

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements**

**MOWING THANKS:** to all who have mowed so far this spring. The grounds look great. Keep on signing up for the summer weeks.

**VBS:** Our VBS will be held July 23-27 from 9-11:45 a.m. Parents, please mark your calendars.

**VOTERS:** Please note our Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held next Sunday starting @ 10:45 after vicar welcome.

**VICAR COMING:** Our Vicar, Nick Naumann will be arriving this Thursday. He will be spending almost two full weeks with us

and then again for a month from the end of August through the last Sunday of September. Nick will be staying for 2 weeks each at the parsonage, the Matt Schaser's and the Caleb Myer's while here

**SNACKS FOR VBS:** If you would like to donate snacks—cheese, crackers, chips, fruit, etc. for our up-coming VBS, please bring them to the kitchen and mark them clearly. Thanks!

**NEEDED:** We are in need of VBS teachers and craft helpers. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way. Thank you!

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

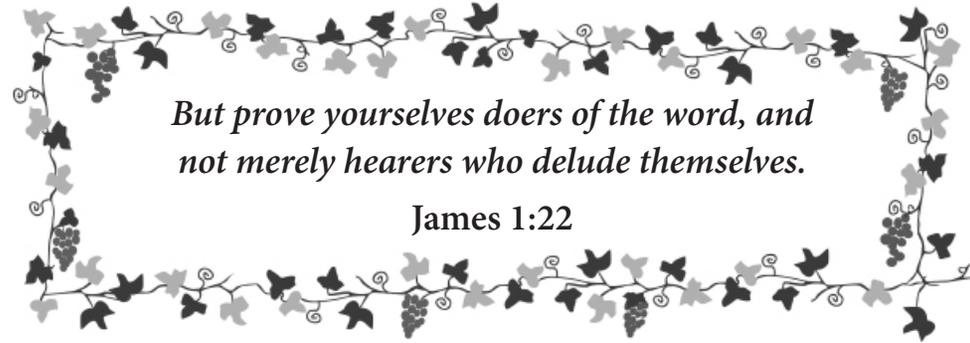


We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; that Jesus Christ paid the full sacrificial price—His very life—so that gift of salvation could be ours. If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at [mbern@juno.com](mailto:mbern@juno.com)

More Information and Audio Sermons at [www.peacethruchrist.org](http://www.peacethruchrist.org)



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*But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.*

James 1:22

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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost • July 15, 2018**

**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 125**

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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## Scripture Readings:

### I Kings 3:5-15

We see how Solomon received his great wisdom. God had offered to give the young king whatever he would ask for. Solomon could have asked for long life, riches, revenge on his enemies and to have a great and powerful kingdom, but instead he asked for wisdom to be able to govern God's people and to distinguish between right and wrong. With God's blessing, Solomon became the wisest man who ever lived.

*5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" 6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. 13 And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. 14 So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes*

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We praise God that you are here with us this morning worshipping our Savior-God. May the message of the great treasure of the Good News of Jesus Christ fill your hearts with a zeal and a desire to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior and follow Him as His disciple. We are thankful you are here and invite you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please sign our guest register. If you are interested in learning more about your Savior or about our teaching concerning the Word, feel free to talk with Pastor Bernthal.

#### THIS WEEK:

##### Today

9:00 a.m. Family Worship

##### Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

##### Wednesday

Pastor in Fond du Lac

##### Thursday

10:45 Bible Class at Heritage

##### Saturday

6:30 p.m. Pastor in Fond du Lac for worship

##### Next Sunday

9:00 a.m.

Family Worship

10:10 a.m.

Welcome for Vicar Naumann

10:45 a.m.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

#### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church—Gerbitz

Fellowship Hall: Schaefer

Counters today: John Birkholz & John Gerbitz

#### LAST WEEK:

Worship 46

**OFFERINGS** 7/8 for Unified

Budget: \$1,447

#### CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Rob Sauers has accepted the call to be pastor at Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac.
- Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights, MN has called Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane, Spokane, WA

Sermon Text: **Matthew 13:44-52**

## **THE GOSPEL IS YOUR GREATEST POSSESSION!**

**I: Recognize its Value.**

**II: Treasure its Worth.**

**III: See its Results.**

**IV: Share its Blessings.**

*44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

*47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." 51 Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 52 Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."*

*and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." 15 Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.*

### **Romans 8:28-39**

What great comfort we have as Christians in the midst of the sufferings and trials of life. All things God will work together for my eternal good as a believer in Christ. All things! That is why we are more than conquerors through Christ, for nothing can "separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

*28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*