

Remember the word
to Your servant, Upon which
You have caused me to hope.
This is my comfort in my affliction,
For Your word has given me life.

Psalm 119: 49 & 50

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119: VII

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SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 24:1-23

Isaiah pictures for us the coming judgment of the Last Day. 1) The Lord administers this judgment. 2) It is universal and thorough. 3) Its cause---the spiritual pollution of the earth by mankind, i.e. SIN. 4) The judgment is complete and inescapable. 5) There is glory to the remnant who survive this judgment through faith in the Messiah-Jesus. 6) The Lord will reign in glory forever on Mt. Zion—heaven!

*Behold, the Lord makes the earth empty and makes it waste,
Distorts its surface And scatters abroad its inhabitants. 2
And it shall be: As with the people, so with the priest; As
with the servant, so with his master; As with the maid, so
with her mistress; As with the buyer, so with the seller; As
with the lender, so with the borrower; As with the creditor,
so with the debtor. 3 The land shall be entirely emptied and
utterly plundered, For the Lord has spoken this word. 4 The
earth mourns and fades away, The world languishes and
fades away; The haughty people of the earth languish. 5 The
earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have
transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the
everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore the curse has devoured
the earth, And those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore
the inhabitants of the earth are burned, And few men are
left. 7 The new wine fails, the vine languishes, All the merry-
hearted sigh. 8 The mirth of the tambourine ceases, The
noise of the jubilant ends, The joy of the harp ceases. 9 They
shall not drink wine with a song; Strong drink is bitter to
those who drink it. 10 The city of confusion is broken down;
Every house is shut up, so that none may go in. 11 There is*

a cry for wine in the streets, All joy is darkened, The mirth of the land is gone. 12 In the city desolation is left, And the gate is stricken with destruction. 13 When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people, It shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, Like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done. 14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; For the majesty of the Lord They shall cry aloud from the sea. 15 Therefore glorify the Lord in the dawning light, The name of the Lord God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea. 16 From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: “Glory to the righteous!” But I said, “I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, Indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.” 17 Fear and the pit and the snare Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. 18 And it shall be That he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare; For the windows from on high are open, And the foundations of the earth are shaken. 19 The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly. 20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again. 21 It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth. 22 They will be gathered together, As prisoners are gathered in the pit, And will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished. 23 Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed; For the Lord of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously.

Romans 8:18-25

In the world of nature we not only see beauty and growth but also pollution, decay and calamity. Even though there is much in God's creation that is beautiful and enjoyable, it

is also easy to see how sin has spoiled and continues to spoil perfect beauty. Even nature shows a need for redemption and deliverance!

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

John 11:1-7; 17-27; 38-44

Sin brought the judgment of death upon mankind. Lazarus also felt this judgment of death. But Jesus shows His power over death and brings glory to His Father. This same glory we will see in all of its fullness on Judgment Day.

11 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. 3 Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.” 4 When Jesus heard that, He said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So,

when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. 7 Then after this He said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” 17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. 19 And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. 21 Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” 38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.” 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 26:1-4; 20-21

Sermon Theme:

**A Song about the SAFETY and PEACE of
the Believer on the Day of Judgment!**

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: “We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. 2 Open the gates, That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. 3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. 4 Trust in the Lord forever, For in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength.

20 Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. 21 For behold, the Lord comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here this morning worshipping with us. May our Savior be your mighty fortress against the wiles and schemes of Satan, the attacks of this sinful world and of your own sinful flesh. Come worship with us again and please sign our guest register.

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This Week:

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

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. B.O.C.E. by Zoom

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

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

10:15 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting

SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/
Peterson • Counters: Caleb Gerbitz & Chris Ude

OFFERINGS 7/11 for Unified Budget: \$2,205

Kinship: \$500

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 50/ YouTube views 4/ Church 44

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 Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA, has the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- 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.
- Recently colloquized Pastor Luke Willitz has received the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

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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

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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