

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Mrs. Chris Gerbitz

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 22, 2021

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119: XII

THE ORDER OF SERVICE • Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

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| Opening Hymn: | 28 |
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SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 40:12-24

How foolish it is to compare God with men or with man-made gods. Who can accomplish the works that God has done? His majestic power and glory far surpasses anything this world has to offer.

*Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,
Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the
earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the
hills in a balance? 13 Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord,
Or as His counselor has taught Him? 14 With whom did He
take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in*

the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, And are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing. 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. 17 All nations before Him are as nothing, And they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless. 18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him? 19 The workman molds an image, The goldsmith overspreads it with gold, And the silversmith casts silver chains. 20 Whoever is too impoverished for such a contribution Chooses a tree that will not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful workman To prepare a carved image that will not totter. 21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. 23 He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless. 24 Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, When He will also blow on them, And they will wither, And the whirlwind will take them away like stubble.

Luke 8:43-48

What earthly physicians could not do, Jesus, the Heavenly Physician accomplished. Who can be compared to our God?

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. 45 And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter

and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ” 46 But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.” 47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. 48 And He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 40:25-31

Sermon Theme: **WHO IS LIKE THE LORD?**

I: He Controls Heavenly Bodies.

II: He Neither Faints Nor is Weary.

III: He Gives Strength to those who Wait on Him.

“To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the Lord, And my just claim is passed over by my God”? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are with us this morning worshipping your Savior God. May the One who gives strength through His Word to those who wait on Him, strengthen all who worship with us today. Please sign our guest register and come worship your Savior with us again.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship
10:15 a.m. Playgroup Meeting
12:00 p.m. Picnic Gathering at Devil's Lake

Monday ILC Begins

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Work on Float

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship
12:00 p.m. Good Neighbor Parade

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams
Counters: Kathy Dreyer & Chris Gerbitz

OFFERINGS 8/15 for Unified Budget: \$2,110

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 12 / YouTube views 2 / Church 23

NEEDED: Volunteers are needed for the Design Committee for siding and windows for the church. This committee would serve under the auspices of the Property Chairman, John Gerbitz. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact John Gerbitz or congregation President Dan Schaefer.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: We continue our Wednesday evening Bible Class this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. We continue our study of the Gospel of John chapter 4-5.

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ELLEN BRATZ: Skaalen Rehab 400 N. Morris St. Room 122 Stoughton, WI 53589 1-608-316-7918. She would love to hear from you either by card or phone.

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 Aaron Ude, Good Shepherd, Rapid City, SD has returned the call to Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO.
- Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA, has the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, WY.
- Mrs. Louise Mayhew has accepted the call to serve a one-year, part-time call, teaching the upper grades at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.
- Michael Sprengeler has the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Bowdle, SD, as well as to Zion Lutheran, Ipswich, SD.

IMMANUEL'S OPENING SERVICE:

The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be this afternoon at 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. This service will also include the installation of Professor David Schaller. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God's saving Word!

ILC BEGINS: Immanuel High School, College and Seminary opens its doors for the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, August 23rd. Three Peace Thru Christ members will be attending this year—Charlotte Carstensen, H.S. Senior; Jonathan Brandle, H.S. Junior; and Violet Carstensen, H.S. Freshman. We pray the Lord's blessings and guidance upon

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these young people as they travel to Eau Claire for their Christ-centered education.

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. The Theme this year is: "No Fear!" and will offer 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 before September 1, and includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Please plan to join us!

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.

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