
**Tapiola Apostolic Lutheran Church
Newsletter
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FAITHFULNESS

Ps 119:90

Our dictionary defines faithfulness as steadfastness in affection(love), or allegiance. It is considered to be an attribute, a virtue in this life. We know we need to be faithful to God, to our spouse, to our family, our employer, even to our ideals. We also know that because we are weak in the flesh, we are not always faithful.

The Bible explains that faithfulness is a spiritual quality that God gives us by His spirit. It is a fruit of the spirit. Faithfulness is to be loyal, trustworthy and dependable to both God and our fellow man and is based on love, on truth, and on integrity. God's faithfulness is perfect and enduring. He is ever faithful; always there in our times of trouble.

In Psalm 119:90 it states, "Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth".

When we are called into living faith by His Grace through repentance and are assured of the forgiveness of our sins, God gives us faith by His spirit. Therefore faithfulness is a fruit of the living spirit in us.

Worship Service Schedule

Nov 4	Ken Storm	11:00	Holy Communion
Nov 11	Cal Niemela	11:00	
Nov 18	Ken Storm	11:00	2:00pm Medical Care Facility
Nov 25	Nathan Ruonavaara /TBD	11:00	Potluck Meal following service

Are we then always faithful as God is? Sadly not, for our earthly portion is weak. We tend to not be faithful in prayer, in our conversation, in the use of our God given talents and resources. We are often unfaithful in our love to others. Many times we lack faithfulness in witnessing of Jesus unto others due to fear that we will not be liked.

There is a cost or price to be paid for faithfulness and many times it is our pride. Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book "The Cost of Discipleship" explains this very well. Not only pride but suffering and death can be that cost. Of course the greatest price paid for our salvation is Christ's death on the cross.

We are all called unto faithfulness but only because of the perfect faithfulness of Jesus that our salvation has been wrought. May we always be mindful of our faithfulness to God and to others and pray unto the Heavenly Father to strengthen our faith.

God's Peace,
Al Wuori

**Bible Study Wednesday 7:00pm
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:45am
Sunday Worship 11:00am**

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