

# Peace Thru Christ

## Lutheran Church and School

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 92

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### II Kings 21:1-15

At the same time Nahum is pronouncing destruction upon wicked Nineveh, one of the most wicked kings of Judah rises to the throne. Manasseh, Hezekiah's son, led Judah to deny their faith and the God of their fathers so that they did worse in the eyes of the Lord than even their heathen nations.

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah. 2 And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he raised up altars for Baal, and made a wooden image, as Ahab king of Israel had done; and he worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. 4 He also built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, "In Jerusalem I will put My name." 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. 6 Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger. 7 He even set a carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which the Lord had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; 8 and I will not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from the land which I gave their fathers—only if they are careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them." 9 But they paid no attention, and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the Lord spoke by His servants the prophets, saying, 11 "Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations (he has acted more wickedly than all the Amorites who were before him, and has also made Judah sin with his idols), 12 therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Behold, I am bringing such calamity upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears will tingle. 13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab; I will wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. 14 So I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become victims of plunder to all their enemies, 15 because they have done evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger since the day their fathers came out of Egypt, even to this day.' "

## WHY DO THE NATIONS RAGE

*Antiphon*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm Tone*

Why do the <sup>á</sup>nations rage\*  
 And the people plot a <sup>á</sup>vain thing?  
 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
 And the rulers take counsel to<sup>g</sup>ether,\*  
 Against the LORD and against His Anointed, <sup>á</sup>saying,  
 “Let us break Their bonds in <sup>á</sup>pieces\*  
 And cast away Their <sup>á</sup>cords from us.”  
 He who sits in the heavens <sup>á</sup>shall laugh;\*  
 The LORD shall hold them in derision.

*Antiphon*

“I will declare the decree: the LORD has <sup>á</sup>said to Me,\*  
 ‘You are My Son, today I have be<sup>g</sup>otten You.  
 Ask of Me, and I will give You  
 The nations for Your in<sup>h</sup>eritance,\*  
 And the ends of the earth for Your po<sup>s</sup>session.”  
**Glory be to the Father and <sup>á</sup>to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy <sup>á</sup>Spirit,  
 as it was in the be<sup>g</sup>inning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. <sup>á</sup>Amen.**

*Antiphon*

## Matthew 24:3-14

Jesus reveals to us the signs of the beginning of the end. Signs which usher in Judgment Day. All of these signs have come to pass. The end is indeed near. Take heed! Listen well! Stand firm in Christ to the end.

*Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

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

Sermon Text:

**Nahum 1:15-2:10**

Sermon Theme:

**NINEVEH'S DESTRUCTION!**

**I: Insured Judah's Salvation.**

**II: Is a Preview of Judgment Day.**

*Behold, on the mountains The feet of him who brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace! O Judah, keep your appointed feasts, Perform your vows. For the wicked one shall no more pass through you; He is utterly cut off. 2*

*He who scatters has come up before your face. Man the fort! Watch the road! Strengthen your flanks! Fortify your power mightily. 2 For the Lord will restore the excellence of Jacob Like the excellence of Israel, For the emptiers have emptied them out And ruined their vine branches. 3 The shields of his mighty men are made red, The valiant men are in scarlet. The chariots come with flaming torches In the day of his preparation, And the spears are brandished. 4 The chariots rage in the streets, They jostle one another in the broad roads; They seem like torches, They run like lightning. 5 He remembers his nobles; They stumble in their walk; They make haste to her walls, And the defense is prepared. 6 The gates of the rivers are opened, And the palace is dissolved. 7 It is decreed: She shall be led away captive, She shall be brought up; And her maidservants shall lead her as with the voice of doves, Beating their breasts. 8 Though Nineveh of old was like a pool of water, Now they flee away. "Halt! Halt!" they cry; But no one turns back. 9 Take spoil of silver! Take spoil of gold! There is no end of treasure, Or wealth of every desirable prize. 10 She is empty, desolate, and waste! The heart melts, and the knees shake; Much pain is in every side, And all their faces are drained of color.*

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

We thank God you are with us this morning worshiping our Savior-God. As we draw ever closer to the end of the world and God's great Judgment Day, may we be comforted in knowing that that day will bring about our final redemption and salvation fulfilled. All who believe in Christ alone look forward to the Judgment for it is the day of our Savior's glorious reappearing and our being taken to be with Him to our heavenly home. Please come again and worship your Savior-God with us. The time is short. The Day of Judgment is coming! If you would like to learn more about what we at Peace Thru Christ teach, please contact Pastor Bernthal. Please sign our guest register.



