



You will be  
**honored**  
in the presence of all  
who sit at the table with you

LUKE 14:10

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

August 29, 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 Jim & Nacny Vogt in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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## **LAST WEEK AT FAITH:**

### OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ 2103.00
Other	\$ 78.05
Total	\$ 2181.05

### ATTENDANCE:

Worship	63
Nursery	2
	65

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... Carol Taylor	Greeters.. Johnson
Organist... Barb Brewster	Social.. Jancosek
Fin. Asst... Veronica Rife	Audio.. Chuck Landis
Nursery ..... Lisa Peter	
Altar Guild.. Beth Wright	
Ushers... Nancy & Jim Falkenstein, Dick & Virginia Klemens	

**Next week:** Assistant; D. Diekhoff Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; Gernand Social; Gernand Audio; B. Holman Altar Guild; B. Brewster Ushers; B. Wright, B. Haire, Volunteers

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

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

Sun., Sept.4,                    9:15 am Adult SCS  
   10:30 am Worship  
   After; Coffee Fellowship

## **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.

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## **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:** Thanks to all who came out and helped spruce up our property.

**DINNER PLANNING MEETING:** There will be a dinner planning meeting for the Council & Visitation Team on Tues. Sept.7, 6 pm, at the Country Club Estates Clubhouse. Anyone interested in the visitation team is welcome to attend. See Virginia Klemens for more information

**LOAVES & FISHES:** Our next Loaves & Fishes Day is Saturday, Sept. 11. Please see Barb Brewster to sign up.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY:** This event is September 12, Sunday school will begin at 9:15 am followed by worship then a Rally Day cook-out and pitch in.

**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: Proverbs 25:6-7**

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

**or Sirach 10:12-18** [not printed]

**Psalm 112**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the

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## A Foretaste of the Feast

A lot of watching is going on at the sabbath meal in today's text. The dinner guests are watching Jesus closely. Jesus in turn is watching them closely—watching them jockey for places at the table, watching who was included and who was kept out.

He then gives the group an etiquette lesson. Take the lowest place, Jesus says, so you won't be embarrassed. He sounds a little like a mom telling her kids how to behave: "Don't invite yourself to dinner—wait to be asked." What are we to make of this mannerly Jesus, who has not been particularly concerned with manners in the past?

When Jesus gets to the point of his parable, it starts to make more sense: "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). Clearly Jesus isn't just talking about how to behave at a party; he's talking about life, and about God's promise to lift up the humble and the downtrodden.

Jesus' point in his lecture to the guests and his advice to the host is not ultimately about choosing a humble seat or making a humble guest list—it's about turning power and control over to God rather than taking matters into your own hands. Let yourself be repaid and rewarded by God. Whether you are looking for political favors, social recognition, or just a return invitation, trust that God can and will bless you, and pay that blessing forward by throwing open the doors to your home, your church, and your heart.

By including all those we normally exclude, we both share and receive ourselves a foretaste of the feast to come, a feast at which, whether we play host or guest, we will all be God's guests.

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*Gospel, continued*

table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

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