

September 7, 2014

12th Sunday after Trinity

Organist: Lane Fischer

Hymns: 95; 369; 318; 401

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38 (NKJV)

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible." 38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Sermon Text: Isaiah 7:1-16 (NKJV)

1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to make war against it, but could not prevail against it. 2 And it was told to the house of David, saying, "Syria's forces are deployed in Ephraim." So his heart and the heart of his people were moved as the trees of the woods are moved

with the wind. 3 Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-Jashub your son, at the end of the aqueduct from the upper pool, on the highway to the Fuller's Field, 4 and say to him: 'Take heed, and be quiet; do not fear or be fainthearted for these two stubs of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying, 6 "Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves, and set a king over them, the son of Tabeal" - 7 thus says the Lord GOD: "It shall not stand, Nor shall it come to pass. 8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, And the head of Damascus is Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken, So that it will not be a people. 9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, And the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, Surely you shall not be established."'" 10 Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" 13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. 15 Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings."

Theme: I believe Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary

Part 1 - Trust Issues

Ahaz did not trust in the LORD

Do you have trust issues?

Part 2 - An even Greater Deliverance

Why did Jesus have to become man?

We have reason to believe in God!

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 entry 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!

† **This Week at Faith** †

Today: 9/7 - 9:45 A.M. Sunday School at Faith
 10:45 A.M. Worship at Faith (Communion)
 12:00 P.M. Confirmation Class

Sunday: 9/14 - 10:45 A.M. Worship at Faith
 12:00 P.M. Council Meeting

Announcements

Holy Communion Today - Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of His redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim His death until He returns. In Scripture we read:

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread” (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

In these verses Paul demonstrates that fellowship in Holy Communion is both vertical with God on the basis of repentance and faith and horizontal with man on the basis of a common confession of faith.

When we commune together we are publicly declaring that we confess one and the same thing. One’s attendance also declares an understanding of and agreement with the Bible teaching that in the Sacrament the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is received (1 Corinthians 11:25-29).

So if you are a guest in our service today, before communing with us we ask that you first schedule a time to meet with our pastor to compare the teachings of our church with the Bible. By following this practice we do not make any judgments concerning your faith, but rather, we practice closed communion out of love for you and out of obedience to God’s Word. Thank you.

Preparation for the Lord’s Supper - As an aid to our communicants in their personal examination we encourage the use of Psalm 143. (If you don’t have your Bible this Psalm can be found on page 155 in the front of the hymnal.) Announcement for the Lord’s Supper may be made by signing the communion register at the back of the church. May our crucified Savior bless our communicants in the reception of this precious Sacrament!

CLC Call News - Pastor Chad Seybt of Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne Wyoming, has accepted the call to serve as interim pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland Colorado. † Pastor Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace Lutheran/Peace Lutheran/St. Paul’s Lutheran, Valentine Nebraska/Mission/White River South Dakota, has returned the call to become the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. † Pastor Norman Greve of St. Peter’s Lutheran, Iron River Michigan, has accepted the call to serve as interim pastor at Calvary Lutheran of Marquette Michigan. † Delwyn Maas will be installed as pastor of Gift of God Lutheran Church in Mapleton, North Dakota on Sunday, September 21 at 4 pm. A celebratory pot luck dinner will follow. Anyone who can make it is welcome! †

Responding to God’s Grace at Faith

August 31, 2014

Attendance: 25

Unified Budget.....	\$ 317.00
Total	\$ 317.00