

Peace Thru Christ

Lutheran Church and School

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The Lord the Strength of His People — A Song of Ascents.

*Those who trust in the Lord Are like Mount Zion,
Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.*

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*As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So the Lord surrounds His people
From this time forth and forever.*

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*For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
On the land allotted to the righteous,
Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.*

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*Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
And to those who are upright in their hearts.*

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*As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways,
The Lord shall lead them away
With the workers of iniquity.
Peace be upon Israel!*

Psalms 125

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 125

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p.12

Opening Hymn: 529 (read 3-4)

Before Sermon: 574 (read 3)

Offering Hymn: 792

After Prayers: 376 (read 3)

After Benediction: 19:4-5

Antiphon, Ps. 146 Pg. 41 W.S.

Scripture Readings:

Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit, by means of His own intercession, 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 [a]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.

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus' parable of the Weeds tells us the final separation of believers from unbelievers will come about on Judgment Day. That is like not pulling up weeds with the wheat, but waiting for the harvest. Then the weeds will

WHILE I LIVE

Antiphon



I will praise Your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Psalm Tone



While I live I will praise the LORD;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man,*

In whom there is no help.

His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;*

In that very day his plans perish.

Antiphon

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,*

Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;*

Who keeps truth forever,

Who executes justice for the oppressed,*

Who gives food to the hungry,

The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon

be gathered to be burnt and the wheat is gathered and put into the barn. A picture of the Judgment of hell and of heaven. The Judgment will come, but not prematurely. It will be according to God's timing.

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "

The Sermon: read/listen to sermons at www.peacethruchrist.org

Sermon Text:

Isaiah 44:6-8

Sermon Theme:

THE LORD IS OUR ROCK!

I:

He is Rock Solid in His care for us.

II:

He is Rock Solid in His prophecies.

III:

He is Rock Solid in His claim as the only God.

"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God. 7

And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, Since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, Let them show these to them. 8 Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know none.' "

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad that you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior-God. Please come again and worship your Savior-God with us. If you would like to learn more about what we at Peace Thru Christ teach, please contact Pastor Bernthal. Please sign our guest register.



This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship • 10:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

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

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

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Meyer
Counters: Randy Dreyer & Mike Brandle

OFFERINGS 7/12 for Unified Budget: \$7,940.00 MDF: \$150
Kinship Disaster: \$200

ATTENDANCE: Facebook/73 Youtube views/7 17 in church

BIBLE CLASS: We have our Zoom Bible Class this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Last week we had 10 in attendance. This Wednesday we will be studying the parable of the Ten Virgins. A link and study sheet will be sent out beforehand.

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 interested in teaching.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Richard Kanzenbach has accepted the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon. SD.
- Prof. Steve Sippert has returned the call to Bethel, Morris, MN.
- Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.

MAINTENANCE POSITION:

A full-time position has opened in the maintenance department of ILC following the faithful service of John Fox. In service to the LORD and for the welfare of our students, the responsibilities include: 1) the maintenance and improvement of the grounds and roads on the campus (e.g., mowing, tree trimming, plowing, road repair, etc.); 2) the repair, maintenance, and improvements of the buildings on the campus (e.g., equipment maintenance, plumbing, electrical, furnace and boiler care, building improvements, furniture repair, etc.); and 3) being available for certain scheduled 'on call' evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays. Those who are interested may contact Prof. Dan Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) who can provide more details along with compensation. Applications will start being reviewed on August 15, 2020.

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. 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

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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.

MEN'S RETREAT:

The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 24-27, 2020, 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 at this link: www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020. Visit our website, www.manup.clclutheran.org, for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past. More information can be found on our website.

BOOKS BY DEBI UDE:

Take a refreshing walk, basking in the Sunshine. Deborah Ude's third book, "Sunshine in Shadows" is now available. This book paints the dark miasma of this life's valley of tears but shows the Light from above is shining. By faith we too must continually struggle, yet we do not walk in shadows but in the light of Christ's empty tomb. Though part of a series, this book stands on its own. Here is the link to its sale on Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/SunshineinShadows>. (The digital version is \$2.99 and the printed paperback is \$11.99.) All three of Debi's books are also available in printed form at the CLC Bookstore or directly from John Ude , john.ude@ilc.edu.

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Trip to Israel - A group trip to Israel, which has been planned for January 2021, is still scheduled and is now less than six months away. The dates are set for January 13-22, 2021 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. We currently have 17 members of CLC congregations registered for the trip, and over a dozen more have expressed an interest. The tour company is expecting that our tour will be possible, but they do have options available for us if it has to be cancelled due to the situation at that time. You are invited to join this group of like-minded believers as we see the places where God stepped into History to fulfill His plan of salvation for sinners! The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602 or nnmayhew@sleepyey)

KNOW GOD THROUGH LOVE

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

More Information and Audio Sermons at www.peacethruchrist.org



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