November 16, 2014

Second to Last Sunday in Trinity

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all of our guests and visitors today in our Savior Jesus Christ who says: *"Come to me, all who labor*"



and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). It is our prayer that you have been brought to know the load of your sin and that you have found rest for your soul through the Word of God you have heard here today. If you have been searching for that rest which the world

cannot give, we invite you to join us as we heed our Savior's invitation every Sunday! If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Mayhew. He would be happy to speak with you.

Today's Organist: Laura Heinze

Today's Hymns: 758; 651; 463 v. 1-4,8; 391

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Look down from heaven, And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where are Your zeal and Your strength, The yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained? ¹⁶ Doubtless You are our Father, Though Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name.

Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38 (NKJV)

27 Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, 28 saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died without children. 30 And the second took her as wife, and he died childless. 31 Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left no children, and died. 32 Last of all the woman died also. ³³ Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife." ³⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; ³⁶ nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸ For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him."

Sermon Text: Hebrews 12:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

Look to Jesus as you Run the Race of Faith

Part 1 - Encouraged in our Race by many "Witnesses"

- Not an easy race, and not for the weak in heart!
- The Great Cloud of Witnesses of Faith
- What is weighing you down, hindering your race of faith?

Part 2 - Motivated in our Race by our Savior

- Jesus endured the cross for YOU
- Thank God for the example of His saints and for our Savior!

ት This Week at Faith ት

Today: 11/16 -	9:45 A.M.	Sunday School
	10:45 A.M.	Worship Service at Faith
	11:45 A.M.	Bible Class (Law and Gospel)
Sunday: 11/23 - 10:45 A.M.		Worship Service at Faith
	11:45 A.M.	Bible Class (Law and Gospel)

Announcements

A good way to ring out the old and ring in the new - Next Sunday we will come to the end of another church year with the Last Sunday in Trinity. The following Sunday a new church year will begin with the first Sunday in Advent, the first of four Sundays which prepare us for Christmas, the first major festival of the church year.



It often happens, as it does this year, that Thanksgiving falls between the last Sunday of one year and the first Sunday of the next. While the date for a thanksgiving celebration was not chosen based on our Christian church year calendar, it certainly comes at a very fitting time. How appropriate it is for us to set aside such an opportunity to give thanks to God for all of His wonderful blessings, both of body and of soul, as we conclude one church

year and as prepare to enter another!

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, November 25th in giving thanks to God for all He has done and continues to do for us in a special 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Thanks be to our Triune God!

Sing to the Lord of harvest; sing songs of love and praise. With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love. (WS 793:1) **Immanuel Girls Dormitory Supervisor:** Immanuel is beginning the process of finding a new dormitory supervisor for our female students. Kate Sauers has announced her intention to step down from this position at the end of the school year as her husband, Rob, will begin, God-willing, to serve in the pastoral ministry. This is a very important position as the supervisor has the most intimate and constant contact with the students under her care. She is concerned not only with the physical needs of the students, but also the spiritual needs. Those CLC women who may be willing and consider themselves potentially capable of serving in this capacity, we ask that you would prayerfully consider this.

Immanuel Food Services Manager/Head Cook: Immanuel is now in search of hiring a new full-time food services manager/head cook. For many years Ethel Eder has served in this capacity, but she is retiring in May 2015. This person is responsible for the operation of the kitchen at Immanuel. This includes planning meals, acquiring food and needed supplies, preparing some meals, providing for the serving of meals, being responsible for kitchen and dining facility maintenance, having budget responsibilities, and monitoring compliance requirements related to a food service program. All student help associated with food service operations is under this person's supervision.

For further details about either of these opportunities, please ask your pastor for a job description. To apply, please contact ILC President Steven Sippert (<u>steve.sippert@ilc.edu</u> or 715.836.6620) prior to the deadline on January 11, 2015.

CLC Call News - Pastor Jay Hartmann, of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi Texas, has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran in Coloma, Michigan. † Pastor David Schaller, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Dowagiac MI, has returned the call to Calvary Lutheran, Marquette, Michigan. The congregation has now called Pastor John Hein who currently serves Grace Lutheran, Fridley, Minnesota. †

Responding to God's Grace at Faith

November 9, 2014	Attendance: 15
Unified Budget	\$ 225.00
Total	\$ 225.00