

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost • July 25, 2021

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119: VIII

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SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 28:1-15

Isaiah chapters 28-33 contain a cycle of prophecies and proclamations concerning the relation of Judah to Assyria during the time of King Hezekiah. Hezekiah's father, King Ahaz, had sinned by not seeking protection against Syria and Israel from the LORD, but from Assyria. King Hezekiah took over Judah, and although he was a pious, God-fearing king, he sinned by seeking protection against Syria by appealing to Egypt and entering into an alliance with this heathen nation. All of this is described at length in these chapters. The planning, scheming and diplomacy

without the Lord is condemned. The first 4 verses are words of rebuke for Israel and verses 5-15 are spoken to the people of Judah.

Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, Whose glorious beauty is a fading flower Which is at the head of the verdant valleys, To those who are overcome with wine! 2 Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one, Like a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, Like a flood of mighty waters overflowing, Who will bring them down to the earth with His hand. 3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, Will be trampled underfoot; 4 And the glorious beauty is a fading flower Which is at the head of the verdant valley, Like the first fruit before the summer, Which an observer sees; He eats it up while it is still in his hand. 5 In that day the Lord of hosts will be For a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty To the remnant of His people, 6 For a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, And for strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate. 7 But they also have erred through wine, And through intoxicating drink are out of the way; The priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink, They are swallowed up by wine, They are out of the way through intoxicating drink; They err in vision, they stumble in judgment. 8 For all tables are full of vomit and filth; No place is clean. 9 "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, 12 To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear. 13 But the word of the Lord was to them, "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon

line, Here a little, there a little,” That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught. 14 Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scornful men, Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, 15 Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, It will not come to us, For we have made lies our refuge, And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.”

Romans 8:26-27

In last Sunday’s reading Paul called attention to a believer’s desire for his final redemption, a desire reflected in the groaning of all creation. Paul continues that same thought in our brief reading adding as an encouragement that the Holy Spirit will help strengthen believers in their time of weakness until they reach their time of glory.

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Mark 6:30-34

The Twelve return from their preaching tour and report to Jesus. Jesus suggests that they get some rest, but the people follow them on foot and by the time He and the disciples arrive, a large crowd has gathered. Jesus takes pity on them because they are like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus teaches them and this shows Himself to be their Shepherd.

Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. 31 And He

said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. 32 So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves. 33 But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. 34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 28:16-22

Sermon Theme: **A Cornerstone in Zion.**

Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. 17 Also I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the plummet; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place. 18 Your covenant with death will be annulled, And your agreement with Sheol will not stand; When the overflowing scourge passes through, Then you will be trampled down by it. 19 As often as it goes out it will take you; For morning by morning it will pass over, And by day and by night; It will be a terror just to understand the report.” 20 For the bed is too short to stretch out on, And the covering so narrow that one cannot wrap himself in it. 21 For the Lord will rise up as at Mount Perazim, He will be angry as in the Valley of Gibeon— That He may do His work, His awesome work, And bring to pass His act, His unusual act. 22 Now therefore, do not be mockers, Lest your bonds be made strong; For I have heard from the Lord God of hosts, A destruction determined even upon the whole earth.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God that you are here this morning worshipping your Savior with us. May Jesus, the Cornerstone of the Church, be the Foundation of your faith now and forever. Come worship with us again and please sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

10:15 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting

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

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion

SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Meyer
Counters: Kathy Dreyer & Chris Gerbitz

OFFERINGS 7/18 for Unified Budget: \$2,385

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 15 / YouTube views - / Church 39

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.
- Recently colloquized Pastor Luke Willitz has received the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Teacher Emeritus David Bernthal, a member of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI has returned the call to be principal and 2nd-6th grade teacher at Grace, Valentine, NE. Grace has now called Miss Becky McKinney.

INTERESTED IN A CHRISTIAN NOVEL?: Deborah Ude's, "Shadows in Sunshine," now available, is V.4 in

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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. ManUp! offers 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, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also find additional information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the coming year. Please contact Pastor Bernthal or Luke Schaser If you are able to help out.

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL: will be held August 2-6 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. If anyone would like to help with arts & crafts please contact Pastor Bernthal or Luke Schaser.

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