

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH FAMILY

For the Lord's healing and protecting hand on:

Bobby Rice, who suffered a stroke.
Jennifer Rowe, Vicki Harden's daughter-in-law, with bone cancer;
Dorel Antim, with ongoing health concerns.
Bob Powell, prayers for healing after suffering a stroke.
Alice Robenson, who suffered a stroke.
John Samson, who has colon cancer.
Veronica, Dorel's daughter, who is terminally ill.
Tammy Kwiatkowski, who is recovering from another recent surgery.
Margaret Clarke, who is starting 6 month chemotherapy for breast cancer.
Jimmy Soria, who is recovering from a recent illness.
Carol Cope, daughter of Verna Vogt, with colon cancer.
Dora Ramirez, healing after surgery.
Peg Sturtevant, healing from a broken leg.
Paula Belknap, for recovery after recent hospitalization.
Susan Garcia, recently diagnosed with breast cancer
Delbert Schroeder who is recovering from eye surgery.
Lovell Winters, son of Willie and Betty Winters.
Jackie Carroll, sister of Dan Klaub, with cancer.

For Those That Are Home Bound:

Vivian Criswell, Vern Formoe, Jim Godec, Norma Miller

Those in the Military:

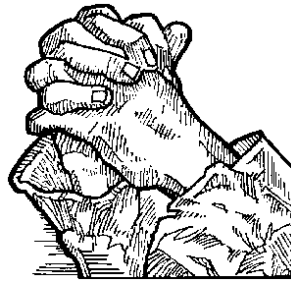
Robert Hureto, Eric David Martz, Oscar Acabal, David Wahlstrom & Bradley Carpenter in Iraq;
Daniel Loeschen who is now at Fort Hood, TX;
Jeremy Jackson and Rod Dove who are in Afghanistan;
Rick M. Ferrell who is at Fort Carson, CO;
Joshua Kwiatkowski who was deployed and on the USS Carl Vinson;
Ryan German, who is on the USS Enterprise in Norfolk, VA;
Scott Donaldson, who is stationed in Sacramento, CA;

Comfort For:

The family of **Don Willcut**, who passed away on March 28th.

The family of **Brad Hellickson**, at the death of his grandmother, Lucille Johnson, last week in Minnesota.

*If you are need of prayers please contact the office or **Heather Svika** (951) 688-3827 so we can add your prayers to our prayer chain and be aware of your needs.*



FAITH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

*"Bringing
God's
Children
Home"*

Rev. Paul Wenz
Pastor



Caitlin St. John
Organist



Sundays:
**Worship
Services**
8:00 and 10:30 am

**Bible Study
& Sunday School**
9:15 am



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SUNDAY

IN LENT

Worship Service
Fourth Sunday in Lent
April 3, 2011—8:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 2011, 8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *“For His righteousness’ sake”* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *“the darkness before them into light”* (Is. 42:16), because He is *“the Light of the world”* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God works the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *“while it is day”* until that night *“when no one can work”* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *“at one time you were darkness,”* now *“you are light in the Lord”* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ we live in the eternal day of His Resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead”* (Eph. 5:14).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” LSB 873

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: With my voice I cry out to the LORD;

People: with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

Pastor: I pour out my complaint before Him;

People: I tell my trouble before Him.

Pastor: With You is the fountain of life;

People: in Your light do we see light. (Psalm 142:1-2; 36:9)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION [LSB p. 167]

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.,

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. John 20:19-23

People: Amen.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 21, 2011

AT 1 & 7 PM

Maundy Thursday
Services at 1 pm & 7 pm

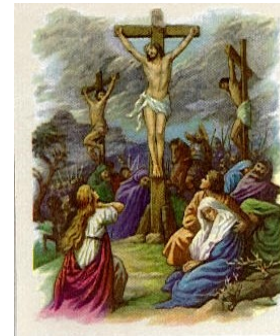
GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 22, 2011

AT 12 & 7 PM

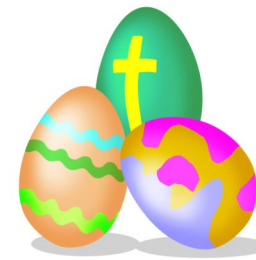
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 24, 2011



WALK TO CALVARY AND EASTER JOY HUNT

When: Saturday, April 23, 2011 9 am—12pm
Where: Faith Lutheran amphitheater
What: See the Passion of our Lord reenacted as He walked to the cross of Calvary to die for our sins. Then rejoice in the resurrection with the Easter Joy hunt (crafts, dyeing eggs, and candy for kids).



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Easter Offerings

During the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for the church. Please contact Bruce Duerfeldt for details.

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Schedule of Wednesday Lenten Services

April 6th at 1:00 and 7 p.m.

April 13th at 1:00 and 7 p.m.

