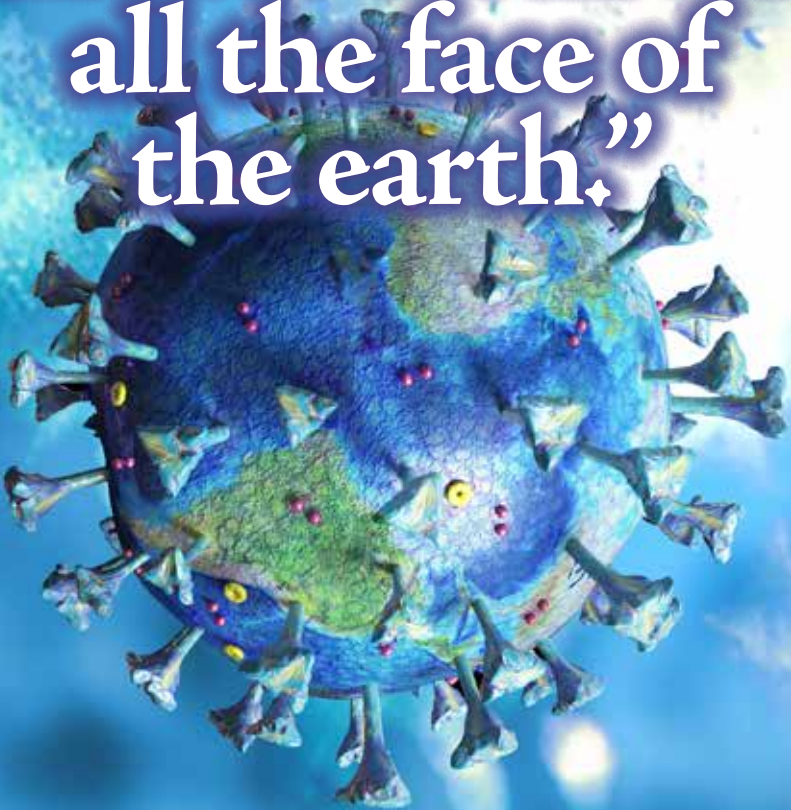


NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 2, 2020

“He has made  
from one blood  
every nation of  
men to dwell on  
all the face of  
the earth.”



Acts 17:26a

*Do not put your trust in princes,  
Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.*

**Psalm 146:3**

# Peace Thru Christ

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### Scripture Readings:

**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 126**

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

**Worship Supplement, p.1**

**Opening Hymn: . . . . . 7 (read 2-3)**

**Before Sermon: . . . . . 651 (read 2-3)**

**Offering Hymn: . . . . . 789: 1, 3, 5**

**Before Communion: . . 754 (read 2-3)**

**After Benediction: . . . . . 761**

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

## Isaiah 25:6-9

The prophet places the picture of a festive banquet before our eyes to display the blessings of salvation which the Lord had prepared for all people. A song of praise follows the Good News that our Lord "will swallow up death forever."

*And in this mountain The Lord of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken. And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."*

## Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus' parable of the Wedding Feast is a beautiful illustration of God's grace! Unfortunately sinful human beings can and do reject the Gospel invitation. Yet God calls many to be His own to live in His kingdom. It is by grace through faith---there is no other way to salvation and eternal life but through Christ.

*And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding." ' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not*

## MAKE A JOYFUL SHOUT TO THE LORD

*Antiphon*



*Psalm Tone*



Make a joyful shout to the LORD, <sup>´</sup>all you lands!\*

Serve the LORD with <sup>´</sup>gladness;

Come before His presence with <sup>´</sup>singing.\*

Know that the LORD, <sup>´</sup>He is God;

It is He who has made us, and not <sup>´</sup>we ourselves;\*

We are His people and the sheep of His <sup>´</sup>pasture.

*Antiphon*

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And into His <sup>´</sup>courts with praise.\*  
Be thankful to Him, and <sup>´</sup>bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His mercy is ever<sup>´</sup>lasting,\*  
And His truth endures to all gener<sup>´</sup>ations.

