

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost • July 11, 2021

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119: VI

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Before Sermon: 428

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SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 19:1-10

Note how the Lord God fulfills His judgment upon the powerful unbelieving nations. He sets the people against themselves. He destroys their courage. He confounds their counsel with spiritual “quacks.” He sends foreign oppression and brings about economic ruin in the fishing and farming industries. When God proposes and plans judgment upon the unbeliever, it will be fulfilled. Remember, as we heard last week, God is the real shaker and mover of this world.

Behold, the Lord rides on a swift cloud, And will come into Egypt; The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, And the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. 2 “I will set Egyptians

against Egyptians; Everyone will fight against his brother, And everyone against his neighbor, City against city, kingdom against kingdom. 3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, And they will consult the idols and the charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers. 4 And the Egyptians I will give Into the hand of a cruel master, And a fierce king will rule over them,” Says the Lord, the Lord of hosts. 5 The waters will fail from the sea, And the river will be wasted and dried up. 6 The rivers will turn foul; The brooks of defense will be emptied and dried up; The reeds and rushes will wither. 7 The papyrus reeds by the River, by the mouth of the River, And everything sown by the River, Will wither, be driven away, and be no more. 8 The fishermen also will mourn; All those will lament who cast hooks into the River, And they will languish who spread nets on the waters. 9 Moreover those who work in fine flax And those who weave fine fabric will be ashamed; 10 And its foundations will be broken. All who make wages will be troubled of soul.

Romans 7:14-25

We see in this section Paul’s lament that although he is a believer in Christ and knows God’s law, yet he cannot keep that law as he would like. In this life the Christian ever falls short of perfection. “Thanks be to God” for Jesus’ forgiving love, for His perfect righteousness and for the eternal life to come. A gift of grace!

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 For the good that I will

to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

Matthew 11:20-30

This reading teaches us how to apply the lessons of Isaiah to our own hearts and lives, lest we bring God's judgment down upon ourselves. May the Holt Spirit lead us to that knowledge of our own sinfulness and of God's perfect love in Christ so that we can find and have perfect and everlasting peace in Christ Jesus.

Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you." 25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. 26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no

one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 23:1-9

Sermon Theme:

**The Certainty of God’s Judgment
upon the Unbeliever and of the
Deliverance of His Children.**

The burden against Tyre. Wail, you ships of Tarshish! For it is laid waste, So that there is no house, no harbor; From the land of Cyprus it is revealed to them. 2 Be still, you inhabitants of the coastland, You merchants of Sidon, Whom those who cross the sea have filled. 3 And on great waters the grain of Shihor, The harvest of the River, is her revenue; And she is a marketplace for the nations. 4 Be ashamed, O Sidon; For the sea has spoken, The strength of the sea, saying, “I do not labor, nor bring forth children; Neither do I rear young men, Nor bring up virgins.” 5 When the report reaches Egypt, They also will be in agony at the report of Tyre. 6 Cross over to Tarshish; Wail, you inhabitants of the coastland! 7 Is this your joyous city, Whose antiquity is from ancient days, Whose feet carried her far off to dwell? 8 Who has taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, Whose merchants are princes, Whose traders are the honorable of the earth? 9 The Lord of hosts has purposed it, To bring to dishonor the pride of all glory, To bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We praise God that you are with us this morning to hear God's holy Word. May the message of God's promises through Jesus lead us to bring our sins and lay them upon Him, through whom we can find perfect rest and peace for our souls. Please, also sign our guest register and come worship with us again.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

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

Saturday 3-7 p.m. Congregational Outing at Dreyers

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship • 10:15 a.m. Church Council

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/Peterson B. Bernthal

Counters: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

OFFERINGS 7/4 for Unified Budget: \$3,275.00

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 15 / YouTube 2 / Church 27

Communed 20

CONGREGATION OUTING: Please sign the sheet on the board in the entry-way if you plan on coming to our **congregation outing at Dreyer's this Saturday from 3-7 p.m.**

NEW ADDRESS: John & Chris Gerbitz moved to 219 W. Oak St. Cottage Grove, WI 53527

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 Stefan Sonnenfeld, Faith, Manchester, MO has accepted the call by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.