Lenten Dinners Wednesdays
at 6:00 PM

- If anyone would like to help out with the Soup Suppers, please contact Katherine Cross at (951) 237-0787

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**
Be Seated

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42: 14-21

“For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant.
¹⁵ I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools.
¹⁶ I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.
¹⁷ But those who trust in idols, who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’ will be turned back in utter shame. ¹⁸ “Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see!
¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the LORD?
²⁰ You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen.”
²¹ It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

L This is the Word of the Lord;
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 5: 8-14

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord;
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL John 9: 1-7, 13-17, 34-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter:

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing....

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. ¹⁷ Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet..."

To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." ³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. AMEN.

Be seated



FROM THE TREASURER . . .
FOR THE WEEK AT FAITH: 3/27/2011
Attendance: 8 am—78, 10:30 am—67
Mid Week: 1 pm—15, 7 pm—55

Amount needed per week (average) to operate our Church:	\$4,100.00
Last Week's offering for expenses for the Lord's work at Faith:	<u>\$2,330.75</u>
Difference	-\$1,769.25
Dedicated Funds offerings (for specific programs or purpose):	\$969.00

CELLPHONES FOR SOLDIERS

As we begin a new year, please continue to remember our troops serving abroad and at home by donating your used cell phones. The phones are recycled and calling cards are provided to keep our troops connected to their loved ones at home.

For the year 2010, a total of 74 phones were donated.

Thank you,
Carolyn Donaldson



JOIN A FAITH CHOIR!



Easter Choir
Practice Wednesday Nights
At 8 p.m.
Directed by Kedma Wenz
Singing Chorus:
"Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb"

Bell Choir
Practice Wednesday Nights
At 5 p.m.
Directed by Tim Noel



***New* Members Class**



New Members' Class
Sundays at 12 pm
This class is open to all:

- Who want to learn what Faith believes and teaches
 - Who want to become members of Faith
 - Who want to renew their faith walk
 - Who want a basic Bible study on Christianity
- If Interested, please contact Pastor Paul***

Those Serving and Assisting You in God's Service Today:

Pastor Paul Wenz – Organist, Caitlin St. John

Altar Guild 8:00 a.m. Jeanne Kenlon

10:30 am Ruby Doucette

Elder 8:00 & 10:30 am Wayne Nelson

This week at Faith:
April 3, 2011

** Today**	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	12:00 pm	New Members' Class
Monday	6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday		
Wednesday	11:00 am	Whispering Fountains Bible Study
	1:00 pm	Lent Service
	5:00 pm	Bell Choir practice
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lent Service
	8:00 pm	Easter Choir Practice
Thursday	10:30 am	Don Wilcut Funeral (no Bible Study)
Friday		
Saturday	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	11:00 am	Marluce Castro / Johnson Wedding
Next Sunday	8:00 am	Traditional Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Do you want to serve as an usher?** Each Sunday we need usher teams of 4 people to help with the worship services at 8 and 10:30 am. Please talk to Karen Rice if you are interested in helping.
- **DON'T FORGET**—Order Easter Lilies Today! Ordering slips are located in the Narthex. Deadline is April 10th!



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Missy Creacy

SERMON HYMN "Amazing Grace" LSB 744

SERMON "What's America's Idol? The Lord Alone Is Worthy of Praise!" by Pastor Wenz

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Having come into the light of God's mercy, let us pray for all the children of light in the Church as well as for those who still walk in darkness that the light of Christ may shine throughout the world. For the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, that the Church shine brightly with the glory of Christ, that many come to His light of salvation and new life, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who bear the light of Christ as pastors and workers in the Church, that they be continually enlightened by the truth, the mercy, and the love of Christ in their preaching and administration of the Holy Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the nations, that the light of Christ draw many to the truth and wisdom of God, and that all people everywhere live in peace and freedom, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who are in any need, for the blind, the deaf, and those with any sort of disability; for the sick (*especially _____*), for the homebound and for those who cannot defend themselves, that Jesus Christ be their light in darkness, their help and healing, their companion in loneliness and their strong defense in any need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who receive the body and blood of Christ in the fellowship of this altar, that we approach God's mercy in true repentance and enlightened faith to receive forgiveness, life, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [Psalm 136]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS [Tune: *Rock of Ages*, LSB 761]

*Holy, holy, holy sing
To the heav'nly armies' King.
For His glory, might, and worth
fill the heavens, fill the earth.
Holy, holy, holy cry
To the Lord of hosts most high.*

*Hail, Hosanna David's Son!
Blessed is the One who comes.
In the name of God the Lord,
Name the blessings rich outpoured.
Hail Hosanna, save us now
Holy, holy God of power.*

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25*)

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord + be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus” *LSB 606*

“Just as I Am ” *LSB 570*

“Christ, the Life of All the Living ” *LSB 420*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Hail to the Lord's Anointed ” *LSB 398*

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To God Alone Be the Glory!

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A “Parents’ Lounge,” with a TV monitor displaying the entire service, is located off the north end of the lobby should young children become restless.



Please Note:

Memorial Services for Don Willcut will be held here at Faith on Thursday April 7th, 2011 with reception to follow.

Burial will be at 1pm at the National Cemetery.