**Glory be to the Father and <sup>´</sup>to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy <sup>´</sup>Śpirit,**  
**as it was in the <sup>´</sup>beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. <sup>´</sup>Ámen.**

*Antiphon*

worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.peacethruchrist.org](http://www.peacethruchrist.org)

Sermon Text:

## **Philippians 4:4-13**

Sermon Theme:

### **We Have Reason To Rejoice In The Lord!**

**I: Because His Peace guards our hearts and minds.**

**II: Because His Word gives us proper guidance**

**III: Because His Strength supplies all our needs.**

*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

**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.

## **PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!**

We thank the Lord for your being with us this morning. What great joy we have in Christ, our Savior. In His peace we find true joy and happiness. Forgiveness, life and salvation fill our hearts with contentment and rejoicing. Come again and be filled with the joy of the Lord. Please sign our guest register.

### **Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements**

#### **This Week:**

**Today:** 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

**Tuesday** 9:00-11:00 a.m. VBS

**Wednesday** 9:00-11:00 a.m. VBS • 7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Family Worship  
10:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

**Next Monday** 7:00 p.m. Church Council by Zoom

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

**OFFERINGS** 7/26 for Unified Budget: \$2,946.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Facebook/27 Youtube views/6 In church/ 23

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** August Calendar & Newsletter

**BIBLE CLASS:** We have our Zoom Bible Class this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Last week we had 12 in attendance. This Wednesday we will be studying the parable of The Talents. A link and study sheet will be sent out beforehand.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** VBS will be held for our own members this Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. We thank those members who have volunteered to help.

**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 interested in teaching.

**CLC NEWS:**

- Pastor Richard Kanzenbach has accepted the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon. SD.
- Prof. Steve Sippert has returned the call to Bethel, Morris, MN.
- Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has returned the call to Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.

**MAINTENANCE POSITION:** A full-time position has opened in the maintenance department of ILC following the faithful service of John Fox. In service to the LORD and for the welfare of our students, the responsibilities include: 1) the maintenance and improvement of the grounds and roads on the campus (e.g., mowing, tree trimming, plowing, road repair, etc.); 2) the repair, maintenance, and improvements of the buildings on the campus (e.g., equipment maintenance, plumbing, electrical, furnace and boiler care, building improvements, furniture repair, etc.); and 3) being available for certain scheduled 'on call' evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays. Those who are interested may contact Prof. Dan Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) who can provide more details along with compensation. Applications will start being reviewed on August 15, 2020.

**ILC PLANNING COMMITTEE:** With the Academic Center mortgage now paid in full and with another almost \$1 million dollars donated for a new building on campus, the June Coordinating Council recommended to President Eichstadt that he move the project forward by appointing a Planning Committee. Every building project has to be approved by a convention, so the Committee's mandate is to present a plan and cost estimate to the 2021 convention. The committee consists of Tom Beekman, Tim Noeldner, David Albrecht, Prof. Jeff Schierenbeck and Pastor Mike

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Roehl. Advisors are Steve Ludvigson, Prof. Dan Schierenbeck, Prof. Ross Roehl.

**MOWING TRIM NEEDED:** With the AutoMower doing most of the mowing we only need to mow the slopes along Hwy M and West Point Rd; around the pine trees on the north of the parking lot; the entry-way and the median. We also need to weed whack around the black tires and gym set in the back and pick up branches. It should take about an hour. If you would like to help, please sign the sheet in the entry-way.

**MEN'S RETREAT:** The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 24-27, 2020, 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 at this link: [www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020). Visit our website, [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org), for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

More information can be found on our website.

**BOOKS BY DEBI UDE:** Take a refreshing walk, basking in the Sunshine. Deborah Ude's third book, "Sunshine in Shadows" is now available. This book paints the dark miasma of this life's valley of tears but shows the Light from above is shining. By faith we too must continually struggle, yet we do not walk in shadows but in the light of Christ's empty tomb. Though part of a series, this book stands on its own. Here is the link to its sale on Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/SunshineinShadows>. (The digital version is \$2.99 and the printed paperback is \$11.99.) All three of Debi's books are also available in printed form at the CLC Bookstore or directly from John Ude , [john.ude@ilc.edu](mailto:john.ude@ilc.edu).

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