

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

**Next Sunday**  
9:00 a.m. Family Worship  
10:15 a.m. Church Council  
5:00 p.m. Flyer Distribution

**LAST SUNDAY Attendance:**  
Worship: 50

**OFFERINGS 6/27**  
for Unified Budget: \$3,041  
\$500 Parsonage Siding/Windows

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:**  
July Calendar & Newsletter  
Convention Summary Newsletter

**MOWING HELP NEEDED FOR JULY:**  
Thank you to all who have been helping with the mowing, especially with the push mowing while the riding mower has been down. The riding mower is now completely fixed. Thanks to John Gerbtiz for all of his work on the mower. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way. Remember to mow on Friday-Saturday if possible.

**CLC NEWS:** Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN. has called Pastor Joel Fleischer. Prince of Peace, Loveland, CO has called Pastor Todd Ohlmann. Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac has called Pastor Paul Nolting. They have called Pastor Mike Schierenbeck to serve as vacancy pastor. Bethel Lutheran, Spring, TX has called Pastor Matt Hanel. Upon recommendation from the Re-entry Committee President Schierenbeck has declared Scott Schiermeister eligible for

**FREEDOM:** May we all take time today to thank the Lord for the blessing of freedom and peace that He has showered upon our country. We are indeed a privileged people to live in such blessed circumstances. May we then use the opportunity of personal freedom to proclaim to all the REAL FREEDOM and SPIRITUAL, ETERNAL PEACE that we have in Christ---the freedom from sin, death, Satan and hell. We have eternal PEACE with God!

a call into the preaching ministry. His name will be placed on the CLC Roster.

**VBS:**  
Our VBS will be held August 2-6 from 9-11:45 a.m. Parents, please mark your calendars. We have enough teachers but still are in need of help with arts & crafts and singing. If interested in helping, please contact Pastor Bernthal.

**TVBS FLYERS:**  
We will be distributing the flyers on Sunday evening July 11 and on Monday July 12. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you are able to help drive or distribute flyers

**VICAR HOUSING NEEDED:**  
We are in need of two member/families who can house our Vicar for two weeks in September. Pastor & Ruth will be housing Vicar Tiefel from July 31-Aug. 15th. Vicar Tiefel will return on Aug. 29th and leave on Sept. 26th. We are looking for someone to house Vicar Tiefel from Aug. 29th-Sept. 12th and someone to house him from Sept. 12th-Sept. 26th. This would entail providing breakfast and some suppers. Most noon meals he will be eating with Pastor. If you are able to help, please contact Pastor.

**WEDDING INVITATION:**  
Becky Gerbitz is asking that those of the congregation who plan on going to her wedding, Aug. 15th please RSVP as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 42  
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Scripture Readings:

**II Kings 21:1-15** At the same time Nahum is pronouncing destruction upon wicked Nineveh, one of the most wicked kings of Judah rises to the throne. Manasseh, Hezekiah's son, led Judah to deny their faith and the God of their fathers so that they did worse in the eyes of God than even the heathen nations. *1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah. 2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he raised up altars for Baal, and made a wooden image, as Ahab king of Israel had done; and he worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. 4 He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put My name." 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6 Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. 7 He even set a carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which the LORD had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; 8 and I will*

not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from the land which I gave their fathers—only if they are careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them.” 9 But they paid no attention, and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the LORD spoke by His servants the prophets, saying, 11 “Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations (he has acted more wickedly than all the Amorites who were before him, and has also made Judah sin with his idols), 12 therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘Behold, I am bringing such calamity upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears will tingle. 13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab; I will wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. 14 So I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become victims of plunder to all their enemies, 15 because they have done evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger since the day their fathers came out of Egypt, even to this day.’”

**Matthew 24:3-14** Jesus reveals to us the signs of the beginning of the end. Signs which will usher in Judgment Day. All of these signs have come to pass. The end is indeed near. Take heed! Listen well! Stand firm in Christ to the end. 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION:**

The Lord’s Supper is being celebrated this morning. We encourage all of our members to attend this meal of forgiveness from our Savior. Since it is a confession of oneness in faith and doctrine, we ask that only members of Peace Thru Christ or of a sister congregation in the CLC come forward to partake of the Lord’s Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called “Close Communion,” please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

## **Sermon Text: Nahum 1:15-2:10**

### **NINEVEH’S DESTRUCTION**

#### **I: INSURED JUDAH’S SALVATION**

#### **II: IS A PREVIEW OF JUDGMENT DAY**

15 Behold, on the mountains The feet of him who brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace! O Judah, keep your appointed feasts, Perform your vows. For the wicked one shall no more pass through you; He is utterly cut off. 1 He who scatters has come up before your face. Man the fort! Watch the road! Strengthen your flanks! Fortify your power mightily. 2 For the LORD will restore the excellence of Jacob Like the excellence of Israel, For the emptiers have emptied them out And ruined their vine branches. 3 The shields of his mighty men are made red, The valiant men are in scarlet. The chariots come with flaming torches In the day of his preparation, And the spears are brandished. 4 The chariots rage in the streets, They jostle one another in the broad roads; They seem like torches, They run like lightning. 5 He remembers his nobles; They stumble in their walk; They make haste to her walls, And the defense is prepared. 6 The gates of the rivers are opened, And the palace is dissolved. 7 It is decreed: She shall be led away captive, She shall be brought up; And her maidservants shall lead her as with the voice of doves, Beating their breasts. 8 Though Nineveh of old was like a pool of water, Now they flee away. “Halt! Halt!” they cry; But no one turns back. 9 Take spoil of silver! Take spoil of gold! There is no end of treasure, Or wealth of every desirable prize. 10 She is empty, desolate, and waste! The heart melts, and the knees shake; Much pain is in every side, And all their faces are drained of color.

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#### **PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!**

We welcome all of our visitors in our Savior’s name. As we draw ever closer to the end of the world and God’s great Judgment Day, may we be comforted in knowing that that day will bring about our final redemption and salvation fulfilled. All who believe in Christ alone look forward to the Judgment for it is the day of our Savior’s glorious reappearing and our being taken to be with Him to our heavenly home. Please, come again! The time is short. The Day of Judgment is coming! Please, also sign our guest register.