

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 29, 2021



Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119: XIII

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Antiphon, Ps. 100 Pg. 35 W.S.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 48:12-22

While this section ends with God’s severe warning, “there is no peace for the wicked,” these verses also depict God’s great love and His determination to rescue the sinner. May the Holy Spirit move us to listen and apply these words to our lives as repentant sinners.

“Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last. 13 Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, And My right hand has stretched out the heavens; When I call to them, They stand up together. 14 “All of you, assemble yourselves, and hear! Who among them has declared these things? The Lord loves him; He shall do His pleasure on Babylon, And His arm shall be against the Chaldeans. 15 I, even I, have spoken; Yes, I have called him, I have brought him, and his way will prosper. 16 “Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning;

From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord God and His Spirit Have sent Me.” 17 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go. 18 Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea. 19 Your descendants also would have been like the sand, And the offspring of your body like the grains of sand; His name would not have been cut off Nor destroyed from before Me.” 20 Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! With a voice of singing, Declare, proclaim this, Utter it to the end of the earth; Say, “The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob!” 21 And they did not thirst When He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow from the rock for them; He also split the rock, and the waters gushed out. 22 “There is no peace,” says the Lord, “for the wicked.”

Romans 11:33-36

Mankind tries to second guess God about whom and how He saves, what He decides, how He acts, how He chastises, and when and how He blesses. Paul does not question God’s wisdom or His grace. Instead he marvels at God’s unfathomable wisdom which has resulted in our salvation.

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?” 35 “Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?” 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Mark 10:17-27

What can a person do to get to heaven? Answer: Keep the Ten Commandments perfectly in thought, word and deed. “I can’t do that,” you say. That is true of ALL of us! No one can save himself. That is why we need the perfect Savior, Jesus!

Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” 18 So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. 19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ” 20 And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.” 21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” 22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. 23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” 24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?” 27 But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.”

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 47:10-15

Sermon Theme:

The Hopelessness of ALL human saviors.

I: Humans cannot save themselves.

II: Human gods cannot save them either.

III: Only the heaven sent Savior can.

“For you have trusted in your wickedness; You have said, ‘No one sees me’; Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; And you have said in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me.’ 11 Therefore evil shall come upon you; You shall not know from where it arises. And trouble shall fall upon you; You will not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, Which you shall not know. 12 “Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries, In which you have labored from your youth— Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail. 13 You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, And the monthly prognosticators Stand up and save you From what shall come upon you. 14 Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them; They shall not deliver themselves From the power of the flame; It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before! 15 Thus shall they be to you With whom you have labored, Your merchants from your youth; They shall wander each one to his quarter. No one shall save you.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are worshiping with us. May your true hope and assurance be in the only Savior of all people, Jesus Christ. Come, worship Him with us again. Please also sign our guest register as you leave.

This Week:

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

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

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

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion
10:15 a.m. Sunday School Teacher's Meeting

Next Monday Labor Day

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams B. Schaser/Schaser
Counters: Ruth Bernthal & Pam Schulz

OFFERINGS

8/22 for Unified Budget: \$1,365

ATTENDANCE:

Facebook 12 / YouTube views 2 / Church 34

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

September Calendar & Newsletter

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.

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.

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 6.

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.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING:

We will meet next Sunday after church @ 10:15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY & CHURCH PICNIC:

Our opening of Sunday School will be September 12th. After Church a rally will take place. Our Sunday School/Church picnic will follow with games and special activities. Make a point to be here for this special day. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. Please also sign the sheet in the entry-way if you are planning on coming.

PLAYGROUP:

Our first Playgroup gathering will be Wednesday Sept. 15th from 9:30-11:30. We will be holding these every other week throughout the fall. If you would like to help, please contact B.O.C.E. Chairman Caleb Gerbitz.

PLAYGROUP CLEAN-UP:

We will be cleaning up the pre-school room and toys before our Playgroup begins. We will do this the week of Sept. 6-11. Watch for further details.

KNOW GOD THROUGH HIS WORD

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church 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**



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