

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.
Savannah, Natalie Shelton's daughter (and Pastor Wenz' niece), for recovery from an injury.
Peg Sturtevant, healing from a broken leg.

For Those That Are Home Bound:

Vivian Criswell, Vern Formoe, Jim Godec, Norma Miller

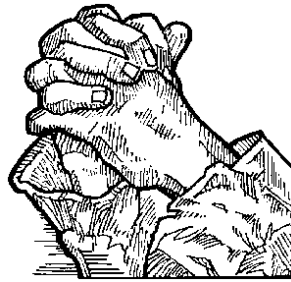
Those in the Military:

Robert Hureto, Eric David Martz, Oscar Acabal & 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:

Cindy Medeiros and family at the death of her father.

*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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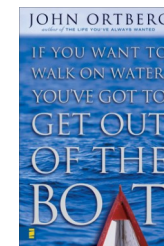
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Parable of the Talents

Matthew 24:14-38



Faith Sermon Series

Worship Service
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 30, 2011—8:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPHIHANY

January 30, 2011, 8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Today is the second 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 "Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB 842

INVOCATION and PSALM 15

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: O LORD, who shall sojourn in Your tent? Who shall dwell on Your holy hill?

People: He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;

Pastor: who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;

People: who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

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.



We are **EXCITED** to invite **YOU**, our **AMAZING** Volunteer Coordinator & your Co-Coordinator to a time of Celebration, Fellowship, appreciation, Reflection, food and a time to dream with us about the Future of The Treasure Box. Also, learn & share what God is doing in our communities through our Treasure Box partnerships!

When: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

Location: Faith Lutheran Church Riverside
4785 Jackson Street
Riverside, Ca.



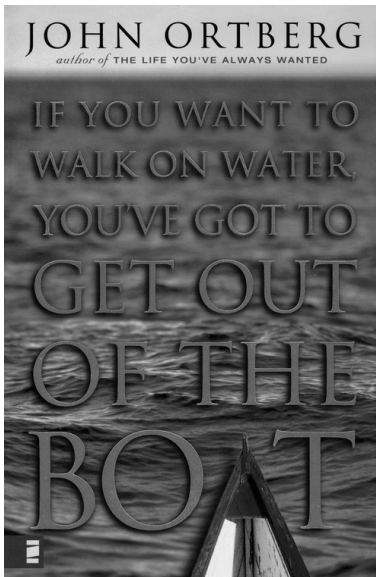
Please **RSVP** with Carrie Rounds or Carlos Sayan no later than Friday, February 4th, 2011 by 5:00pm via email to crounds@thetreasurebox.org or csayan@thetreasurebox.org Please include your name, organization name and count (max 4).

Leave your checkbook at home.

*Faith Lutheran Church Accepts
Electronic Giving, EFT (checking/Savings)*

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Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our Church. Please contact Bruce Duerfeldt to learn how you can participate.



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 will be several small group studies on the days below:

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
IN THE NARTHEX!
ORDER YOUR STUDY BOOK TODAY!

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

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is the Feast”

LSB 171

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty God, You have chosen the weak of this world to shame the strong, the foolish to shame the wise, and have called blessed that which the world despises. Grant that we who are weak may find strength and protection in You alone, that the temptations of this world may not take us from You, nor the dangers of this world keep us from standing. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Esther 4: 11-14 (*Queen Esther is called to save the people of God*)
[Esther said:] “All the king’s officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that he be put to death. The only exception to this is for the king to extend the gold scepter to him and spare his life. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king.”¹² When Esther’s words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³ he sent back this answer: “Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”

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

EPISTLE READING Romans 12: 1-8 (*God’s gives His church spiritual gifts*)
Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. ⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

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

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14-29 (*Jesus' parable about the Kingdom of Heaven*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter:

