

September 28, 2014

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to Faith! We are a group of Christians who are committed to upholding all the truths of the Bible, with our focus on the message of forgiveness of sins through Christ. We welcome visitors and are eager to respond to inquiries about the reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15).



If you are visiting us this morning please sign our guest register at the back of the church and please come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, please let us know. What we have freely received, we also freely give!



Today's Organist: Debra Mayhew

Today's Hymns: 218; 738; 485; 213

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 118:1-9, 13-18 (NKJV)

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 2 Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever." 3 Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures forever." 4 Let those who fear the LORD now say, "His mercy endures forever." 5 I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place. 6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? 7 The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me. 8 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.... 13 You pushed me violently, that I might fall, But the LORD helped me. 14 The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation. 15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. 17 I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the LORD. 18 The LORD has chastened me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

Epistle Reading: Acts 1:4-11 (NKJV)

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Sermon Text: Ephesians 4:7-16 (NKJV)

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." 9 (Now this, "He ascended" — what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Theme: I believe Jesus ascended into heaven

Part 1 - Christ's Going Away Present

- Given to each one of us
- Specific tools for a specific job

Part 2 - The purpose of Christ's gift

- To bring unity of the faith
- To supply spiritual growth

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**Announcements**

† **This Week at Faith** †

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| <b>Today: 9/28 -</b>  | 10:45 A.M. | Worship at Faith                                      |
|                       | 11:45 P.M. | Adult Bible Class                                     |
|                       | 12:15 P.M. | Church Council                                        |
| <b>Sunday: 10/5 -</b> | 10:00 A.M. | Joint Mission Festival service at Grace in Sleepy Eye |
|                       | 11:00 A.M. | Fellowship Lunch to follow                            |

**Mission Festival Service** - Our joint Mission Festival service with Grace of Sleepy Eye will take place next Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The joint service will be held at Grace at 10:00am with a fellowship meal to follow. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class that weekend, and no service here at Faith. Pastor L.D. Redlin will be our guest preacher that weekend. May the Lord bless our mission to proclaim His salvation in this world of sin!

**Pastor Mayhew's Schedule** - Pastor Mayhew will be headed out of town this weekend to assist with the CLC's Southeastern Women's Retreat in Savannah, GA. He will be leaving on Thursday this week and returning the following Monday. If you need to get in touch with him, you may reach him on his cell phone at 404-729-4602. You may also contact President Tom Ubl at 507-404-0078.

**Upcoming Communion Schedule** - Communion will not be held at our Mission Festival service at Grace next weekend, so communion will be held here at Faith on the following Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are not



a communicant member of Faith or another congregation for the CLC, please discuss this with Pastor Mayhew. Communicant members may announce their intention to receive communion by signing the Communion Register at the back of the church.

**CLC Call News** - Pastor Thomas Schuetze, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Coloma Michigan, has accepted the call to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Colorado. † Grace Lutheran Church in Live Oak Florida has called Pastor John M. Johannes, who is currently serving Mt. Olive/St. Paul Lutheran, Detroit Lakes/Ponsford Minnesota. † Pastor Neal Radichel (Luther Memorial Lutheran, Fond du Lac Wisconsin), has returned the call to become the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire Wisconsin. †

**CLC Boards and Coordinating Council Meetings** - The Boards of the CLC (Regents, Doctrine, Trustees, Missions, and Education and Publication) met this past week on Monday and Tuesday. And the Coordinating Council met on Wednesday. The Coordinating Council is responsible for carrying out the work of the CLC between conventions. A full report will be available in the coming weeks, but here is one highlight: Two men were received into the pastoral ministry in the CLC through colloquy. They will be added to the CLC roster and available for a call. We thank the Lord for His continued blessing and pray that He would bless the ministry of these men among us!



**Responding to God's Grace at Faith**

*September 21, 2014*

*Attendance: 31*

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| Unified Budget..... | \$ 615.25 |
| Total .....         | \$ 615.25 |