

We Have Peace

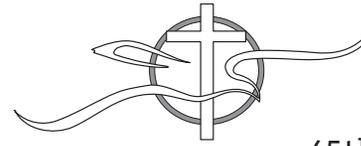
Romans 5:1-11 • Duane W. Riggert • Gail Schaefer

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.



Peace Thru Christ

Lutheran Church and School

45th Anniversary • August 19, 2018

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Karen Schaser • Pre-service Ps. 146

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-five 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.*

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out more information, see pictures of the park and last year's events/activities, read and hear comments from last year's participants, and register for the retreat online at www.manup.clclutheran.org. The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration deadline is August 31, 2018. (\$100 after August 31) Men, don't miss out on this Christ-centered opportunity to be encouraged and built up in the faith which has been delivered to you! If you have any questions please speak to Pastor or contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew at ndmayhew@juno.com or 404-729-4602.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Two men to help conduct the liturgy and read the sermon for Sunday, Oct. 14th. Pastor Bernthal will be at the Man-Up retreat doing a presentation with his brother on Christian Manhood. Please see Pastor if you would like to help.

BENEVOLENCE:

The Church Council voted to send \$500 to the Go Fund Me program for Elinor Gbedey. \$250 came from reserve fund from the past and \$250 from this year's Benevolence Fund. If you would like to help reimburse this fund, please do so. Mark your offering Benevolence Fund. If you would like to give to the Go Fund Me program, please go to: https://www.gofundme.com/ma.gbedey-down-in-cape-town?pc=em_co_shareflow_m&rcid=r0l-153313825239-bbff0872bc5346f4

MEMBER'S PASSING: On Tuesday Aug. 14th the Lord removed the soul of Duane Riggert from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven. The Memorial Victory Service will be held on Monday, Aug. 27th at 11:00 a.m. at Peace Thru Christ. We will miss Duane dearly, but we rejoice in His eternal rest that He even now enjoys and look forward to the great reunion on the last day with the resurrection of the dead and the return of Jesus.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School is a confessional Lutheran Church.

We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; that Jesus Christ paid the full sacrificial price—His very life—so that gift of salvation could be ours. If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com

More Information and Audio Sermons at www.peacethruchrist.org

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to teach in a variety of areas, which may include courses in English (high school and college) and history (high school, college, and possibly seminary). This person may potentially serve as the Dean of Students, one who counsels and disciplines students on campus. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight September 15, 2018 (letters postmarked September 1, 2018) to: Pastor John Hein; 460 75th Ave NE; Fridley, MN 55432, email: john.p.hein@gmail.com.

IMMANUEL'S OPENING SERVICE:

The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary is today at 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God's saving Word! This is the first year in many, many years that we do not have any students at ILC.

MOWING:

Even with our new automower (Bruce), there is still need for some mowing and trimming. Please sign up for a shorter service of work each week. Thanks!

FLOAT NEWS:

We will again be working on our float for the Good Neighbor Parade this Saturday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY/ CHURCH PICNIC:

Date is Sept. 9th. Anyone interested in helping to co-ordinate activities for that day please contact Pastor Bernthal or Matt Schaser.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the coming year. Please contact Pastor Bernthal or Matt Schaser if you are interested in teaching.

2018 MAN UP WEEKEND:

Deadline is coming soon: The weekend is intended to offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building and Worship, as well as several awesome outdoor activities. Theme: Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. – 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 The retreat will be held October 12-14, 2018 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI about an hour south of LaCrosse. You can also find

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-five 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 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.**

HYMN 798: "God, We Praise You"

GOSPEL - Luke 10:13-20

Rejoice that your names are written in heaven!

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.*

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We praise the Lord that you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior on this Anniversary Sunday. We thank Him for all the blessings we have received over the past 45 years. Our God created us, redeemed us and has created faith in our hearts to believe in Jesus as our only Lord and Savior. We would love to share this Good News of our Savior with you. Please speak with Pastor Bernthal. We invite you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register.

This Week:

Monday ILC Begins

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Wednesday 9-11:30 a.m. Children's Play Group

Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Float building

Next Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Family Worship

12:00 p.m. Good Neighbor Parade

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: Ude

Counters today: John Birkholz & John Gerbitz

ATTENDANCE: 8/12: 43

OFFERINGS 8/12
for Unified Budget: \$1,625

CLC NEWS:

- Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called Pastor Mark Gullerud, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Bowdle SD, and Zion Lutheran, Ipswich SD.

- Pastor David Baker, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has announced his retirement from the public ministry effective Dec. 15, 2018.
- Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has accepted the call to Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN.
- Pastor John Klatt, pastor of Prince of Peace, Loveland, CO has announced his retirement from the ministry effective June 30, 2019.

COMMENTS FOR ILC PROFESSOR

CALL: The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor Paul Schaller at the end of the 2018-19 academic year: Teacher Neil Bernthal, Pastor Timothy Daub, Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Mr. Michael Naumann, Mr. Karl Olmanson, Mr. Peter Reim, Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck, Mr. Stephen Sydow, Pastor Mark Tiefel, and Pastor Mark Weis. The position would require the ability

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!**

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 27:4-6**

ON THIS 45th ANNIVERSARY OF PEACE THRU CHRIST—MAY THIS BE OUR DESIRE:

**I: That we may dwell in the house of the
Lord all the days of our lives;**

II: That we may behold the beauty of the Lord;

III: That we may inquire in His temple;

IV: That we may offer sacrifices of joy and peace to our Lord!

One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple. 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me

in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

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-five 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.