

November 23, 2014

The Last Sunday in Trinity

Welcome! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us and pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. May the True God who has redeemed us from sin and death also enable us to **“serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness... all the days of our life” (Luke 1:74-75).**



If you are visiting our church this morning we invite you to record your visit by signing our Guest Register which is located at the back of the church. If you are interested in more information about our church or if you would like to become a member of our congregation, please speak with Pastor Mayhew. He will be eager to meet with you.



Today's Organist: Kristen Friedrichs

Today's Hymns: 611 v.1,5-7; 416; 358; 261

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13-18 (ESV)

¹³ “Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷ “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:42-48 (NKJV)

⁴² And the Lord said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? ⁴³ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴ Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. ⁴⁵ But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, ⁴⁶ the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. ⁴⁷ And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. ⁴⁸ But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.”

Sermon Text: Colossians 1:13-15 (NKJV)

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Jesus is the All-Sufficient Savior!

Part 1 - He alone has Delivered Us

The Judgment is coming!

Jesus alone can redeem us from sin

Part 2 - There is no other Savior

There is no substitute for Jesus

Hold fast to Jesus, your All-Sufficient Savior

† **This Week at Faith** †

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

Wed: 11/26 - 7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Sunday: 11/30 - 10:45 A.M. Worship Service at Faith
 11:45 A.M. Bible Class (Law and Gospel)

Announcements

An ending - a beginning: Today marks the last Sunday of the church year which always begins with four Sundays of Christmas preparation which are called Advent. This year we have the opportunity to close out this church year and begin a new one with the festival of Thanksgiving. The Psalmist writes, ***“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever” (Psalm 107:1).*** How appropriate it is for us to gather to thank God for all the blessings of the past church year and to look ahead to the new church year with confidence that He will likewise bless us through His Word. We have a special opportunity to reflect on the many blessings of our LORD and to give Him thanks for those blessings with our Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00pm on Wednesday evening. Please join us!

***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come; Raise the song of Harvest-home.
 All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin;
 God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
 Come to God’s own temple, come; Raise the song of Harvest-home.
 (TLH 574:1)***

New Recycling Programs at Faith - We have initiated two new recycling programs will help provide for needed supplies, and assist in the work here at Faith. You will find the two separate boxes for recycling on the shelves at the back of the church across from the coat rack. One is for ink/toner cartridges, and the other for cell phones. Thank you to those who have already begun to help! Please consider making use of this program! If you have any questions about either program, please speak to Pastor Mayhew.

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 (steve.sippert@ilc.edu 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. †

Responding to God’s Grace at Faith

<i>November 16, 2014</i>	<i>Attendance: 19</i>
Unified Budget.....	\$ 315.00
Total	\$ 315.00