

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

speak on Reformation history and its application to us today.

Introduction

Part 1:

Reformation history: Luther and the 95 Theses---How can I find acceptance with God?

Part 2:

Reformation history: Luther and the Diet at Worms---Are religious beliefs worth dying for?

Part 3:

Reformation history: Luther and his time at the Wartburg---Where does faith in Christ come from?

We will be inviting the public to come to this informative and Gospel centered seminar. We encourage all of our members to be active in inviting/bringing/sharing the seminar with friends, neighbors, fellow workers, classmates, relatives, etc. More information will be coming as the date gets closer.

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

More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



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*Oh, how I love Your law!
It is my meditation all the day.
You, through Your commandments, make me wiser
than my enemies;
For they are ever with me.
I have more understanding than all my teachers,
For Your testimonies are my meditation.
I understand more than the ancients,
Because I keep Your precepts.
I have restrained my feet from every evil way,
That I may keep Your word.
I have not departed from Your judgments,
For You Yourself have taught me.
How sweet are Your words to my taste,
Sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through Your precepts I get understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way.*

PSALM 119:97-104

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119:XIII

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn: 296

Before Sermon: 775

(Sing 1, 3, 6) (Read 2, 4-5)

Offering Hymn: 788

After Prayers: 485:1-5

After Benediction: 485: 6-7

Antiphon Ps. 84 pg. 38 W.S.

Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 12:1-13

We hear of the “great cloud of witnesses”---Old Testament believers, who are examples of faith that encourage us to persevere in our lives as Christians. But especially we are to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who suffered shame and death for us, so that His example can strengthen us in whatever trials God may use to discipline and train us.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider

KINSHIP Sponsors Needed - CLC Project KINSHIP provides for orphans and seminary students in India, Nepal and Africa through the kind sponsorship of stateside CLC members. Two new Bible Schools/Seminaries are opening in Togo and the Democratic Republic of Congo this year, and so there is a new need for sponsors right now. You can sponsor Togo students at \$30 per month or Congo students at \$40 per month. In India sponsorships are needed for BELC students at \$35 per month and CLCI students at \$40 per month. Consider supporting a student with family members or other families. If you are interested in sponsoring a man who is preparing for the Lutheran ministry in India or Africa, please contact KINSHIP Committee member Pastor David Fuerstenau, 426 Buren Road, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901; Phone: (907) 225-2842; E-mail: djfuerstenau@kpunet.net.

THANKS: to all who have been mowing this summer. The grounds look great. We are still in need of mowers thru September and October. Please check which week you can help and sign up in service to your Lord.

DEVOTIONAL BOOK: Pastor Mark Weis of Grace Lutheran Church (CLC), Cape Coral, Florida, has published an excellent new devotional book, “One Thing Needful: For All the Distractions, Stresses and Worries of Life.” It is available for \$3.99 as an e-book on Amazon, and can be read on any computer, tablet or cell phone with the free Kindle Reader. If you go to Amazon.com and search “Mark Weis” you will easily find the book. We also have 4 soft-cover books available for \$ 9.00. Please see Pastor if you would like one of the books.



500TH REFORMATION SEMINAR: We will be hosting this seminar on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Speakers: Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck, Pastor Caleb Schaller and Pastor Bernthal will

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NEEDED QUICKLY: One upper level Sunday School teacher to teach twice a month. One person to help with liturgy or sermon on Sunday, Sept. 24th in Pastor's absence. Pastor Bernthal will be preaching at the Man-Up Weekend Retreat. Please see Pastor if available to help. Thanks!

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER CALL:

The Voters called Miss Miriam Bernthal to be the pre-school teacher for our pre-school. Miriam is the daughter of Teacher Dave & Kim Bernthal and lives in Fond Du Lac. Miriam graduated from ILHS and from Moraine Park Technical School in Fond Du Lac. Lord willing, we are planning to open our pre-school in January.

CLC NEWS

- Pastor Mike Wilke has returned the call extended to him by Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN. They have now called Pastor David Schaller, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Dowagiac MI, to serve as co-pastor.
- St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has called Pastor Mark Weis, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Cape Coral FL.

TWO FELLOWSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN:

The CLC Women's Retreat West will be held September 22-24, 2017 at Chadron State Park, Nebraska. You may find more information and a registration form at www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com.

The CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat will be held November 10-12, 2017 in Savannah, Georgia. For more information please contact Pastor Matthew Hanel at pastor@dallaslutheran.com, or 972-733-4535.

YOU'RE INVITED! Luther Memorial of Fond du Lac, WI is celebrating and praising the Lord's blessings and work in our fully remodeled church and school over this past year. On Saturday, September 16th, we will be serving lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by our dedication service at 1p.m. and a cake reception/presentation following the service. There will also be tours given before and after the dedication worship service. We hope you will join us in praising Jesus for this historical event for our congregation. If you are able to come, please sign the sheet in the entry-way by today.

Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. 12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus warns His believers that they too will experience severe trials. Their faith will be tested even to the point where they will have to choose between submitting to the false beliefs of members of their own family or choosing to follow the true way as taught by Christ. 49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! 51 Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. 52 For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. 53 Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Sermon Text: **Jeremiah 23:16-32 FINE TUNE
YOUR LISTENING CAPACITY!**

I: To receive heavenly messages.

II: To distinguish God's signals from this world's.

**III: To have the true answer to the salvation of
your souls!**

Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the Lord. 17 They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The Lord has said, "You shall have peace"; And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'" 18 For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it? 19 Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord has gone forth in fury— A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. 20 The anger of the Lord will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. 21 "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings. 23 "Am I a God near at hand," says the Lord, "And not a God afar off? 24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the Lord; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord. 25 "I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' 26 How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, 27 who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. 28 "The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And

he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?" says the Lord. 29 "Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? 30 "Therefore behold, I am against the prophets," says the Lord, "who steal My words every one from his neighbor. 31 Behold, I am against the prophets," says the Lord, "who use their tongues and say, 'He says.' 32 Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams," says the Lord, "and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all," says the Lord.

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**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN
WELCOMES YOU!**

We praise God for the blessed opportunity to bring you His Word this morning. We pray that the Holy Spirit lead you to truly hear His Word and be led to receive His heavenly message of salvation alone through Jesus. Come, worship your Savior with us again. Please, also sign our guest register as you leave.



This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:
Creation Bible Class: Reformation
Study

11:15 a.m. Rally Day/Church
Picnic

Tues-Thurs. Great Lakes' Pastoral
Conference, Messiah, Eau Claire

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:15 a.m. Church Council

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church---Meyer
School: Dreyer/Dumke.
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal &
Rachel Schaser

LAST WEEK: Worship 30

OFFERINGS 9/3 for Unified
Budget: \$ 2,144

IN YOUR MAILBOX: September
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