

Your hands have made me
and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I
may learn Your commandments.

Psalm 119:73

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119: X

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SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 36

Isaiah records one of the most astounding periods of Judah's history. Listen carefully to the vain boasts of the unbelieving Assyrians. It is much like the unbelieving world today--“we are the greatest, come follow us, trust in us, surrender to us, forsake your God.” May we stand fast in God who is with us in the person of Jesus Christ.

36 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. 2 Then the king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh with a great army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. And he stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool, on the highway to the Fuller's Field. 3 And Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him. 4 Then the Rabshakeh said to them, “Say now to Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: “What confidence is this in which you trust? 5 I say you speak of having plans and power for war; but they are mere words. Now in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me? 6 Look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. 7 “But if you say to me, ‘We trust in the Lord our God,’ is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, ‘You shall worship before this altar?’” ’ 8 Now therefore, I urge you, give a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses—if you are able on your part to put riders on them! 9 How then will

you repel one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen? 10 Have I now come up without the Lord against this land to destroy it? The Lord said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.' 11 Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it; and do not speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people who are on the wall." 12 But the Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat and drink their own waste with you?" 13 Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! 14 Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you; 15 nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, "The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."' 16 Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make peace with me by a present and come out to me; and every one of you eat from his own vine and every one from his own fig tree, and every one of you drink the waters of his own cistern; 17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards. 18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, "The Lord will deliver us." Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria? 19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Indeed, have they delivered Samaria from my hand? 20 Who among all the gods of these lands have delivered their countries from my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?' " 21 But they held their peace and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him." 22

Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of the Rabshakeh.

Romans 8:31-39

The Lord through Paul assures us that nothing in all of creation will be able to separate us from God's love in Christ. Because of that love, Christians are conquerors. Christ gives us strength to overcome all our enemies.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 6:41-51

The people complain because Jesus failed to fulfill their false expectations concerning the Messiah. Jesus, however, reaffirms His deity, claims to be the Bread of Life, and identifies the "bread" with the flesh that He will give for the

life of the world. He also identifies this “eating” of His flesh with believing on Him. He is not here talking about the Lord’s Supper.

41 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” 42 And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” 43 Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 37:14-20

Sermon Theme:

If God is FOR Us, Who Can be Against Us?

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. 15 Then Hezekiah

prayed to the Lord, saying: 16 “O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 17 Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God. 18 Truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their lands, 19 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men’s hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. 20 Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord, You alone.”



PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God you are with us this morning. We pray the Holy Spirit fill you with our Savior’s love and lead you to live joy-filled lives to the glory of His name. Please sign our guest register and come worship your Savior with us again and.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church • Announcements

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship 10:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting/Church Council

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

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SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Ude B. Dreyer/Dumke
Counters: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

OFFERINGS 8/1 for Unified Budget: \$2,595

ATTENDANCE:

Facebook 16 / YouTube views 2 / Church 30

CONGREGATION MEETING:

All members of Peace Thru Christ are encouraged to stay for a special meeting after church. After greeting pastor, please go to the fellowship hall. The siding and windows committee will present pictures and prices of options to change the appearance of our church while improving the condition of the exterior. The purpose of the meeting is to receive feedback from the whole congregation, especially from those who do not attend voter's meetings. John Gerbitz, Chairman Property Committee

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:

Our Wednesday evening Bible Class resumes this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. We continue our study of the Gospel of John---John 3:22-4:42.

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

August Calendar & Newsletter

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.

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CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA, has the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Recently colloquized Pastor Luke Willitz has returned the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO. They have called Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck to be their vacancy pastor.
- Pastor Frank Gantt, Zion, Loganville, GA, has been appointed by President Michael Eichstadt to the CLC Board of Doctrine.
- Ms. Rebecca McKenney has been called to be the upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The voters of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato voted to modify the call of Mr. Matthew Kranz from 5th and 6th grade to fill their vacant high school position. Additionally, they voted to modify the call of Mrs. Stephanie Roettger from Kindergarten to 5th and 6th grade. Both of these modifications were made by mutual agreement between the called worker and the **Immanuel voters.**

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. Plea contact Pastor Bernthal or Luke Schaser If you are **able to help out.**

VBS REPORT:

Seven students were registered—6 members and 1 non-member. The Lord blessed us with a group eager to learn about their being Children of the Heavenly Father. They learned that Jesus includes children in His saving work; Jesus gives life to His Fathers' children; The Father's children talk about Jesus to others; The Father's children serve Jesus in their daily lives; Jesus protects the Father's children from all evil.

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: Mrs. Ruth Bernthal: pre-school-Grade 1; Mrs. Kathy Dreyer: Grades 4-5; Mr. & Mrs. Matt & Karen Schaser: Grade 8 Craft helpers: Mrs. Ruth Bernthal, Pastor Bernthal,

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Jonathan Brandle, Mrs. Kathy Dreyer, Mrs. Hannah Hallahan, Mrs. Rachel Meyer, Mrs. Gail Schaefer, Mr. & Mrs. Matt & Karen Schaser, Ms. Pam Schulz. Music: Mrs. Gail 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.

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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