Christian Faith

(It can refer to the act of believing; it can refer to the object of believing, the doctrine)

Faith = The trust of the heart. Belief in Christ for the forgiveness of sins, life, salvation, and all that we need. Reliance upon God. That which receives and clings to God's gifts of grace and mercy in the promises of the Gospel.

Dogmatic categories

fides cordis = the trust of the heart, the reliance of the heart on the promises of grace set forth in the Gospel.

fides actualis = faith which actually appropriates to itself Christ's blessings; real faith which desires Christ and trusts in Him.

fides directa = faith as it is directed or focused on its object i.e. Christ

fides salvifica = saving faith

fides qua creditor = faith by which Christ is believed; personal faith

fides quae creditor = the faith, i.e., the doctrine which is believed; the teaching concerning Christ

fedes reflexa = faith which is conscious of its own existence: not considered essential in Lutheran theology

fides specialis = special or personal faith; faith as the possession of the individual

fides concreta, composita, seu incarnata = faith as a concrete part of an individual;
Incarnate faith;
The method of speaking of faith as part of an individual, eg. "Abraham believed God", "the just shall live by his faith"

fides divina = faith created by God

fiducia = trust