

I Corinthians 10:24: Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

2 Corinthians 5:21: For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:15: And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

EXAMPLES OF OBEDIENCE TO THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT:

Job 1:13-22: Job recognized that all of his possessions came from God.

Genesis 32:9-10 & 33:10-11: Jacob knew that what he had was the result of God blessing his 20 years of work.

Hebrews 11:24-26: Moses rejected the treasures and riches of Egypt in order to belong to God's people.

EXAMPLES OF DISOBEDIENCE TO THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Luke 15:11-20: The Prodigal son wasted his possessions.

John 12:6: Judas was a thief

I Kings 21:4-16: Ahab's greed to get Naboth's vineyard led him to make up lies about Naboth and have him killed.

Genesis 25:29-33: Jacob in a loveless way took advantage of his brother Esau to get him to sell his birthright.

Malachi 3:8-10: God says the people of Malachi's day were robbing Him with their poor offerings and challenges them to test Him to see how He would bless them.

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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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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 125

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, P. 1

Opening Hymn: 425

Before Sermon: . 287 (1-2, 8, 11-12)

Offering: 442 (-12)

During Distribution: 315

Closing Hymn: 786

Antiphon Ps. 146 Pg. 41 W.S.

Scripture Readings:

I Timothy 6:6-12

The LORD through the Apostle Paul warns us of the results of greed "that plunge men into ruin and destruction." May we pray for a heart of contentment in all things.

6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And

having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus teaches us that everyone is responsible to God for how they individually manage God's gifts.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' 26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Ted Barthels, St. Paul's Austin, MN has received the call to Prince of Peace of Loveland, CO.
- Pastor Rich Kanzenbach has received the call to Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich
- Pastor Andrew Schaller, Calvary, Marquette, MI has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.

2019 MAN-UP WEEKEND: The weekend is intended to 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 and Relationship Building and Worship, as well as many outdoor bonding activities. The retreat will be held September 12-15, 2019 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI about an hour south of La Crosse. You can also find out more information, see pictures of the park, and register for the retreat online at www.manup.clclutheran.org. The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration fee is due by August 31, 2019.

PASSAGES CONCERNING THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT:

Deuteronomy 8:17-18: "Then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."

I John 3:17: But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

2 Corinthians 9:7: So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Proverbs 16:8: Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice.

Luke 12:15: Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

May the message of peace and forgiveness through Christ's atoning sacrifice remain in your hearts throughout the coming week. May this precious Word of life be spread to others by us, for how else will those living in the darkness of unbelief hear of the Good News unless we tell them of it? If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, please feel free to speak with Pastor Bernthal. Come worship with us again and please sign our guest book.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow

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

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship • 10:20 a.m. Church Council

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams

Counters today: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

LAST WEEK: Worship 37

OFFERINGS 7/28 for Unified Budget: \$6,103.00

IN YOUR MAILBOX: August Calendar & Newsletter

VBS REPORT: There were 10 children registered---9 non-members.

The Lord blessed us with a group eager to learn about their Savior, Jesus who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He also rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, from where He will come on the last day to judge the living and the dead and take us who believe in Him into His heavenly Home.

We thank the Lord for those who helped with teaching, crafts, singing, refreshments, recess and clean-up. Listed below are those volunteers who helped this past week. Teachers: Mr. Matt Schaser: pre-school Mrs. Christina Schaser: Grades 1-2 Pastor Bernthal: Grades 3-4. Crafters & Music: Mrs. Ruth Bernthal, Jonathan Brandle, Mrs. Karen Schaser, Mrs. Gail Schaefer

bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Mark 12:41-44

Jesus rejoices in the widow's generous offering. An offering indeed given from her heart.

41 Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. 42 Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. 43 So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; 44 for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

The Sermon: read/listen to sermons at www.peacethruchrist.org

Sermon: **Exodus 20:15**

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Sermon Theme:

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL

I: Stealing. II: Stewardship.

"You shall not steal."

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