

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran
Church & School**

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**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2014**

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 139

Worship Supplement p. 12

Opening Hymn: 459

Before Sermon: 529

Offering Hymn: 428

After Prayers: 347(1-5)

Closing Hymn: 347(6)

Scripture Readings:

1 Kings 3:5-12

Solomon was in a unique position. He was made king of God's chosen people, and now God asked him what he wanted. Solomon could have asked for anything at all, but instead he asked for an understanding heart so that he would be able to do his job to God's glory.

5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" 6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have

asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus taught the multitudes in parables, and He did that so that He fulfilled the prophesy "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world." In this section, three times He explains to us what the kingdom of heaven is like.

44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." 51 Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 52 Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

Sermon text: Romans 8:28-30

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Sermon Theme: All's Well That Ends Well!

Preaching Today: Professor Paul Schaller

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God that you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior. In all the troubles of life, God is our very present help. We invite you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please

also sign our guest register.

THANK YOU: to Immanuel Lutheran Professor Paul Schaller for bringing us the Word of God this morning. We pray for his safe travel home and for the Lord's blessings on his up-coming school year. Pastor & Ruth, the Lord willing, should be returning home tomorrow afternoon.

This Week: Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan
Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage
Saturday 9:30 a.m. Float Assembly
Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship
12:00 p.m. Good Neighbor Parade
Next Monday 8:00 a.m. School Begins, ILC Begins

LAST WEEK: Worship 38

OFFERINGS 8/10 for Unified Budget: \$ 2,229

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: Church---
Gbedey/Lentz Counters today: John Birkholz & Nathan Peterson

AUGUST LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN: Is available in the entry-way on the registration table.

CLC NEWS: Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI has called Pastor Luke Bernthal of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, to be their third full time pastor. Pastor Joel Fleischer, has accepted the call to Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD. St. Paul Lutheran, Lakewood CO has called Pastor Andrew Schaller of Trinity, Watertown, SD. Living Word Lutheran, Lexington MO, has called Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Mt. Olive Lutheran, Lamar CO. Grace Lutheran, Live Oak FL, has called Pastor David Fuerstenau of Holy Truth Lutheran, Ketchikan, AK. Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA, has called Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN.

FLOAT HELP: We are looking for help to assemble our float this Saturday. If you can help, please see Evangelism Chairman Nathan Greve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the coming year. Please contact Pastor Bernthal or Nathan Peterson if you are interested in teaching.

ILC BEGINS: Our synod high school, college and seminary opens its doors for the 2014-2015 school year on Monday, August 25th. Six

of our Peace Thru Christ members will be attending this year-- Kirsten & Nichole Brandle & Rachel Gerbitz---H.S. Seniors; James Schaser---H.S. Sophomore; and Kaitlyn Brandle and Josh Gerbitz --- H.S. Freshmen. We pray the Lord's blessings and guidance upon these young adults as they travel to Eau Claire for their Christ-centered education.

PEACE THRU CHRIST SCHOOL BEGINS: We are preparing for our 14th year of school at Peace Thru Christ with our teacher Miss Abbas. We thank the Lord for His blessings of a Bible-based, Christ-centered education in the midst of our immoral, godless, self-centered society. First day of school is planned for Monday, Aug. 25th at 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY/CHURCH PICNIC: Date is Sept. 7th. Anyone interested in helping to co-ordinate activities for that day please contact Pastor Bernthal or Nathan Peterson.

LAWN MOWERS: We are in need of lawn mowers for September and October. Please sign the sheet if you can help. Thanks to all who have mowed throughout the summer months.