

September 15, 2019

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1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10

The Cost of Discipleship

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

We are in the season after Pentecost, where we watch & learn from how the Church, the Body of Christ, grew and grows. We experience all the gifts our God of love has given us, all the ways Jesus Christ, the Living Word, is with us, all the ways the Holy Spirit teaches us and prompts us to deeper faith, more committed discipleship, and reaching out with a wider welcome to all the people God loves. We are glad you are here worshipping with us, and invite you to sign our guest book, fill out a green visitor or prayer slip found in the pew, or talk with Pr. Mary Kaye. Thanks for being here!

If you'd like to request a pastoral visit, please message Pastor Mary Kaye to schedule a time and day that works for you.

FAMILY PATHWAYS

Family Pathways is asking for help restocking their shelves by donating non-perishable food items! There is a bin at the church for collections! Want to give financially? \$10 feeds a family for one week!

HEARING DEVICES are available to assist with hearing. Please ask an usher and they will be happy to get you one!

QUILTERS meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am. No experience needed! We invite you to join us!

SARAH CIRCLE is for the following items: Boys & Girls 0-3 month sleepers, receiving blankets and crib blankets.

COUNCIL MEMBERS		Next Council Meeting
Wendy Szczepanski	Miriam Flysjo	October 13th
Craig Loen	Rose Anderson	10:15am
Becky Hulden		
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley		

CALENDAR

(www.tflutheran.org for full calendar)

Sun Sept 15 (Pr. Hrs:8a-10:15a)

9a - Worship—Backpack Blessing

10a - Fellowship

10:15a - Life Group

Tues Sept 17 (Pr. Hrs:)

10:15a - Staff Meeting

7p - Choir Practice

Wed Sept 18

(Pr. Hrs:9:30a-4:30p & 6p-9p)

10:30a - Lodge Book Study

6:30p - Youth Group

Sun Sept 22 (Pr. Hrs:8a-8p)

9a - Worship

10a - Fellowship

10:15a - Life Group

4:30p - MiChiLu Collaborative Dinner

& Worship @ Trinity

UPCOMING EVENTS!

♦ **COFFEE WITH COUNCIL** You are invited to join the council members for coffee after worship this morning. If you have ideas, concerns, or questions, grab a cup of coffee and start some great conversations!

♦ **BOOK STUDY** at the Lodge continues in July, Wednesdays noted below at 10:30am. We are reading Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church views Racism by Drew Hart. Call PMK or office for a copy of the book. Look for us in the sunroom!

September Dates: 18th

NO BOOK STUDY: Sept. 25th

♦ **FAITH STRETCH** is a group that will come together occasionally on evenings from 6:30-8pm; come to one or all (more sessions, more learning & fun); bring a notebook or journal & food if hungry. Members and non-members are welcome to join us for Bible study, book study, group building, prayer, service, worship (but not all in one night!) Let Pr. Mary Kaye know if you're coming, or just come! Bring your Bible & meet in the library!

Faith Stretch Dates: September 26th & October 3rd

♦ **COLLABORATIVE WORSHIP & SUPPER** will be held on Sept. 22 at Trinity Lutheran in Lindstrom from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. More to be announced soon! *FELC is asked to bring coleslaw for around 150 people; we are asking for six people to bring a coleslaw dish to feed 25.* There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board; please sign up if you are able to bring coleslaw to Trinity the evening of the worship & supper.

♦ **ADDICTION & FAITH CONFERENCE** September 20-22 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington, MN. Open to anyone interested in exploring the devastation of addiction and the remarkable healing process of faith. For complete schedule, pricing & registration, visit: www.addictionandfaithconference.com.

♦ **UNEXPECTED COMPANY CHORALE** wants your voice! Chisago Lakes area choir is looking for new members. Check out the bulletin board for more details!

Siblings in Christ,

I hope that by now, all members have received email or USPS notice of my leave-taking from FELC. Please join us to celebrate 2 events on October 6, with worship & communion, and after, my farewell, and Annie Lindgren's 99th birthday. We hope you can join us!

I welcome opportunities to visit with you that day, or before then. Please call, text or email me ASAP if you'd like to set up a time to chat before then. I will miss you, too!

love, PMK

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 32:7-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 51:1-10

God's Work, Our Hands

God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
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God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
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God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
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