

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

**LAST WEEK:**

Worship 54 S.S. 10 Bible Class 20

**OFFERINGS**

9/19 for Unified Budget: \$1,587  
\$254 Benevolence Fund

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:**

October Calendar & Newsletter

**CLC NEWS:**

Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing, MN has called Pastor Dave Baker. Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac has called Pastor Jim Albrecht.

**MOWING HELP NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER:**

Thank you to all who have been helping with the mowing. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way. Remember to mow on Friday-Saturday if possible.

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE**

**CLASS:** Due to Pastor being at the CLC Coordinating Council there will be no Wednesday night Bible Class this week.

**AVAILABLE:**

The Proceedings of the 29th CLC Convention are on the shelf by the mailboxes.

**BIKE OUTING:**

Our annual bike outing has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 9th. Exact time of departure and what bike trail we will be riding on is yet to be determined.

**SEPTEMBER LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN:**

is available in the entry-way on the registration table.

**YOUNG ADULTS OF THE CLC:** Young Adults of the CLC: Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ! Lets all spend

the day together Saturday, October 16th, at Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan, WI. We are planning to have a Bible study, meal, sing praises to the Lord and join in other fun activities the afternoon and evening of October 16th. Bring a friend! If you have any questions or want more information, contact Craig Youngerberg (563) 568-8318 golfmech86@gmail.com or Jennifer Ohlmann (402) 389-0907. We also have a Facebook page for posting information related to the Young Adult group. TLC of the CLC (The Lord's Children of the CLC).

**WHO WE ARE:**

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church whose aim is to uphold the Biblical teachings and Christian values which God restored to the world through the Lutheran Reformation some 490 years ago. 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. We teach that the Holy Spirit works repentance and faith in the hearts of individuals through which one receives the blessings of Christ's redemption. The foundation for such saving faith is the Bible—God's holy, unchangeable, inerrant Word. Since "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God," the Bible is completely reliable, trustworthy and true. It is the only source of our faith and life. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Bernthal



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*Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 98*

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Worship Supplement p. 12-13**

**Opening Hymn . . . . . 511**  
**Before Sermon . . . . . 413**  
**Offering Hymn . . . . . 789 v.1-3**  
**After Prayers . . . . . 770**  
**After Benediction . . . . . 427 v.1,3,7**  
**Evangelism Psalm 66 . . . . . Pg. 37 WS**  
**Children: . . . . . Mission Medley**

**Scripture Readings:**

**Isaiah 43:1-7** What a wonderful mission we have from the LORD to spread the Good News of salvation to others! We are truly blessed to be able to share the beautiful thoughts that Isaiah describes in these verses. There

is indeed no limit to the LORD'S graciousness, it spans from the east to the west. Most importantly, the LORD has redeemed His people. He has paid sin's ransom with His own blood. With that work accomplished believers certainly have reason to fear no evil.

*1 But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: " Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. 4 Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people for your life. 5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth— 7 Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."*

**Acts 16: 9-15** It's amazing how God is able to use us to spread the gospel! Just when it looked like Paul's mission had hit a dead end when the Spirit told them not to go into Asia; he receives a vision from a Macedonian man. This vision leads Paul to cross the Aegean Sea into Macedonia where many new contacts are reached. A strong reminder that we need only to follow the word and not always be worried about what we think is best.

*9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. 11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. 14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things*

*spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.*

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

## Sermon Text: **Matthew 9:35-38**

### LOOKING BACK FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR MISSION

#### I. IMITATING JESUS II. LED BY JESUS

*35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

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#### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU:

We welcome all this morning and pray that your comfort and hope of sins forgiven in Christ Jesus has been strengthened by God's word. As a result, may you continue to spread that message to others so that they too may have the assurance of salvation that comes from the knowledge of the truth. Please sign our guest book in the entry way if you are a visitor and we hope that you will be able to join us again. If you have questions about our church or about the message you heard today, please feel free to talk to Pastor Bernthal. May the LORD continue to shower rich blessings upon you all!

#### **This Week:**

#### **Before Church:**

Sunday School: The Crucifixion  
Bible Class: The Maya Calendar and the End Times

**Today** 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Meal

**Monday** 7:00 Confirmation

**Tuesday** 10:30 a.m. Oak Park Place

**Wed-Thurs.** CLC Coordinating Council

**Thursday** 4:00 p.m. Confirmation/  
McDonald

#### **Next Sunday**

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship/  
Communion

11:15 a.m. S. S. Teacher's Meeting

## The Evangelism Litany:

- P: O Lord, open our lips:  
C: And let our mouths speak forth your praise.  
P: For the many doors of opportunity which have been opened to us, O Lord: in our community, in our state, in our country, in the world.  
C: We thank you, dear Lord.  
P: From ears that are deaf to these cries of dying humanity; from cold and indifferent hearts and a lack of zeal; from a vision confined only to our congregation; from forgetfulness of Your Great Commission to preach the Gospel to every creature; from neglect to personally Witness Your Name;  
C: Gracious Lord, deliver us!  
P: We know it is Your Will that we bring the Gospel to everyone; our friends, neighbors, and relatives:  
C: Help us, Merciful Lord, to do your work at home.  
P: Send faithful workers into Your Harvest; bless the preaching and teaching of Your Word throughout the world; enlighten the souls of men everywhere and bring them into Your Kingdom of salvation; protect all who preach Your Word:  
C: We ask you to hear us, Dear Lord.  
P: O Savior, Lamb of God, Who has taken away the sins of the world:  
ALL: HAVE MERCY UPON US, AND GRANT US YOUR AID.  
AMEN.



## Responsive Reading

- P: The Lord instructed the Apostolic generation and all others since, to live as though they were in the last days. The Lord stressed the importance of the day of Judgment by inspiring many writers of Holy Scripture to write about it.  
C: "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." (Rom. 13: 11)  
P: We ask ourselves, "Why did not God send the judgment as soon as Paul said? Why the delay?" Scripture teaches us . . . .  
C: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (II Peter 3: 9)  
P: Therefore we conclude that God wants all generations to live as though the end is near, but has mercifully delayed the end so that more might be saved. In other words, He wants us to be urgent about our mission, while He mercifully delays the Judgment.  
C: "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90: 12)  
P: What then should we do to be urgent about our mission in these latter days?  
C: "Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching." (II Timothy 4: 2)  
P: "For they received the Word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." (Acts 17: 11)  
C: "We must work the works of Him who sent us while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." (John 9: 4)  
P: "Encourage one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." (Hebrews 3: 13)  
C: "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations." (Luke 24: 47)  
P: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16: 15)  
C: "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9: 37 - 38)  
P: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
C: teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." (Matt.28:19,20) Amen.