

God's love has been
poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit

ROMANS 5:5



FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

May 23, 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 Jim & Molly Hegenbarth in honor of family wedding anniversaries

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ 3224.90
Other	<u>\$ 1061.30</u>
Total	\$ 4286.20

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	107
Nursery	<u>1</u>
	108

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.. Davis Jancosek
Assistant... Dan Diekhoff	Crucifer.. Volunteer
Organist... Barb Brewster	Greeters.. Volunteer
Fin. Asst... Lyle Gernand	Social.. Volunteer
NurseryLisa Peter	Audio.. Chuck Landis
Altar Guild..Bev Haire & Beth Wright	
Ushers... Lyle & Peg Gernand, Bill & Cathy Holman	

Next week: Assistant; B. Haire, Crucifer; Volunteer Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; Volunteer Social; Falkenstein Audio; L. Gernand Ushers; T. & F. Czerwoonka, S. & V. Rife

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, May 30 10:30 am Worship
 After; Coffee Fellowship

Mon., May 31 Memorial Day, Please remember

Sun., June 6 10:30 am Worship
 After; Coffee Fellowship

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

VBS: Volunteers are still needed to staff our VBS this year. It is July 12-16. Please see Carol Taylor for more information.

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

I-K SYNOD ASSEMBLY: We are looking for two delegates from Faith to send to the Synod Assembly. It is June 4-6 and is being held in Covington, KY. Please see Pastor or Lyle if interested.

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: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."

Psalm 8**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Considering the Trinity

Does Holy Trinity Sunday ever feel odd to you? Does it feel like the raucous party of Easter and Pentecost comes to a screeching halt, as if some crotchety scholar is shuffling in, blowing the dust off an enormous leather-bound book, and saying, "And now, a celebration of church doctrine"? Does it feel like the music fades and the last of the Pentecost streamers falls to the ground?

Trying to understand or explain the Trinity can be a tough sell. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three aspects remain distinct while the identity remains one through mutual relatedness of giving and receiving. In the trinitarian, three-personed nature of God, individuality and communality are related in a beautiful life-giving dance of creation. Maybe this is *not* some dusty doctrine but the holy fecundity of a God who pours out God's own communal self into the creation.

The triune God is revealed in the word and in the meal shared among the beloved community throughout the ages and in all places. Perhaps it would be a lot easier for everyone if we had a God who was a bit easier to peg down, but luckily that is not the case. Instead we have a triune God who is impossible to explain, yet reveals God's self not in the minutia of doctrine but in community, in bread, in wine, and perhaps most wonderfully of all, in water.

In the waters of baptism we swim in the crazy, beautiful promises of the triune God who welcomes all into the swirling dance of God's love poured out for the sake of the world. Maybe the holy Trinity is not such a dry, dusty doctrine after all, but is drenching wet with promise.

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

[Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."