

Psalm 97

A Song of Praise to the Sovereign LORD

1 The LORD reigns;
Let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad!

2 Clouds and darkness surround Him;
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

3 A fire goes before Him,
And burns up His enemies round about.

4 His lightnings light the world;
The earth sees and trembles.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD,
At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare His righteousness,
And all the peoples see His glory.

7 Let all be put to shame who serve carved images,
Who boast of idols.
Worship Him, all you gods.

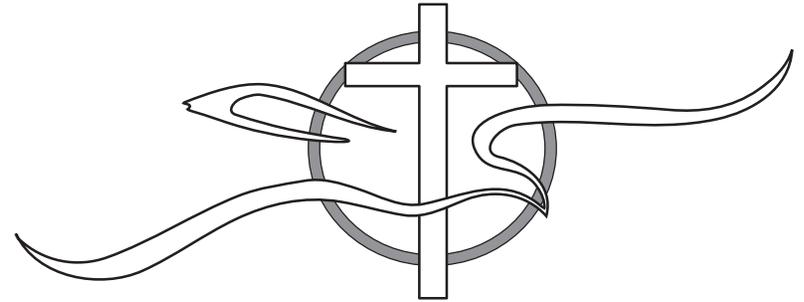
8 Zion hears and is glad,
And the daughters of Judah rejoice
Because of Your judgments, O LORD.

9 For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.

10 You who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the souls of His saints;
He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.



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Scripture Readings:

I Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11

These are really two separate texts, used together to express the thought of Christian endurance. The first section speaks primarily of the Christian attitude toward suffering, with special emphasis on the concept of rejoicing in our suffering, since it distinguishes us as followers of our suffering Savior. The second section stresses Christian steadfastness in the face of the devil's assaults, including a fine encouragement to depend on the Lord for His strength and help. "To Him be the glory and the dominion forever."

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. 17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1 Peter 5:6-11

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

John 17:1-11

This is a portion of one of the most beautiful prayers recorded for us in the Scriptures—Jesus' High Priestly prayer on Maundy Thursday evening. In the solemn setting of the Upper Room our Savior prays for Himself and for His disciples. As our great High Priest He is interceding for His own.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CLC NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL has called Teacher Paul Tiefel III to be their lower grade school teacher. Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA, has called Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Mankato, MN.

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION: Seminary Graduate David Pfeiffer, Lord willing, will be ordained and installed as Pastor of Ascension Lutheran, Batavia, IL on June 12th.

COUNTERS NEEDED: We are in need of a one more volunteer to help count the offering after church on certain Sundays. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor.

NEEDED: Used ink cartridges and old cell phones. Don't throw them away. Our school can get money or products by sending in used printer cartridges and cell phones. Please drop them off in the box by the copier. Ink jet & laser cartridges and cell phones are needed!

MOWING HELP NEEDED: A new mowing schedule has been put up. We hope you will be able to volunteer to help mow during the spring, summer and fall months. Any questions, please check with Nathan Greve or Pastor Bernthal.

Youth Conference 2011

This year's Youth Conference will be held August 2-6, at a retreat center in Ellington, MO (about 2½ hours south of St. Louis). It is for young people who have completed grade 8 through the second year of college.

The cost is \$275, plus transportation. Financial aid is available. Speakers and organizers are from a number of CLC congregations. A bus will be available from Mankato. The conference will feature timely Christian topics, fellowship, and plenty of outdoor activities. Brochures and registration forms are available on the table in our church narthex, or see the Conference website online at: www.youthconference.info. The deadline for registrations is June 15 (late registration by July 15, at additional cost).

SPRING CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Luther Memorial Church of Fond du Lac, WI, is hosting a Spring Christian Music Festival. We are inviting your congregation members not only to come, but to participate as well. We welcome musicians of any age, of every kind (vocal, solo/ensemble, instrumental - wind, string, brass, keyboard, etc.) as well as Christian music of every genre (baroque to contemporary). The SCMF will take place at 4 p.m. today, with a supper afterwards (Luther Memorial will provide the table service, as well as the meat and drinks. Those attending are encouraged to bring a bag of chips, salad, and/or dessert. Contact Pastor Neal Radichel -- nealradichel@gmail.com (920-922-7421) or Pastor Paul Krause -- PTKrause@clclutheran.com (920-398-2778) concerning what you would like to play or sing

WHO WE ARE: 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; 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 about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Bernthal. More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We welcome all of our guests in our ascended Savior's name. May the Holy Spirit work through God's Word to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and give us the courage to confess our faith to all whom we meet. Come and worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest register.

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.

This Week:

Today 10:15 a.m. Church Council Meeting
4:00 p.m. Spring Christian Music Festival,
Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac

Mon-Tues Great Lakes' Pastoral-Delegate
Conference, Messiah, Hales Corners

Thurs-Sun Arise and Shine Retreat, Pillager, MN

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship
3:00 p.m. Ordination/Installation of David
Pfeiffer, Ascension, Batavia, IL

PASTORAL-DELEGATE CONFERENCE:

Pastor Bernthal and Delegates Matt Schaser
& Nate Ude will be leaving Monday morning
for the Great Lakes' Pastoral-Delegate
Conference at Messiah Lutheran, Hales
Corners, WI. Lord willing they will return
home Tuesday evening.

LAST SUNDAY: Worship 86 • Ascension 32

OFFERINGS 5/29 & 6/2, 2011
for Unified Budget: \$2,303

SPECIAL GIFTS:

Building Projects: \$7,720
CLC-CBP: \$30

IN YOUR MAILBOX: June Calendar &
Newsletter, May Mission Newsletter

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN: Your June
Lutheran Spokesman is available on the
table in the Narthex.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN: We are again
ordering 15 monthly copies of this useful
synodical monthly magazine. They are \$ 15
per copy for the year. If you would like to
help out with this purchase, please place an
extra \$ 15 in your offering. Thank you.

SURVEY RESULTS:

If you have not yet responded with your
Building Extension and Renovation Surveys,
please put them in the church by the
mailboxes. Thank you!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING: The Voters
passed a resolution to go ahead with
all of the projects presented by the
Church Council not to spend more than \$
120,000 and not to borrow more than \$
70,000 from the CEF. The first project will
be the Windows/Siding of the parsonage.

VBS: Our annual VBS will be held Aug. 1-5
from 9-11:45 a.m. Parents, please mark
your calendars. If you would like to help
out with teaching, arts & crafts or singing,
please contact Pastor Bernthal. The TVBS
flyer team will be coming July 17-19 to help
distribute flyers.

He indicates that He would soon be going to leave the world and return to His Father, speaking of His Ascension which we celebrated three days ago.

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. 6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. 9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

The Sermon: read sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Hebrews 9:24-28**

THE DEMANDS OF THE NEW COVENANT FULFILLED BY CHRIST

**I: As our High Priest II: As our Sacrifice
III: As our Mediator IV: As our Judge**

*24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;
25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— 26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. 27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*