

Prayer

I trust, O Christ, in you alone;
No earthly hope avails me.
You will not see me overthrown
When Satan's host assails me.
No human strength, no earthly pow'r
Can see me through the evil hour,
For you alone my strength renew.
I cry to you!
I trust, O Lord, your promise true.
(*Christian Worship* 437:1)

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 19, 2007

Worship Focus: *Faith treasures God's promises*

Order of Service: *Service of the Word*, p. 38

Hymns: *Hymn Sing*, 472, 477, 442

God's Word

First Lesson Genesis 15:1-6

Abram trusted the Lord. His faith treasured God's promises.

Psalms 33, p. 79

The Lord's word and plans stand firm. Trust him.

Second Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Faith believes what it cannot see because it trusts that the one who made the promise will keep his promise.

Gospel Luke 12:32-40

Jesus points us to our heavenly treasure so that we live by faith watching and waiting for his return.

Sermons available in the narthex & at the website in text and audio

Sermon:

Luke 12:32-40

Under the Father's Care Live Ready for Jesus to Come

A. Watching with hearts focused on the Kingdom

B. Waiting with hands serving our Lord

This Week's Kingdom Work

Wed. 7:30pm Worship: *Faith treasures God's promises*

Sun. 9:00am Worship: *Stand firm in the truth*

News & Notes

After Church Social: If you want to provide refreshments for after Sunday worship, sign up in the narthex.

August Ushers: David Joos (capt.) Ed Boettcher, Scott Boettcher, Harvey Flaten, Doug Nelson, Justin Nelson

August Cleaners: Dave & Connie Paul; Jerry & Carol Logan

Greeter for August 26: Jianna Thielke

Great Plains Lutheran High School News:

In addition to the new faculty members introduced last week, here is what some of the current faculty have been busy with:

- Mr. David Myers completed his Synodical certification program this summer.
- Mr. Eric Martens continued his studies toward Synodical certification. He was married to Deanna Pederson in June.
- Mr. Greg Diersen spent six weeks in Rapid City doing scientific research.
- Pastor Maertz & Mr. Diersen served as delegates to the Synod convention.

ENROLLMENT

The enrollment figures continue to bounce up and down. But as of August 7 we have 33 freshmen and 33 sophomores with 25 juniors and 22 seniors. There are a few more active inquiries. We anticipate 63 dorm residents – the same as last year.