

been involved with cards and prayers. Her injury was to her lower brain stem. Her cognitive functions are fine. She is still on a feeding tube though her nose, because the doctors do not want her to aspirate on especially liquids. Her swallowing and tongue control are improving. It is hoped that she may be off the feeding tube this week. She is making remarkable progress. She is able to stand for 20 seconds and is able to lift her feet. Some of the large muscles still need a lot of work. She is still at Tampa General Hospital and the nurses consider her a miracle child. They are working on transferring her from her wheelchair to a car. It is hoped that she may be released from the hospital in December. She will continue her rehab at Tampa General as an outpatient. Her mother, Wendy, is planning to stay in a apartment in Tampa during the outpatient therapy. Last Sunday was a special day. One of the first places that her mother brought Meleah was to church on Sunday. There will many tears of joy. Meleah asked for the words to the song the children are singing this Sunday in church and plans to be there again. Continue to remember this family and Meleah in your prayers. It is going to be a long haul. Remember with thanksgiving the blessings our children enjoy and give thanks for their health that we so often take for granted. God is good and His mercy endures forever. – John Schierenbeck

- **2014 Nepal Mission Helper Trip Registration Deadline:** As a reminder the registrations deadline for the summer 2014 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is January 10, 2014. Information regarding the trip can be found at: <http://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2014-nepal>
- **Project KINSHIP Update Available:** A new November 2014 CLC Project KINSHIP update is available on the table at the back of the church sanctuary.
- **Other CLC News:** Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Matthew Gurath, Mapleton ND. <> The Rev. Norman Greve, Eagle Lake MN, has accepted the call to St. Peter's Lutheran, Iron River MI.
- **Serving Us This Coming Week:** November Ushers: Dave Theneman, Michael Bottelberghe, Mike Bottelberghe, Joe Huiras, Marlin Huiras, Kyle Nason, Jon Riederer, Charles Romberg. Organist: Laura Heinze. Church Cleaning: Nason. November Tellers: Mike Christensen, John Maas.

## Our Response of Faith — November 10, 2013

Attendance: 15

Unified Budget.....	\$188.00
Total.....	\$188.00

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**Christ the King!**

## NOVEMBER 17, 2013 – 25TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 98, pg. 144  
Organist: Lane Fischer

Pastor: Opening Prayer

**Hymn 339 - All Hail the Power of Jesus Name**

Pastor: The Invocation

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**People: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that, by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor: The Absolution

**People:** *Amen.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

**People:** *Amen.*

## 1st Scripture Reading – Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." 7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia! *Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. (Psalm 24:9-10)* Alleluia!

**People:** *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- **Children's Christmas Service Practice CD's:** Practice CD's for this year's Children's Christmas Service are now available.
- **Upcoming Thanksgiving Worship:** As a reminder, our upcoming Thanksgiving Eve worship will be Wednesday, November 27, at 7 p.m. Also, for those who may not be able to attend our evening service, keep in mind our Thanksgiving Day service (Friday, Nov. 28) at Grace-Sleepy Eye at 9 a.m.
- **Weather Announcements:** Please remember, if/when weather becomes an issue here in the coming months, please tune in to KNUJ Radio for any potential service cancellation announcements.
- **2014 "Bread of Life" Booklets:** Each year the Lutheran Spokesman puts together a daily Bible reading program known as "Bread of Life". This year's edition of "Bread of Life" will be professionally printed as 28-page booklet with some short commentary offered by Pastor/Professor Em. David Lau. A free copy of this booklet will be given with each Spokesman subscription, however, additional booklets can be made available at \$2.00 a piece. Please let Pastor Libby know by today if you are interested in a copy/copies of this booklet.
- **November Church Council Meeting Minutes:** The November 2013 Church Council meeting of Faith Lutheran opened with prayer. There were two men present plus Pastor Libby. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved (there was no formal October meeting). The September Treasurer's report showed an opening balance of \$20,197.76 and a closing balance of \$20,307.63. The October Treasurer's report showed an opening balance of \$20,307.63 and closing balance of \$19,257.57. Major bills during October were property insurance and property taxes. The Treasurer's report was approved. There was no further update on the parsonage rental situation at this time. Special services and Delegate Conference hosted a Faith over the past two months went well. Tom has ordered more oil for altar candles. Pastor also noted church supply expenses he recently submitted for reimbursement. Regarding upcoming winter weather, potential service cancellations will be reported to KNUJ. Snow removal was also discussed. The December Church Council meeting will be the annual elections meeting. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.
- **Update from Pastor John Schrienbeck on Meleah Rojas:** The following comes from Pastor John Schierenbeck of Immanuel-Winter Haven FL concerning Maleah Rojas and her family. Meleah is a girl who had been attending Immanuel's Christian day school who was severely injured in a car accident earlier this fall. *Thank you all for your concerns and prayers for Meleah. Meleah was severely injured and her sister killed in a car accident on Labor Day. The family has been overwhelmed by the interest and concern shown from congregations and individuals through out the United States. They especially feel close to our CLC schools who have*

the cross. 9 Therefore God 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.

### ***“One Way or Another - Christ Alone Is King”***

#### **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 341 - Crown Him with Many Crowns**

#### **The Offering**

#### **Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + The Benediction**

*All: Amen, amen, amen!*

**Hymn 360 - Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

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#### **Announcements**

- **Today** — A Bible Class presentation is scheduled to follow this morning's worship service.
- **Thursday** — The Women of Faith are scheduled to meet at the apartment of Myra Geslin at 2 p.m.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m. A Bible Class presentation is scheduled to follow next Sunday's worship service.

## **2nd Scripture Reading – John 18:28-38**

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

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. 29 Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" 30 They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you." 31 Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," 32 that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die. 33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" 35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." 38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.

Pastor: Here ends our 2nd Scripture reading.

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

#### **The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12**

**Hymn 367 - Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus**

#### **The Sermon – Philippians 2:5-11**

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