

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

**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!** We praise God that you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior. We pray that the Holy Spirit lead you to see Jesus who lived, died and rose again to pay for all of our sins. If you want to know more about your Savior, Jesus, or about our congregation, please contact Pastor Bernthal. We invite you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please also 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**

9:00 a.m. S.S.: The Crucifixion  
Bible Class: Hebrews 9:23-10:18

**Monday** 7:00 p.m. Confirmation--Kaitlyn

**Tuesday**

10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan  
3:30 p.m. Confirmation--Josh  
7:00 p.m. B.O.C.E.

**Wednesday** Pastor leaves for vacation

**Next Sunday:**

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:15 a.m. Church Council

**LAST WEEK:**

Worship 63 B.C. 35 S.S. 7

**OFFERINGS**

9/29 for Unified Budget: \$1,746  
\$180 Benevolence Fund

**IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:**

Cleaners this week: Church---Gbedey/Lentz  
School: Abbas/Schaefer  
Counters today: Matt Schaser & Chris Gerbtiz

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE**

**CLASS:** Since Pastor will be gone on vacation there will be no Bible Class this Wednesday. Lord willing, we will resume next Wednesday.

# Peace Thru Christ

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**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 61**

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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### Scripture Readings:

#### Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah was tired and worn out. He was weary because no one wanted anything to do with him. Why? Because he preached what God revealed instead of what the people wanted to hear. In his distress, Jeremiah was tempted to question God---His power, His providence, His purpose.

Therefore the Lord needed to get Jeremiah back on track. How? Not by making him wildly successful in his ministry, but by making him “a fortified bronze wall” that could endure the hardships of his difficult ministry.

*15 O Lord, You know; Remember me and visit me, And take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts. 17 I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, Nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, For You have filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain perpetual And my wound incurable, Which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, As waters that fail? 19 Therefore thus says the Lord: “If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them. 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I am with you to save you And deliver you,” says the Lord. 21 “I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible.”*

## Matthew 16:21-26

Jesus again predicts His future suffering, death and resurrection. Peter didn't want to hear such talk, so he began to rebuke Jesus. The Lord in turn, rebukes Peter and then reminds His disciples that following Him often means sacrifice and suffering.

*21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.” 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his*

*cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.middletonlutheran.org](http://www.middletonlutheran.org)

Sermon Text: **Romans 12:1-8**

## ARE YOU A NONCONFORMIST FOR CHRIST?

### GOD'S MERCIES WILL MOTIVATE US TO

**I: SACRIFICE NOT SELF-SERVICE**

**II: TRANSFORM RATHER THAN CONFORM**

**III: HARMONY NOT STRIFE.**

*12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

# Let Your Beauty Be

FROM THE BOOK:  
AND THEN, ETERNITY — POEMS FROM A PILGRIM  
ON THE NARROW WAY. BY CHAD M. SEYBT

*Do not let your adornment be merely outward — arranging the hair,  
wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel — rather let it be the hidden  
person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and  
quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.*

— 1 Peter 3:3-4 —

Let your beauty be  
for Him who formed you  
for Him who saved you  
for Him who made you  
His own.

Let your beauty be  
for Him who sees you  
for Him who loves you  
for Him who knows you  
as no one else has known.

Let your beauty be  
for Him who won you  
for Him who keeps you  
for Him who prepares you  
for your eternal home.



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### PASTOR'S VACATION:

Pastor & Ruth will be on vacation till Wednesday, October 16th. If pastoral assistance is needed call President Dan Schaefer 274-5052. Seminary student Peter Evenson will be conducting Bible Class and preaching.

### IN YOUR MAILBOX:

October Calendar & Newsletter

### FALL WORK DAY:

Our fall work day has been set for Saturday, Oct. 26th.

### CLC NEWS:

Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton WI and St. Peter's, Iron River, MI have called Pastor Del Maas.

### T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE:

There are 4 blue "God so Loved the World" T-shirts still available for purchase. 2 XL adult, 1 L youth and 1 M youth. Cost \$ 11.50. Please see Nathan Greve if you are interested.

### UP-COMING:

### QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING:

Sunday, October 20th at 11:20 a.m.

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

This month will be a candlelight walk at Governor Nelson State Park. Meet at church at 7:00 p.m.

### JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE:

Sunday, October 27th at Faith, Markesan at 4:00 p.m.



*Maleah and Mikaila Mercer*

### Mercer Memorial Fund:

Our PTC Benevolence Committee has determined to give \$500 to this fund. If you would like to help, please mark your offering "Benevolence Fund" and drop it in the offering plate, or if you want to give directly to the fund, send your gift of money to

Pastor John Schierenbeck,  
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Winter Haven, FL 33881.

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We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace;  
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