



Peace Thru Christ

Lutheran Church and School

40th Anniversary • August 11, 2013

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal School Teacher: Ms. Claire Abbas • Organist: Mrs. Gail Schaefer

Prior to the Invocation, the organist will introduce the melody of the liturgical hymn so the verses can be sung without subsequent introductions.

HYMN 640: "God the Father, Son and Spirit"

INVOCATION

PASTOR: We gather together in the name of the Father who created us; in the name of the Son who redeemed us; and in the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Sing: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

PASTOR: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

CONGREGATION: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

PASTOR: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

CONGREGATION: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

PASTOR: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

CONGREGATION: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

All: Heavenly Father, we come to You recognizing that in the past forty years we have sinned against You in many and various ways. By our thoughts, words, and actions we have walked in the counsel of the wicked, stood in the way of sinners, and sat in the seat of mockers. We ask You to forgive us on account of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit lead us ever to delight in Your Word of salvation so that we may be as trees planted by streams of living water which yield their fruit in the proper season.

PASTOR: In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

*Sing: Praise Him for his grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.*

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PASTOR: O Lord, as You have had mercy on us in our spiritual need, look upon us also in our bodily distress.

CONGREGATION: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

PASTOR: As You healed the blind man who called out to You for mercy, reach down with Your powerful hand to restore us and preserve us while we live our lives in this fallen world.

CONGREGATION: Have mercy upon us, O Christ.

PASTOR: Strengthen us each hour that we might serve You all our days.

CONGREGATION: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

*Sing: Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

PASTOR: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.

CONGREGATION: Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.

PASTOR: You are the King of Glory, O Christ.

CONGREGATION: When You had overcome the sharpness of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

PASTOR: Now grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATION: To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Sing: *"Glory in the highest glory!"*
Shout the angels in the skies,
Bringing earth the wondrous story:
God is come He meets our eyes.
Alleluia, alleluia! "Peace to you," the Lamb now cries!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR: Heavenly Father, we rejoice that You have made us one with You and with each other through faith in Christ our Lord. We thank You for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon our congregation during the past forty years, especially the Word and work in which You have enabled us to share.

Confirm us in the faith we confess with those who have gone before us and those who have spoken Your Word to us. Empower us by Your Spirit to meet the challenges of our day as we take the Word of Christ to those in need. Continue to sustain us with Word and Sacrament until we come at last to our eternal home. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: *"We Have Peace"* see inside back cover

THE LESSONS

EPISTLE - Romans 5:1-11

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

(The Gradual is sung to the tune of A Mighty Fortress.)

Sing: *God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure.
Throughout all generations.*

VBS CHILDREN: *"This Little Light of Mine"*

HYMN 496 (1 & 4): *"Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying"*
Congregation sings 496 (2 & 3)

GOSPEL - Luke 10:13-20

Rejoice that your names are written in heaven!

Installation of Miss Claire Abbas
as K-8 teacher at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran School

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*

*The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

HYMN: "Christ Is Our Corner-Stone"

*Christ is our Corner-stone, on Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled.
On His great love our hopes we place
Of present grace And joys above.*

*Here, gracious God, do Thou forevermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow and mark each suppliant sigh.
In copious shower on all who pray
Each holy day, Thy blessing pour.*

*Here may we gain from heaven the grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once given, be with us evermore
Until that day when all the blest
To endless rest are called away!*

*Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise the three in One to sing
And thus proclaim in joyful song,
Both loud and long that glorious name. Amen.*

The Sermon: read/listen to sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Psalm 100**

As we celebrate 40 years of history, the psalmist invites us to join in a song of praise for the Lord's faithfulness to His people.

**I: We are invited to a joyful worship
of our Creator-Shepherd.**

**Ii: We are invited to thankful praise
to our everlasting Savior.**

*Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! 2 Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing. 3 Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He
who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His*

pasture. 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

THE OFFERING

HYMN 44: “Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise”

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER

PASTOR: Almighty and eternal God, when the time was right, You sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins.

CONGREGATION: You accepted His sacrifice on the cross. You raised Him from death in glorious splendor. For His sake, You richly and daily forgive the sins of all who put their trust in You.

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

PASTOR: When the time was right, You bestowed Your Holy Spirit on Your people as a testimony that You had called them to proclaim the Gospel to every creature.

CONGREGATION: Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation into all the world.

All: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

PASTOR: When the time was right, You raised up Your servant Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure teaching of Your Holy Word.

CONGREGATION: You renewed Your people with the light of Your love, You granted power and success to the proclamation of the Gospel, and Your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

All: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

PASTOR: When the time was right, You brought together the founders and builders of our congregation. Guided by Your Spirit, they took hold of the truth and abandoned an apathetic allegiance to Your Word.

CONGREGATION: They joined hands with other believers and worked together in ministry as members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. You have blessed their sons and daughters during the forty years past and enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving Gospel of Your Son.

All: Sing to the Lord, for He has done marvelous things; let this be known to all the world.

PASTOR: Let this be the time, O Lord, when You renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when You reform our hearts and minds, and when You restore to us the joy of fellowship and service.

CONGREGATION: Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the leaders of our past.

All: May the Lord our God be with us as He was with our fathers. May He never leave us or forsake us.

PASTOR: Let this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. For Jesus' sake forgive us whenever we love ourselves more than You and whenever we serve ourselves instead of Your people. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our work.

