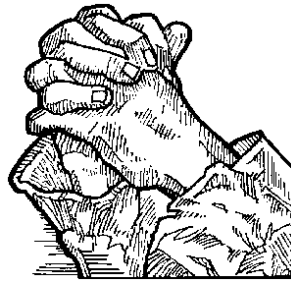


PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH FAMILY

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 in recovery after a recent surgery.
Margaret Clarke, who is starting 6 month chemotherapy for breast cancer.
Madonna Sandunsky, with health concerns.
Arlene Milton's relative **Peter**, who is recovering from a stroke, and her niece's husband,
Dick Hoyt, who has bacterial meningitis.
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.
William and Betty Winters' grandson Demetrius, who is in the hospital with pneumonia.



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:

Rich and Sharon Bieber for the passing of their son, David.

*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

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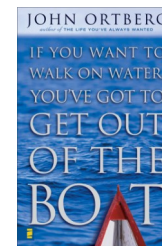
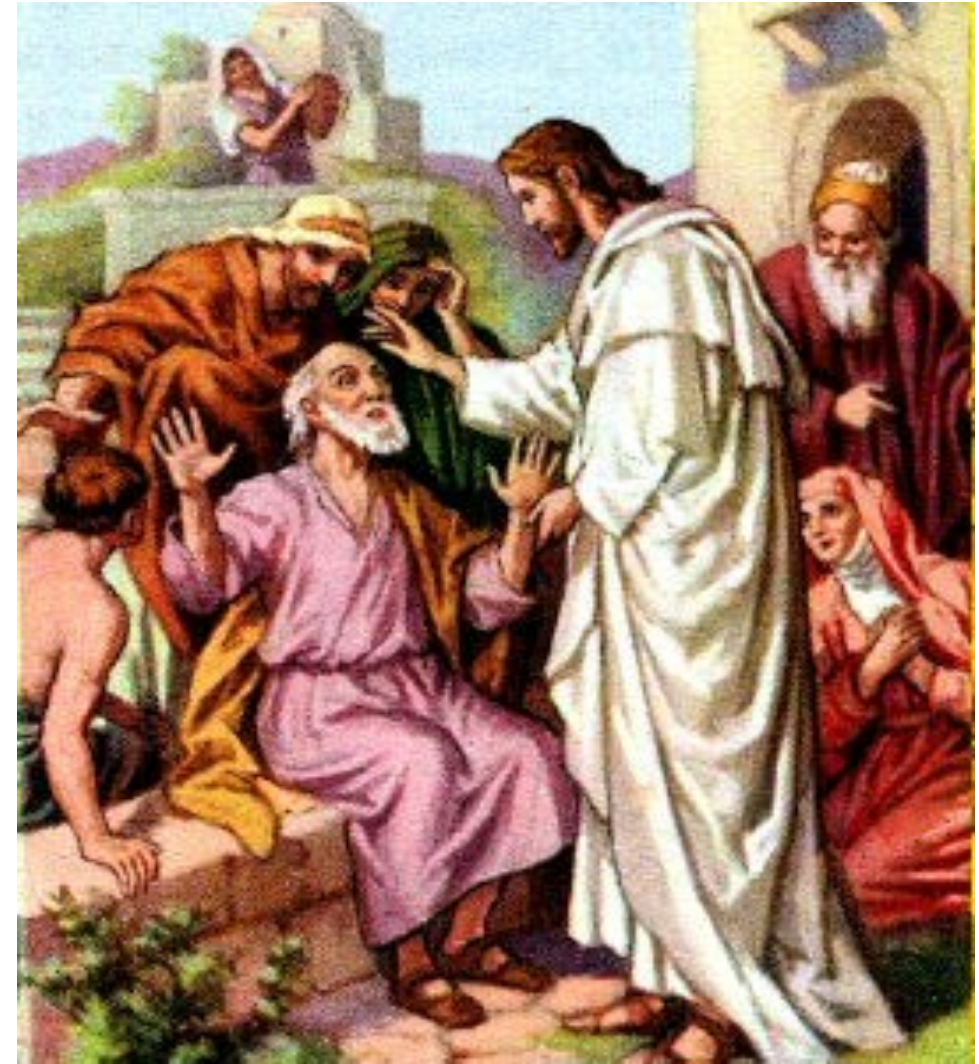
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Faith Sermon Series

Worship Service
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 6, 2011—8:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPHIHANY

February 6, 2011, 8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Today is the third of six sermons in our series based on John Ortberg's book, "If You Want to Walk on Water You Have to Get out of the Boat." We will explore Scripture together in order to learn how God leads us to step out in faith to grow in trust of Him. The story of Peter walking on water will be our key text during this series where we will explore how Jesus invites us to a faith journey that is not always comfortable but that is always more fulfilling than what we often settle for. May you grow in faith through this series as we seek to be more like our Savior (Phil 2:5) who has prepared "good works...in advance for us to do!" (Eph 2:10).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "On Galilee's High Mountain" LSB 835

INVOCATION and PSALM 112:1-9

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments!

