of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.**

*A brief silence.*

Eternal, loving God, your people have been born anew by water and the Holy Spirit. Renew us always through your forgiveness, and use us to lead others to living waters. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, all creation springs to life in response to your Word. Remember your preserving and redeeming covenant with creation, and guide us to care for all you have made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you bring about justice and peace through your people. Support those who work for peace among nations and peoples. Reveal your self-giving love in their actions and words. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, you are victorious over sin, death, and all that separates us from you. Draw near to all who feel alone in illness or crisis *especially Megan Holman, Joyce Parish, Fammie Peter, Walter Clive, Sarah Barr, Owen Clive, Kathy Dycus, Rita Harrod, Don and Fran Heuton, Dwayne Paxton, Pr. Laura Meier, Marcia Robinson, Adam Smith, Christopher Forsee, Jim Hegenbarth, Shirley Bushman, Guy McCalvey, Rob Rose and Chuck Boston*. Fill them with your healing presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing God, send your Spirit to mothers and all who care for children, that your motherly love enfold them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties *especially Terri Barr and Greta Gilberts* with birthdays and *Kathy and Tom Hayes and Nicole and Bob Parish* with anniversaries this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal and loving God, the saints rejoice in being your children through Jesus Christ. Give us all a child-like faith that conquers fear and mistrust, and bind your family together in eternal covenant. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## OFFERING

## Love Grows Here

## Choir



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*The assisting minister offers the following prayer*

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SENDING SONG:***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

**DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

**Go in peace. Share the good news. Thanks be to God.**

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## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **Members**

Megan Holman, Thyroid cancer treatment  
Joyce Parish, recovering from bronchitis  
Fammie Peter, broken arm  
Walter Clive, repair of hip replacement

### **Family & Friends**

Sarah Barr, surgery on 4/2/12, gallbladder and hernia repairs  
Owen Clive, child in treatment for leukemia  
Kathy Dycus, in recovery in Carmel, IN  
Rita Harrod, Breast cancer surgery/treatment  
Don Heuton, health issues  
Fran Heuton, health issues  
Dwayne Paxton, blood infection  
Pr. Laura Meier, health issues  
Marcia Robinson, kidney stones  
Adam Smith, nasal cancer (Veronica Rife's cousin)  
Christopher Forsee, in hospital due to Crone's disease & serious infection  
Jim Hegenbarth, colon growth  
Shirley Buschman, in hospital with serious infection  
Guy McCalvey, feeding tube being inserted  
Rob Rose, back surgery  
Chuck Boston, alcohol rehabilitation

\*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone you would like to remain on or be placed on the list.

### **Shut-in**

Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center  
Norma Boehme, Westminster Village  
Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods  
Ken Steward, Westminster Village

### **Service agencies/programs/special needs**

CLM  
Eric Hall Foundation  
Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad  
Anne Alia and Christopher, family issues  
Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment  
Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home  
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
Families affected by tornados in IN and KY

## **Last Week at Faith**

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| Current Offering | \$3,299.00 | Worship attendance | 71 |
| Other Offering   | 60.00      | Nursery attendance | 1  |
| Total Offering   | \$3,359.00 | Total attendance   | 72 |

We need \$3,226 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 God's blessings.

## **SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP**

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Worship Leader</b>      | <b>Bev Haire</b>   |
| <b>Assistant</b>           | <b>Bill Holman</b>                                       |
| <b>Organist</b>            | <b>Barb Brewster</b>                                     |
| <b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>    | <b>Youth</b>   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>         | <b>Bev Haire</b>   |
| <b>Greeters</b>            | <b>Scott &amp; Veronica Rife</b>                         |
| <b>Ushers</b>              | <b>Rick and Terri Barr</b><br><b>Brent and Bev Haire</b> |
| <b>Audio</b>               | <b>Lyle Gernand</b>                                      |
| <b>Nursery</b>             | <b>Lisa Peter</b>  |
| <b>Social</b>              | <b>Tom and Kathy Hayes</b>                               |
| <b>Financial Assistant</b> | <b>Tami Czerwonka</b>                                    |

## **SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Pastor</b>              | <b>Pastor Scott Meier</b>                                |
| <b>Assistant</b>           | <b>Patti Smith</b>                                       |
| <b>Organist</b>            | <b>Barb Brewster</b>                                     |
| <b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>    | <b>Youth</b>   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>         | <b>Bev Haire</b>   |
| <b>Greeters</b>            | <b>Tom and Kathy Hayes</b>                               |
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**Scripture Readings for next week: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17: 6-19**