

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Ms. Pam Schulz

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 1, 2021

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119: IX

THE ORDER OF SERVICE • Lutheran Hymnal, p. 15

Opening Hymn:	347
Before Sermon:	372
After Sermon:	568
During Distribution:	311
Closing Hymn:	800

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 35:1-10

What a beautiful and majestic picture of the flourishing condition of Christ's kingdom and of the glorious future awaiting those who belong to the Lord. Our fear is removed, our weaknesses are strengthened alone in Christ. Walk on the Highway of Holiness, for there alone we are safe.

*The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them,
And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; 2 It shall
blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of
Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, The*

excellency of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you." 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes. 8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Romans 8:28-30

Paul presents the certainty of our salvation and the great comfort which the doctrine of election gives us.

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.



Mark 6:1-13

Even as the people of Isaiah's day didn't listen to God's Word, so also Jesus' own fellow citizens from Nazareth rejected His Words. May we not become spiritually apathetic toward God's message of our lost condition and of our free salvation alone through Jesus.

Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. 2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! 3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. 4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching. 7 And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. 8 He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts— 9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. 10 Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. 11 And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!" 12 So they went out and preached that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 32:9-20

Sermon Theme:

The Spirit Rescues us from Complacency toward the Word by Producing in us

I: Peace II: Quietness III: Assurance

Rise up, you women who are at ease, Hear my voice; You complacent daughters, Give ear to my speech. 10 In a year and some days You will be troubled, you complacent women; For the vintage will fail, The gathering will not come. 11 Tremble, you women who are at ease; Be troubled, you complacent ones; Strip yourselves, make yourselves bare, And gird sackcloth on your waists. 12 People shall mourn upon their breasts For the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. 13 On the land of my people will come up thorns and briars, Yes, on all the happy homes in the joyous city; 14 Because the palaces will be forsaken, The bustling city will be deserted. The forts and towers will become lairs forever, A joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks— 15 Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is counted as a forest. 16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, And righteousness remain in the fruitful field. 17 The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. 18 My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places, 19 Though hail comes down on the forest, And the city is brought low in humiliation. 20 Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, Who send out freely the feet of the ox and the donkey.



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 partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are thankful to the Lord that you are with us this morning. May the Gospel message fill your heart with peace, quietness and assurance as you face life's troubles and trials. Come, worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

Mon-Friday 9:00-11:30 a.m. V.B.S.

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship • 10:15 a.m.
Congregational Meeting/Church Council

SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Meyer
Counters: Gail Schaefer & Matt Schaser

OFFERINGS 7/25 for Unified Budget: \$16,050

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 9 / YouTube views 2 / Church 40

LAWN MOWING: Volunteers are needed to mow and trim the areas that are not covered by the robotic mower. Mowing the ditches and trimming requires about 1 hour. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact John Gerbitz if you have any questions. Cell: (608) 208-8900 gerbitz253@gmail.com

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA, has the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Recently colloquized Pastor Luke Willitz has received the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ has the call to Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO.
- Ms. Rebecca McKenney has been called to be the upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Miss Moira Drager, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA, has accepted the call to be the lower grades teacher at Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran.

INTERESTED IN A CHRISTIAN NOVEL?: Deborah Ude's, "Shadows in Sunshine," now available, is V.4 in the "Steeple in the Distance" series. All four of Debi's books are available in printed form directly from John Ude, john.ude@ilc.edu, at the CLC Bookstore, or on Amazon. Running a search on Deborah K. Ude should get you all four books there.

MEN'S RETREAT: The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also

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find additional information, pictures of previous “ManUp” weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the coming year. Please contact Pastor Bernthal or Luke Schaser if you are able to help out.

VBS STARTS TOMORROW: Bring friends! We request your prayers for our students, teachers, and crafters. May God’s name be glorified and His children edified during this week of Bible learning. Theme: Children of the Heavenly Father.

WELCOME: Miss Claire Naumann, by transfer, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI. 209 Eagle Heights Dr. Apt. E Madison, WI 53705 (253)-227-7612

Ben/Robin & Charlotte and Violet Carstensen 11032 N. Lake Woods Dr. Edgerton, WI 53534 (715) 456-8315 Ben (715) 456-0295 Robin

QUARTERLY VOTERS’ MEETING REPORT: 13 voters present; Pastor Bernthal announced he will be retiring from his full-time ministry call, Lord willing, July 31, 2022.

Membership Changes: Received Ben & Robin Carstensen, Charlotte and Violet into communicant membership by profession of faith. Received Claire Naumann into communicant membership by transfer from Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. Released Rachel Mackensen from communicant membership at her request. She is joining a congregation outside of our fellowship.

Treasurer’s Report: Offerings are at \$71,239 which is 7% ahead of our \$66,500 budget

BOCE Report: The Sunday School picnic is returning this year on September 12. Plan to restart Playgroup on September 15, continuing on every other Wednesday thereafter.

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Property: Projects to do: Electrical quotes for sanctuary, garage and fellowship hall, Parking lot sealing, Furnace and AC service for church and parsonage

Evangelism: Devil's Lake outing - August 15th/22nd TBD.
CDF Mission Festival Webinar - Sept 11th

Moved and accepted Council's recommendation for church seating to socially distance the left side of the sanctuary and remove social distancing from the right side.

Moved and accepted Council's recommendation to remove the largest evergreen tree from in front of parking lot.

Moved and accepted to give the windows and siding presentation to the entire congregation on Aug 8th.

Moved and accepted to accept the John Deere lawn tractor gift from the Bea Gerbitz estate, sell our current lawn/snow equipment and use those proceeds to outfit the JD lawn tractor with accessories to replace current equipment.

Church Anniversary: Will put out an invitation to congregation for volunteers to form an Anniversary Committee for our congregation's 50th anniversary 2022/2023.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: The 50th anniversary of our Peace Thru Christ congregation will occur in 2022-2023. If you would like to participate in envisioning and planning this event, please contact church President Dan Schaefer. This is a significant milestone in the life of our congregation and one which will be enjoyable to celebrate as we give thanks and praise to our Lord.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church. If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com