

website to find copies of our weekly bulletin. Also, Grace-Sleepy Eye's updated website is now hosted under its regular website address: www.gracesleepyeye.com, where videos of worship services are available online.

- **E-mail List:** Pastor Libby is planning to send out a weekly e-mail reminder concerning website updates (bulletins, video services, CLC "Ministry by Mail" printed sermons), especially for those who are at times prevented from worship service attendance due to distance, health issues, work schedules, etc. If you would like to be added to this weekly e-mail list, please indicate this by e-mailing pastor Libby at: ericlibby@hotmail.com.
- **CLC News:** Claudine Radtke, wife of Pastor/Professor Emeritus Gordon Radtke, was called home to heaven this past Tuesday, after suffering a stroke a few days beforehand. Funeral services were held Friday, October 21st at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. Pastor Radtke's address is: 1105 Rainetta Dr., Eau Claire, WI 54701.



Our Response of Faith — October 16, 2011

(Joint-Mission Festival Service with Grace-Sleepy Eye)

Attendance: 54

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| CLC Budget (Missions)..... | \$801.60 |
| Total..... | \$801.60 |

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"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." — Romans 5:8

OCTOBER 23, 2011 – 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 25, pg. 128

Organist: Vickie Schreyer

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 743 — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost.

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

People: *And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

People: *Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Hallelujah!*

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

People: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us pray together:

People: Almighty God, merciful Father, I am sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. But I am sorry for my transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto me. Forgive me for Jesus' sake, renew me by Your Spirit, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven you all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*[All Sing]: God, we praise You! God, we bless You!
God, we name You sovereign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory;
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne
Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

People: *Amen.*

"So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

"It's Not Fair?"

The Offertory

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with
Thy free spirit.*

Hymn 380 — *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 50 (1st Tune) — *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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Announcements

- **Today** — A CLC Mission Board video presentation will follow this morning's service (Video Length - 28 minutes).
- **Friday** — The Women of Faith are scheduled to meet at 2:15 p.m. at the apartment of Myra Geslin (1416 S. German, Apt. # 11 [2nd floor]).
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **Website:** Faith's newly updated website can now be found at our regular church website address: www.faithnewulm.com. Go to the

also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastor: Here ends the New Testament reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 351 — *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

The Sermon – Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 "Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 "and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. 5 "Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 "And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 7 "They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' 8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' 9 "And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. 10 "But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. 11 "And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, 12 "saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' 13 "But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 'Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15 'Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' 16

1st Scripture Reading – Ezekiel 18:25-32

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair? 26 "When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies. 27 "Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. 28 "Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 29 "Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair? 30 " Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. 31 "Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? 32 "For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia. *The Lord is ... not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)* Alleluia!

Congregation: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – Philippians 2:1-11

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God