People: His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Pastor: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Pastor: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

People: For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

Pastor: He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

People: His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries. He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

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.



LWML Valentine's Tea All Ladies Welcome!



When: Saturday February 19th at 10:00 am

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: Devotions, fellowship and fun in God's Word
Special Speaker: Rachel Timmons

Please bring a dozen finger sandwiches or a dozen cookies to share, along with some of your favorite tea and a Valentine to exchange and enjoy!

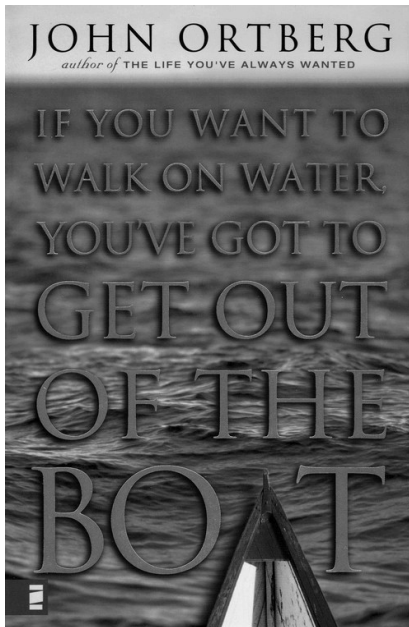
The LWML meeting will discuss our mission goals and upcoming events.

On Sunday, February 27th at 4:00pm St. John's Lutheran Church will present **THE GARY BONNER SINGERS**. This 65-voice group will present an exciting and inspiring concert of contemporary anthems, spirituals, and sacred classical music. Directed by nationally acclaimed Dr. Gary Bonner, this elite professional Christian choir has thrilled audiences around the country, and has made numerous recordings. This concert is the sixth in St. John's 2010-2011 Concert Series.

On Friday March 4th at 7:00 pm St. John's Lutheran Church will present **CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY SINGERS AND ORCHESTRA** in a classical concert. This concert is the seventh in St. John's 2010-2011 Concert Series.

The sanctuary is located at 185 S. Center St. in downtown Orange. There is no charge, but a freewill offering will be taken. Childcare is available for children under age of 5. For more information, please call (714) 288-4400.

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Join a BIBLE STUDY during our Winter Sermon Series at Faith

In *If You Want to Walk on Water*, you will learn how to step out of the "boat" of casual Christianity so that we can faithfully follow the Lord who is calling us out onto the risky, exciting waters of the high seas.

January 23– March 6, 2011!

In conjunction with weekly sermons on the topics, there are small group studies on the days below:

*There is still time to join a group!
 Talk to Pastor Wenz or call the church office
 to sign up today!*

Tuesdays @ 7 pm	Thursdays @ 10 am	Fridays @ 6:30 pm
Leader: Rick Ferrell	Pastor Wenz	Forrest Fulk
Home study	Study at Church	Study at Church

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the Highest" *LSB 170*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church always in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may be defended by Your power. May Your Church be light to a darkened world and salt to an insipid world. Keep us ever in Your righteousness. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *2 Kings 5:1, 9-14*

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy...⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. ¹³ Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

L This is the Word of the Lord;

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *James 1:2-6*

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

L This is the Word of the Lord;

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10: 46-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter:

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

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." ⁵² "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **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

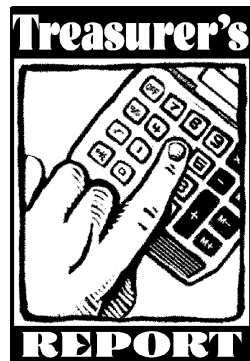
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" *LSB 685*

SERMON "Feed Your Faith & Doubt Will Starve to Death" *by Pastor Paul Wenz*

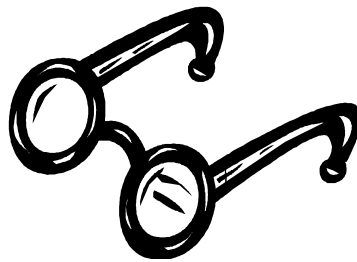
SERMON OUTLINE

- I. A Mission from God
- II. What it takes to Water-Walk
- III. Discerning God's Call
 - A. Identify Gifts and limitations
 - B. Get Feedback
 - C. Genuine Passion
 - D. Prayer



FROM THE TREASURER . . .	
FOR THE WEEK AT FAITH: 1/31/2011	
Attendance: 8 am—80, 10:30 am—70	
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>\$2,082.30</u>
Difference	-\$2017.70
Dedicated Funds offerings (for specific programs or purpose):	\$457.00

Social Ministries is now collecting jackets, blankets, and sleeping bags to provide for the homeless during colder weather. We are accepting new and used ones. All used items need to be in good condition. We are not accepting any other clothing at this time!