CONGREGATION: Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference toward public worship and continued growth in Your Word, destroy all distrust that may plague us, and shatter every thought and word which harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

All: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

PASTOR: Let this be the time, O Lord, when we recommit and re-consecrate ourselves to the ministry of the Gospel of Your Son. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is Your will, success in our labor.

CONGREGATION: And give us faith, O Lord, to truly be, in our thoughts, words, and actions, what You have called us to be—witnesses of Your grace!

All: May You, O Lord be gracious to us and bless us and make Your face shine upon us, that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

PASTOR: Keep in Your care, O Lord, all those we love, those who are close by and those far from home. Protect them from temptation and every spiritual evil.

CONGREGATION: Watch over those among us who are lonely or distressed, those who are afraid and facing danger, those who have pain of body or mind, and those who are at the hour of death.

All: Answer us according to Your wisdom and grace, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

PASTOR: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip You with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Consider Now What God Has Done”

Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen (TLH 15) Hymn lyrics: Judith Snell

Verse 1:

**Consider now what God has done;
How His right hand
the vic'try won;
He has conquered, In the battles!
Whether by many or by few,
Preserved His Word
as none can do--
For salvation; Of all people!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Verse 2:

**For through God's grace
and grace alone;
Faultless we stand
before the throne.
Alleluia! What a Savior!
Our Substitute the ransom paid;
For sin He full atonement made.
Alleluia! Praise our Savior!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Verse 3:

**O Holy Spirit, burning bright
Disperse all gloom,
 all error's blight;
In the whole world--For all ages.
The Church's Strength,
 her faithful Guide,
Her ev'ry need by You supplied,
How we praise You,
 For Your blessing
Of protecting--All the Gospel!
 Alleluia!**

Verse 4:

**Preserve for all Your
 wondrous Word;
Fully revealed in Christ, our Lord.
What a blessing! Now, forever!
This heritage of priceless worth;
Water of life for all the earth.
Guard it always--Is our prayer.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We thank God that you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior. As we celebrate this morning, may it be with joyful hearts of worship to our Creator God and the Shepherd of our souls. Our God created us, redeemed us and has created faith in our hearts to believe in Jesus as our only Lord and Savior. May this Christian assurance be yours also. If you want to know more about your Savior, Jesus, or about our congregation, please contact Pastor Bernthal. We invite you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today: 10:15 a.m. Brunch

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Thursday

10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Next Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Family Worship

LAST WEEK: Worship 43

OFFERINGS

8/4 for Unified Budget: \$ 2,726

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

August Calendar & Newsletter, Letter about Make A Blanket Day (MABD)

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Greve

Counters today:

Ruth Bernthal & Deb Schmidt

CLC NEWS:

Pastor Mike Schierenbeck has resigned as pastor of Living Hope of Appleton WI.

Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN has issued 1-year calls to Philip Matzke, Kristen Friedrichs, and Sara Purrington to fill the vacancy to its high school faculty.

We Have Peace

Romans 5:1-11 • Duane W. Riggert • Gail Schaefer

1 We have peace with our God; We do re - spect
2 Rec - on - ciled now we are, Je - sus we see;
3 We are now glo - ri - fied; Praise we must give

and fear His chas - ten - ing rod. We pro -
He is our Morn - ing Star. We main -
For Christ is our faith - ful Guide, Al - ways,

claim we have faith, Scrip - ture says that we've won
tain we are jus - ti - fied by His own blood,
ev - er by faith — the just — shall live,

Through — the death of His Son. _____
This we have un - der - stood. _____
Our sins He does — for - give. _____

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GET TO KNOW MISS ABBAS:

Hello, My name is Claire Abbas and I am 23 years old. My parent's names are Harold and Susan (Romberg) Abbas. I have one older sister, Gina. I was born on July 20th, 1990 in New Ulm, Minnesota. I lived most of my life in Cambria township, just outside of Courtland, MN. I graduated from Immanuel Lutheran High School in Mankato, MN in 2008.

This last May I graduated from ILC with my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

Favorite Hymn: 788 "Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver"

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?"

Favorite Activities:

I enjoy reading, singing, crocheting, and cooking.

I am so blessed to have the opportunity to teach the children of this congregation. Thank you all so much for all the gifts you have given me to help me get settled here. I am looking forward to knowing you all!

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VBS REPORT:

There were 12 children registered---5

non-members. We averaged 10 students per day. The Lord blessed us with a group of children eager to learn about how God spoke through the prophets and especially through THE PROPHET—our Savior, Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us through His perfect life and sacrifice upon the cross.

We thank the Lord for the children and the people who helped with teaching, crafts, singing, refreshments, recess and clean-up. Listed below are those volunteers who helped this past week. Teachers: Ms. Rachel Schaser—Pre-K; Mrs. Katie Heberlein/Ms. Claire Abbas—2-3; Pastor Bernthal—5-8.

Music: Mrs. Gail Schaefer. Craft helpers: Ms. Pam Schulz, Ms. Kirsten Brandle, Ms. Nichole Brandle, Ms. Claire Abbas, Mrs. Katie Heberlein, Mr. James Schaser, Mr. Derek Horejsh, Ms. Rachel Schaser. Thank you!

EVANGELISM NEWS: We are again planning on building a float for the Middleton Good Neighbor Parade, Aug. 25th. The theme we have decided on is: "God so loved the world." We are looking for help to paint our float on Saturday Aug. 17th and then help to assemble it on Saturday Aug. 24th. If you can help, please see Pastor Bernthal or Evangelism Chairman Nathan Greve.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church.

We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org