



SERMON OUTLINE FOR OCTOBER 6, 2013

## “Standing on the Rock”

Luke 17:1-10

### INTRODUCTION:

*A terrible misunderstanding about faith (a grandmother in Dayton, Ohio)*

- I. Faith: NOT “Look What I Can do!”  
BUT: “Look what **God** Can Do!”
  - A. Luke 17:5-6
  - B. Matthew 17:20
  - C. Faith is not our good deed, but is recognizing that God is at work & trusting Him
  - D. John 9:30
  - E. THE KEY is not the strength of our faith, but the **object of our faith** (Jesus)
  - F: **Today consider:** *Adelyn’s Baptism & our reception of Holy Communion (pure gifts!)*
- II. Faith in ourselves leads us to faithlessness
  - A. We note Peter, “The Rock”
  - B. Matthew 26:35
  - C. Peter became “the dust” (Luke 2:34; 56)
- III. The Disciples asked Jesus to Increase Their Faith (Luke 17:1-10)
  - A. Faith is always God’s gift (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:17)
  - B. What a wonderful reminder is given to us in *Luther’s Explanation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostles’ Creed* (see **PowerPoint screen**)
  - C. The word “Faith” has 3 common meanings:
    1. A person believes something (factual knowledge – James 2:19)
    2. A person believes in something (I believe in Canada...in motherhood)
    3. A person believes on something/someone (Acts 16:31)
  - D. Let’s read together hymn #575 (*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*) and focus on the refrain: “*On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand*” (see **PowerPoint screen**)

### CONCLUSION:

*The real meaning of the word “Amen!” (standing on a rock)*