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### **This Week:**

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

**Monday** 7:00 p.m. Church council by Zoom

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

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

### **IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:**

**Cleaners this week:** A. Birkholz/Peterson B. Schaefer

**Counters:** Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

**OFFERINGS** 7/5 for Unified Budget: \$1,730.00

Kinship Disaster Relief: \$100

**ATTENDANCE:** Facebook / 29 Youtube views 2 / 21 in church

### **BIBLE CLASS:**

We will again have our Zoom Bible Class this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We will be studying another parable of our Lord. A link and study sheet will be sent out by Tuesday.

### **CLC NEWS:**

- Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, Morning Star, Fairchild; Peace with God, Onalaska; and Trinity, Millston, WI has been called by St. Luke's, Lemmon. SD.
- Prof. Steve Sippert has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.
- Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.

### **CLC BOARD OF MISSIONS:**

The CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF) has been a great blessing as a way for CLC members to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ in developing nations around the world. The projects that are funded through the MDF have had a direct impact on faithfully proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. The MDF has provided funds to assist in building Bible institutes, seminaries, schools, and church buildings, along with thousands of Bibles, hymnals, and catechisms. The MDF has also provided funding for bikes,

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motorcycles, and vehicles to carry pastors and teachers to proclaim the truth. This fund also provides funding for new outreach opportunities both in the U.S. and abroad. Currently, there are more than \$300,000 in projects that are awaiting funding from the MDF over the next several months. Some of these projects are already underway. In order to complete the projects that have already been started and to provide for more projects and outreach as listed above, additional offerings to the MDF are needed.

**AID TO INDIA:** Our fellow believers in the CLCI and BELC are struggling under both the COVID pandemic and the destruction of a cyclone. The Bd. of Missions has sent some aid already from Kinship, but the need for more is critical. Please inform your flocks of this opportunity to put love for Christ into practice with our prayers and with offerings to Kinship. Contributions should be clearly marked "Kinship Disaster Relief".

**CLC C.C. REPORT:** The CLC Coordinating Council held its spring meeting June 10 at ILC. A summary of the meeting is in your mailbox and was sent electronically to every family. If you would like to read the full report click on this link: [tinyurl.com/2020springcc](https://tinyurl.com/2020springcc)

**ILHS GRADUATION:** Due to COVID-19, Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, has rescheduled its graduation for Sat., Aug. 1, 10:30 am. While in the past this has been a public worship service open to anyone, attendance this year will be "by invitation only" due to local gathering limitations. This will be viewable as live stream or archived at [ilc.edu](http://ilc.edu). The college and seminary had their graduation service on May 30. May the LORD continue to keep our graduates in His care as they look to His Word with all their future endeavors. Regents Chairman: Pastor John Hein

**PRO-LIFE CORNER:** This year, 2020, marks 100 years since the first nation in the world (Russia) authorized elective abortion. Since then 136 other nations, including the United States have authorized legal abortion on demand or for limited reasons. Since

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1921, more than 1 billion babies have been murdered by abortion, including over 61 million in our nation (about 2,300 every day). Abortion is the greatest genocide in history! May we 1) pray to the Lord to bring this evil to an end; 2) speak up for the unborn telling others that life begins at conception; 3) vote pro-life; 4) get involved in any way we can to promote and support pro-life messages and pro-life groups in their efforts to instruct our nation on what happens with an abortion—a life is murdered; 5) proclaim the Good News of Jesus and His forgiving love. May God have mercy on our land and change hearts and lives to look to His Son alone for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**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.

**FIRE AT GRACE:** An arsonist set fire to two recycle bins in front of the garage of the parsonage of Grace, Fridley, MN. It spread into the garage before the fire department could put it out. Thankfully Pastor Hein, his wife and the two children at home awoke and were able to get out of the house and were not injured. Two vehicles within a block of the parsonage were started on fire first. Then the arsonist tried to start the church's dumpster on fire but was unsuccessful. We thank the LORD for His mercy in keeping the Hein's in His shepherding care! Psalm 121:4 Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

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confessional Lutheran Church.**

If you are interested in learning more, please call  
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More Information and Audio Sermons at

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