



# THE COMPANION



## "Hard Sayings and Words of Life"

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this?" ([John 6:60-61](#))

Jesus is not a nice guy.

He is certainly good and kind and loving and compassionate. But very often, He is not nice.

If people need to be offended, Jesus offends them. Not by being a jerk. Lots of us are good at offending people by our sinful words and actions. But no, The law of God itself is offensive, because it exposes us for who we really are outside of Jesus - Poor, miserable sinners.

God is about afflicting the comfortable and comforting the afflicted. Meaning, those who are comfortable in their sin, who are comfortable in their sinful way of thinking and living and refuse to turn and believe the truth, God will afflict with the truth of his word against sin. His Law exposes us.

Yet for those who are afflicted by their sin and crushed by guilt and shame, Christ comes and brings life, peace through sins forgiven.

Sadly, too often, we humans enthrone ourselves as Lord of our lives. We get distracted. We assimilate. We become one with the world, more 21st century American than Christian. And so when we hear the hard saying of the law exposing our sin, it cuts. In fact, many turn away and chose to no longer walk with Christ and his church.

Jesus still has a hard word for his disciples today. For you and I. Do we rely on our own understanding? Do our deeply held options matter more to us than God's word? What about our finances? What about about our security?

How often do we hear something in God's Word that doesn't sit well with us and after hearing this hard saying we think "who can listen to it?"

Many people leave the church because they can't listen to the hard sayings.

Jesus says that his words are spirit and life. The flesh, the things of this world are of no help. In him is life. Eternal life. In him we live. We abide in him as he abides in the Father.

Our words don't have life, Our opinions and ideas do not raise anyone up on the last day. We do not give our flesh for the life of the word. People do not eat our flesh and drink our blood and live forever. I am not anyone's savior from sin, death, hell and the devil. And neither are you.

You were brought with a price. Ransomed by the blood of Jesus and adopted into his family, made a citizen of heaven.

We are consuming the wrong food, which does not give life Jesus invites us to eat the true food - the living bread from heaven. Hear Jesus's word. Eat his flesh, drink his blood and live. Abide in him. Be connected to him. A mystic union. Christ living in you. Crucified with him, buried with him in baptism, and just as Christ was raised from the dead, you too live a new life in and through him.

Jesus says "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

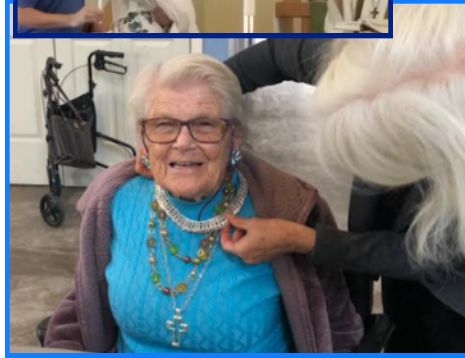
*In His Peace,  
Pastor Darren Harbaugh*



# PHOTOGRAPHS FROM AROUND FAITH! The Baptism Of Annie Jensen



*Gifts from Glenna DeWeese...*



*A Special Thank You  
to our wonderfully  
awesome photographers,  
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# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 
5	6 	7	8	9	10 	11 
12  <p><b>VOTER'S MEETING AFTER CHURCH</b></p>	13	14	15 	16	17	18
19	20  <p><b>10 A.M.</b></p>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 	29	30		

# SEPTEMBER SERVANT LIST

<i>September</i>	SEPTEMBER 5TH	SEPTEMBER 12TH	SEPTEMBER 19TH	SEPTEMBER 26TH
ASSISTANT	<b><i>To Be Determined!</i></b>			
LECTOR	ALEX CAVINS	MARJIE KEETING	JEFF VANDERHOOF	TIM RUEDIGER
FLOWERS	No One Signed Up!	THE CAVINS	No One Signed Up!	No One Signed Up!
COFFEE HOUR	<b><i>No One Signed Up!</i></b>			
ALTAR GUILD	RUTH NUTT	BECKY PEARSON	JULI REYNOLDS	SARA WILLIAMS

## OFFICE HOURS:

**PASTOR HARBAUGH'S OFFICE HOURS:**

**10 AM - 1 PM\***

***\*OR BY APPOINTMENT***

**MARTHA'S OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAYS 9 AM - NOON**







# We Need Volunteers!

If you would like to be  
a reader/lector or a communion assistant,  
please contact  
SARA WILLIAMS.

If you would like to join the  
Faith Lutheran Altar Guild  
(we will train you), please  
see BECKY PEARSON or RUTH NUTT.

If you can donate some time to  
cleaning the church environs,  
please contact DON WALLICH  
or R.G. NUTT.

We need people to take pictures of **EVENTS/  
HAPPENINGS** around Faith  
and send them in for the  
**CHURCH NEWSLETTERS!!!**  
send them to: [office@faithseaside.org](mailto:office@faithseaside.org)

*Thank You!*