

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

VICAR: We thank Vicar Nick Naumann for conducting the worship service this morning. Vicar Nick will be leaving for home after church today and will, Lord willing, return again from the end of August through the last Sunday of September.

PASTOR'S VACATION:

Pastor & Ruth are on vacation until August 6th. If pastoral assistance is needed, contact President Caleb Meyer at 507-450-9254. Next Sunday Prof. John Ude will be conducting the worship service.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Rob Sauers will be installed as pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac on Sunday Aug. 12th at 4:00 p.m.
- Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights, MN has called Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, Trinity, Spokane, WA.
- Bethel, Morris, MN has called Pastor David Ude, Living Word, Appleton, WI

MOWING THANKS:

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

VBS REPORT:

There were 5 children registered---4 non-members. We thank the Lord for the children and for the following who helped with teaching, crafts, singing, and refreshments: Mrs. Ruth Bernthal---Pre-1st Grade: Pastor Bernthal/Vicar Naumann---4th-8th Grade; Mrs. Gail Schaefer, Mrs. Christine Starland, Mrs. Katie Heberlein, Miss Pam Schulz.

CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP:

We praise the Lord for the safe arrival home of the Mission Helper Trip this past Friday. You may find a full report of their trip to East Africa at the following blog: 2018clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com

OUR SYMPATHIES: to Karen & Matt Schaser at the passing of Karen's father, Martin Bernthal, this past Tuesday. The victory service will be held today at 3:00 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners. *'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'* " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." Rev. 14:13

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 139

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

Opening Hymn: 422
Before Sermon: 414
Offering: 441 (1-2, 6)
After Prayers: 780
After Benediction: 49

Scripture Readings:

2 Samuel 22:26-34

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This familiar passage from the book of Philippians perhaps finds its Old Testament parallel in this section of Second Samuel. While our God may not necessarily solve our physical problems, He has solved our spiritual problem of sin by sending His Son to die for our sins. The confidence we have in Christ's resurrection in turn gives us the peace and spiritual strength to make every physical trial we face work for our eternal good.

26 "With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man

You will show Yourself blameless; 27 With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. 28 You will save the humble people; But Your eyes are on the haughty, that You may bring them down. 29 "For You are my lamp, O Lord; The Lord shall enlighten my darkness. 30 For by You I can run against a troop; By my God I can leap over a wall. 31 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. 32 "For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? 33 God is my strength and power, And He makes my way perfect. 34 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.

Luke 16:1-9

In the Gospel reading for this morning, our Savior may, at first glance, seem to be telling us to live dishonestly and use our wealth for personal gain. However, our Savior is really telling us that we should be honest as well as diligent with our money and possessions, faithfully using them for the glory of God's kingdom.

16 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. 2 So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' 3 "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' 5 "So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8 So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. 9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

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

Sermon Text: **James 1:22-27**

The Man in the Mirror

I: Is he just a hearer? II: Or a doer as well?

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. 26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are thankful to our God for the blessed opportunity we have today to bring you the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. May God's grace in Christ fill us with the desire to serve the Lord and others. He has sacrificed Himself for us, may we, moved by His love, respond with sacrificial love toward Him and our fellow man. Please come worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest register.

THIS WEEK:

Pastor on vacation

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. Family Worship/
Communion

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Birkholz/Peterson

Counters today: Pam Schulz

LAST WEEK: Worship 55

OFFERINGS 7/22 for Unified
Budget: \$2,824