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- Greta Brown-Kempenaar has been called as music teacher and preschool aid for one year by Faith, Markesan, WI
- Teacher Emeritus David Bernthal, a member of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI has received a one year call to be principal and 2nd-6th grade teacher at Grace, Valentine, NE.
- Mr. Andrew Roehl, 5-6th grade teacher Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has been called to be teacher and principal at Valley Bible Academy in Clarkston, WA.
- Mrs. Shantel Hocum, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Clarkston, WA has received and accepted the call to be the primary teacher at Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran.

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.

PACIFIC NW FAMILY/YOUTH CAMP: will be held at Alta Lake State Park in Washington on August 1-5, 2021. Join us for outdoor activities and Christian fellowship around our theme "Keep on Rejoicing" from the book of Philippians. Campers can register either as individual youth (grade 6 thru college) or families. Food and campground costs are included in the registration fee (\$100 for individuals, \$175 for families). Campers will need to bring their own gear (tent, sleeping bag, toiletries, etc.) though help can be given if needed. Find more details and the online registration at: redemptionclc.com/pac-nw-camp/. Questions can be sent to Pastor Mark Tiefel at pastor.redemption@gmail.com

CLC CONVENTION: The CLC Convention met on June 24-27. Much hard work was done for our efforts together in the LORD's kingdom. A summary of the Convention (from the daily Convention Chronicles) can be found at tinyurl.com/

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convchron-21 . The full Convention Proceedings will be published later this summer. There were two excellent essays delivered; the first, by Pastor Luke Bernthal, can be seen at tinyurl.com/conv-essay-1. The second, by Michael Schierenbeck, can be seen at tinyurl.com/conv-essay-2. You may see a selection of Convention photos at tinyurl.com/conv-pics-21. We thank the LORD for His blessing on our work in the CLC!

JOINT STATEMENT RESOLUTION: Since 2015 the Joint Statement has been considered in our midst. We have wrestled with this matter in prayer, striving to be faithful to our Lord's Word and to be charitable toward the WELS and ELS in understanding where they stand on the doctrine of separation from those causing divisions and offenses. We have thus far been unable to adopt the statement as a resolution of the differences that have separated us since the formation of the CLC in 1960. The 2017 CLC General Pastoral Conference, the 2018 CLC Convention, and the 2019 CLC General Pastoral Conference have all found that they could not recommend adoption of the 2015 Joint Statement.

Whereas various understandings regarding the Joint Statement are threatening to cause division in our own midst, we discern that this approach to agreement is not the proper path to resolve the differences that separate us from the WELS and ELS. We believe it is wise to seek a clearer way to handle the word of truth. Therefore be it

RESOLVED that we decline to adopt the Joint Statement as a settlement of the doctrinal difference between the CLC and the WELS and ELS concerning the termination of fellowship, and prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance in His Word for a different approach.

Whereas progress has been made through the Joint Statement with regard to doctrinal clarity and rejection of false statements and points of controversy, and

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Whereas the doctrinal principles of the Joint Statement are based on the CLC's historic doctrinal position, therefore be it
RESOLVED that we continue to use the doctrinal principles of the Joint Statement as a basis for discussion with WELS and ELS on the doctrine of termination of fellowship.

Whereas there are questions in our midst with regard to the role of admonition, and also what is necessary for complete settlement with the WELS and ELS regarding the termination of church fellowship, and

Whereas we desire to exercise brotherly love toward those with differing opinions on these issues in our midst, therefore be it
RESOLVED that the four-man CLC committee, in conjunction with the CLC Board of Doctrine, clearly define what is necessary for a settlement of the doctrinal difference between the CLC and the WELS and ELS concerning the termination of fellowship, and be it further

RESOLVED that the four-man CLC committee work with the Board of Doctrine to address additional questions in our midst (e.g., role of admonition, prerequisites for settlement, practice of the fellowship principle, the dangers expressed by Romans 16:18) and be it further

RESOLVED that these findings be brought before the 2022 Convention.

Whereas there are lingering concerns within the CLC over the WELS and ELS teaching and practice of the termination of church fellowship, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the four-man CLC committee, in conjunction with the CLC Board of Doctrine, continues to work with the WELS and ELS to settle these doctrinal differences on the basis of Scripture.