

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost • July 4, 2021

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119: V

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SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 13:17-22

God foretells the complete destruction of Babylon (capital of Assyria) by the Medes. It will be total, like the devastation and destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

“Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, Who will not [a]regard silver; And as for gold, they will not delight in it. 18 Also their bows will dash the young men to pieces, And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; Their eye will not spare children. 19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The

beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 20 It will never be inhabited, Nor will it be settled from generation to generation; Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there. 21 But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, And their houses will be full of [b]owls; Ostriches will dwell there, And wild goats will caper there. 22 The hyenas will howl in their citadels, And jackals in their pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, And her days will not be prolonged."

Romans 6:1-14

We see in this section of Paul's letter his response to the salvation Christ has accomplished for all. Through baptism the believer has become a participant in Jesus' death and resurrection. Each believer, therefore, has died to sins and through the power of the Gospel rises to lead a new life in Christ.

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be [a]done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been [b]freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once

for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, [c]reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as [d]instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Luke 12:13-21

The parable of the rich fool parallels the kingdom of Babylon--rich, bountiful, powerful—but so foolish as they stand on the threshold of judgment and remain wrapped up in the pleasures and cares of this world. “You fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?”

Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14 But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” 15 And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of [a]covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” 16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ 18 So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”’ 20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ 21 “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 14:12-23 Sermon Theme:

Who are the SHAKERS and MOVERS of this world?

I: In a worldly way, it is sinful mankind.

II: But in reality it is God as He deals with the pretenders to His glory.

II: It is also God Himself with the Gospel message of man's salvation!

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. 16 "Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, 17 Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?' 18 "All the kings of the nations, All of them, sleep in glory, Everyone in his own house; 19 But you are cast out of your grave Like an abominable branch, Like the garment of those who are slain, Thrust through with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse trodden underfoot. 20 You will not be joined with them in burial, Because you have destroyed your land And slain your people. The brood of evildoers shall never be named. 21 Prepare slaughter for his children Because of the iniquity of their fathers, Lest they rise up and possess the land, And fill the face of the world with cities." 22 "For I will rise up against them," says the Lord of hosts, "And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, And offspring and posterity,"

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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 been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.
- Pastor Tim Daub, Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD, has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Redeemer, Bowdle, SD, and has returned the call to serve as full-time pastor of Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- 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.
- Paul and Courtney Agenten, members at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN, have accepted the roles of boys' and girls' dormitory supervisors at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.

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/convchron-21 . The full Convention Proceedings will

says the Lord. 23 “I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, And marshes of muddy water; I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,” says the Lord of hosts.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord’s Supper is being celebrated this morning. We encourage all of our members to attend this meal of forgiveness from our Savior. Since it is a confession of oneness in faith and doctrine, we ask that only members of Peace Thru Christ or of a sister congregation in the CLC partake of the Lord’s Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called “Close Communion,” please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God that you are with us this morning. May the message of our God’s judgment upon the pride and glory of sinful man and His deliverance through Christ, lead us to repent and look alone with confident faith to Jesus. Come again and hear some more Good News for your soul! Please, also sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

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

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Gerbitz, C. & A. Counters: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

OFFERINGS 6/20 for Unified Budget: \$2,775.00

Kinship: \$500.00

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 40/ YouTube views 2/ Church 26

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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.