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

[Jesus said:] "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²² "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' ²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²⁴ "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' ²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.' ²⁸ "Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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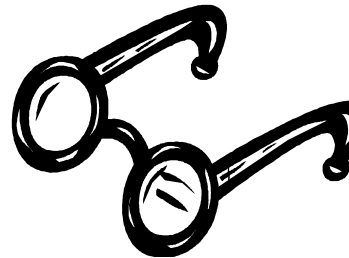
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the 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: 1/23/2011	
Attendance: 8 am—88, 10:30 am—72	
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:	\$
Difference	-\$
Dedicated Funds offerings (for specific programs or purpose):	\$

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. Jeanne Kenlon

10:30 am Ruby Doucette

Elder 8 & 10:30 am Forrest Fulk

This week at Faith:
Jan. 30, 2010

**** Today****
8:00 am **Traditional Worship Service**
9:15 am Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
10:30 am **Contemporary Worship Service**
11:45 am Voter's Assembly (After 2nd Service)

Monday 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday

Wednesday 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**



VOTER'S ASSEMBLY TODAY!!
JANUARY 30, 2010
In fellowship hall
after the 2nd Service.

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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.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *LSB 700*

SERMON "Live Life as if This Is All There Is and It Will Be" *by Pastor Paul Wenz*

SERMON OUTLINE

- I. Two ways to look at a gift, talent or ability
- II. The Lord of the gift
- III. The Lord of the Settled Account
- IV. The Lord of the Reward

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG "Sweet Hour of Prayer" *Solo by Anna Wahlstrom*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have chosen to bless us beyond all measure, though we are not worthy of Your grace. For this we give You our thanks and praise. May we live out Your blessing in every way, and may we become a blessing to others.

People: **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.**

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You remove us from the desperate places that burden our hearts. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with Your gracious rule.

People: **Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

Pastor: Lord, when we suffer losses, Your presence brings us comfort. We realize that what seems so dear to us may not be as dear to You. Shore us up with Your blessings of comfort and peace.

People: **Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

Pastor: Lord, when we are content with who we are and what we have, when we are modest and unassuming, meek and lowly—then Lord, You bless us, for we embrace who we really are: Your children, created by You and redeemed by You. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with meekness.

People: **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

Pastor: Lord, when we find no satisfaction, no fullness, in the things of this world, You bless us with a hunger and thirst to be filled with You. For in You we find true fullness, of joy, of peace, of love, and of righteousness. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with a hunger and thirst for You.

People: **Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**

Pastor: Lord, You have blessed us with the desire and the ability to show mercy to others, for You have been merciful to us. In caring for others, we also are cared for and find mercy. Show Your mercy, Lord, especially to those we name in our hearts. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with Your mercy, that we may be merciful to others.

People: **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

Pastor: Lord, You graciously cleanse us with Your forgiveness, refreshing us with pure hearts and minds. May we see You, Lord, more and more each day. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with purity of heart and mind.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Pastor: Lord, You have blessed us with peace that the world cannot give, so that peace may be magnified among us and our troubled world. As Your sons and daughters, make us instrument of Your peace.

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: Lord, Your divine blessings surpass the world's concept of blessedness. How can we be blessed when we are persecuted? Yet even when our deep love and commitment to You causes us to be hated and hurt by our world, we know that through it we are driven even deeper into Your kingdom, and our love for You grows, and our dependence on You increases. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us, even through persecution.

People: Blessed Lord, who blesses us in ways unsurpassed, we praise You. We rejoice and are glad in the blessing You give. We praise You in the name of Jesus. 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 our duty and delight to give thanks to You, Lord, at all times and places, for You are the holy Lord, the almighty Father, the everlasting God, the Prince of Peace. Now we praise You that You sent to us Your only Son, Jesus Christ, who is the true Wisdom from God, and our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. So, with all the angels in heaven and the saints on earth we praise Your name, saying:

SANCTUS (*Sung, see LSB p. 178 for music*)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created. You sent Your only-begotten Son 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 pray, Lord, that You forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant that we may eat His body and drink His blood faithfully as He invites and encourages us to do. Gather us together 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.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	"Your Table I Approach"	LSB 628
	"The Church's One Foundation"	LSB 644
	"Jesus Shall Reign"	LSB 388

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 "O God of God, O Light of Light" *LSB 810*

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To God Alone Be the Glory!