

Bread for your Journey

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Psalm 33.5

We learned about steadfast love last Sunday from the prophet Jeremiah: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.” (Lamentations 3.22-23) Steadfast love is a deep and abiding loyalty, the bond that’s more than all the words in the most thorough covenant imaginable. When it’s the Lord’s steadfast love, up the value as far as you can imagine, then double it.

So, the Lord is loyal, steadfast in His love for the earth. No wonder we sense the Presence of the Holy Spirit in stunning autumn colors, in the majesty of a horse, in the playful friendship of a dog.

It breaks my heart when people enjoin us to care for creation as if we humans are not part of creation. It breaks my heart when people have no sense of loyalty, of love, for the earth as if the only thing that matters is what we humans get out of it (whatever is of value to us this century). The Lord’s loyalty, His steadfast love, fills the earth, and hopefully, with some grace, so will ours.

Fr. Theron+

Announcements

Animal Blessings: Bring your animals, large, small, furry, feathered, and scaled to our first annual **Blessing of the Beasts** at Emmaus (in the parking lot). **Sunday, October 10 at 3:00.**

Healing Service and Vespers: When bishop Guernsey visited, we combined one of our traditions, Vespers Eucharist, with one of his, a monthly, weeknight healing/eucharist service. It was a wonderful blessing. So, we are going to carry on that holy connection monthly at Emmaus. The liturgy combines acoustic guitar-led music with ancient chant and prayers from the nighttime or vespers liturgy; healing prayer is a time for concentrated, unrushed, discerning, personal prayer. **Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Barry Spofford, a Naval Academy classmate of Joe Procopio’s who recently moved to Castle Pines North, will meet with interested parents, explain the purpose and organization of FCA and possibly work on laying out a plan for organizing schools in our area to be a part of this great international Christian organization. Our plans are to meet at Emmaus Anglican Church at 7:00 PM on Thursday, Oct. 14th. (You do not have to be a member of Emmaus Anglican to attend. This is Christian Fellowship at its finest.) If you have a child who might be interested in participating in a great Christian Fellowship group, particularly young athletes, cheerleaders, POMS, etc., who are in HS or college, please join us. (We will solicit donations for pizza, garlic knots, and soft drinks as meeting snacks if you are interested.)

Music Ministry: Do you have a **favorite hymn** you'd like to hear? Do you play an instrument, and perhaps with a bit of encouragement could play it in church as a special offering? Let Ruth know! journey.ruth@msn.com

Sunday Hospitality: Thanks for responding to the call to sign up to provide us with post-communion provender. There are still **two dates open:** October 31 and November 14. Please contact Pam Hotchkiss for more information, and sign up on the kitchen bulletin board. photchkiss1@q.com

Men of Emmaus Studying Scripture (MESS) We are very new; newer than Emmaus. We are the men's Bible study group that meets the second Saturday of every month. We have a breakfast and then we study the Bible (possibly in a different way than you expect). Sure, we study the books, but we have in our short existence looked at Paul's missionary trips, looked at individuals in the early church, and have plans to look at parts of our Anglican liturgy. This coming Saturday we personally invite you to join our too small group. The time is 7 AM and we promise to have you out at 9 AM. The time is chosen to give us a time together while getting us home to join the family for a normal Saturday. We may be joined by members of Bible study groups from other local churches who have been meeting regularly for years (hope so). Who is invited? Every male who passes the mirror test. Young men beyond the age of reason as determined by their dad's are really desired. Try us out.

Emmaus Dinner Group Extraordinaire (EDGE) If you have not yet put your name on the list to be included in the groupings, please contact us so you can be included. This is a social group with a Christian World View so that we can support and encourage each other in our living of daily life. If you can participate occasionally or regularly, we would like you to take part. Please sign the sheet on the Welcome Desk at Church, call Joleen and Jerry (303-688-2124), or email us (joordt@earthlink.net). **Hold the date:** We are having an all-church Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 5th. More details to come. **Joleen and Jerry**

Attendance Last Sunday: 30 Average Sunday Attendance: 40

Offering: \$2,438.77 (2K required)

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Suro

Prayer Team: Carla H. and Charles J.

Lector: Virginia H. 2 Kings 5:1=3, 7-15c; Psalm 66:1-11

Chalice Bearers: Erin C.

Children's Chapel: Erin C. and Joan C.

Nursery: Barbara K.

Acolytes: Jacob W. and Virginia H.

Hospitality: Denise Walker

Month at a Glance

Saturday 10/9 Men of Emmaus Studying Scripture

Sunday 10/10 9:00-Choir Practice 10:00-Worship 11:30-Adult Formation

3:00 Blessing of the Beasts

Wednesday 10/13

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:45 Formation

7:00 p.m. Monthly Vespers Eucharist with Healing Prayer

Thursday 10/14: Fellowship of Christian Athletes Information Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 10/17 9:00-Choir Practice 10:00-Worship 11:30-Adult Formation

Wednesday 10/20

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:45 Formation

Thursday 10/21 Interim Executive Council at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 10/24 9:00-Choir Practice 10:00-Worship 11:30-Adult Formation

Wednesday 10/27

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:45 Formation

Friday 10/29-Saturday 10/30: Clergy Retreat for Anglican Mission

Sunday 10/31 All Hallows Eve

9:00 a.m. Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Children's Parade of Saints

11:30 Formation