Got Glasses?

Do you have old eyeglasses that are just laying around the house? If so, then donate them today! Social Ministries is collecting old and used eye glasses to provide for the homeless and needy families. There will be a drop off box located in the Narthex. For more information please see Stephanie Michaud, or call the office.

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



Lutheran Church Extension Fund investments earn more than a competitive interest rate: they make funds available for loans and services to churches, schools and rostered church workers, all with the divine purpose of furthering the Lord's work. See Bruce Duerfeldt for more information or contact LCEF at 1-800-843-5233 or visit www.lcef.org.

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

Pastor Paul Wenz – Organist, Caitlin St. John

Altar Guild 8:00 a.m. Katherine Cross

10:30 am Ruby Doucette

Elder 8 & 10:30 am Wayne Nelson

This week at Faith:

Feb. 6, 2010

** Today**	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
Monday	6:00 pm	Elder's Meeting
	6:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Praise Team practice
Tuesday	9:30 am	Food Distribution Set up
Wednesday	10:15 am	Food Distribution
	11:00 am	Whispering Fountains Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 am	"Walking on Water" Bible Study
Friday	6:30 pm	"Walking on Water" Bible Study
Saturday	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00 am	Traditional Service /1st Communion Sun.
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service



THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 21ST
FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY**



Today our High School Bible Study will *not* be meeting, but join us next week and each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church office for a great study on the Gospel of John with Christ Bodiford.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Righteous and holy God, we praise You for Your great love. You have given to Your people Your Word, that we may know of Your salvation for us and be guided in living a holy life in response to Your grace. We thank You for this great gift. Lord, send us Your Holy Spirit, that we may live our lives as salt and light in a world that needs Your flavor and Your light, lest it be continually dark and unresponsive to Your will. May we be empowered to let our lights shine with the true Light, our Lord Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we pray that Your Church may be a city set on a hill, neither hidden nor obscure, but a beacon of hope and grace to a world in desperate need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we pray for those who in any way suffer the consequences of living in an unrighteous world, be that because of sickness, death, broken relationships, or emotional damage. Teach us all to bear these trials relying on Your grace. Where You will, grant healing and wholeness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Your righteousness exceeds that of all. We thank You for offering to cover us in Your righteousness, that we may stand before You redeemed by Christ the crucified. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer. Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

(The youths who have prepared to receive their first communion come forward to share what they have learned in preparation for the Lord's Supper. Afterwards, they stand before the altar, as the pastor asks them and the congregation the following Christian questions:)

Pastor: Having properly prepared yourselves according to 1 Cor. 11:28-29, which says, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup."²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself," I now ask you along with the congregation, these questions:

Do you believe you are a sinner?

People: Yes, I am a sinner.

Pastor: Do you believe Jesus died for your sins?

People: Yes, I believe Jesus died for me.

Pastor: What is the Lord's Supper?

People: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Pastor: Luther further asks, "What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?"

People: That is shown us by these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," namely, that in the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us!

Pastor: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
People: **It is not the eating and drinking that does this, but the words here written, “Given and shed FOR YOU for the remission of sins.” These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament; and whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, namely, the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: Would those receiving their First Communion please face the congregation.
People: **We welcome you as communing members of Faith Lutheran Church and the Christian community. Together we will explore the mystery and wonder of Holy Communion and accept Christ’s gifts of grace and salvation that come to us through this holy sacrament.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, thank you for these young people who stand before us now. As they grow in years, deepen their faith in Christ and their trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the parents and family members that support and love them, and help every one of us to see ourselves, others, and the world through Jesus’ eyes.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: As these young people come before Your altar, O Lord, Bless them, and all who seek Your forgiving love, offered in this sacrament. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.**

(The congregation may be seated as the youth receiving their First Communion kneel at the altar.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" *LSB 563*
 "Thy Body Given for Me O Savior" *LSB 619*
 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" *LSB 901*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; though Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God—the Father who made us, the ✠ Son who saved us, and the Spirit who called us with the Gospel—bless you and keep you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" *LSB 924*

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To God Alone Be the Glory!

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*Please join our youth & their families in the fellowship hall after the service*

*For a reception in honor of their*

*First Communion*

*God's Blessings to:*

*Caitlin Danieley, Kate Dalton,  
Naomi Dooley and Roberto Olea*

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