

Third Sunday after Pentecost • June 13, 2021



Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Karen Schaser

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119:II

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 7:1-14

This section from Isaiah is one of the most familiar and cherished prophecies of the coming Messiah, Jesus. Isaiah spoke these words as he stood before King Ahaz who was a political and spiritual disaster. Spineless and heathen, this King of Judah offered his own sons as human sacrifices and followed the detestable ways of the heathen nations around him. During his reign he set up heathen altars throughout Jerusalem. When the LORD sought to humble Ahaz and lead him to repentance, Ahaz turned to wicked Syria for help. Still, when Isaiah went to meet Ahaz at the upper pool, the prophet went with a message of divine comfort and encouragement from God. Judah's enemies (Israel, Ephraim and Syria) would not prevail, but the warning is given to King Ahaz, "If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established." When

God offers Ahaz a sign to prove that His promise of salvation will come to pass, Ahaz sounds very pious in saying he does not want to test the LORD, but this was not piety at all but hardness of his heart in unbelief. This is when the LORD through Isaiah gives this prophecy--a sign of the miracle of all ages—a virgin will conceive and give birth to a son who is God in humans flesh; Immanuel---God with us!.

7 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to make war against it, but could not prevail against it. 2 And it was told to the house of David, saying, "Syria's forces are deployed in Ephraim." So his heart and the heart of his people were moved as the trees of the woods are moved with the wind. 3 Then the Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-Jashub your son, at the end of the aqueduct from the upper pool, on the highway to the Fuller's Field, 4 and say to him: 'Take heed, and be quiet; do not fear or be fainthearted for these two stubs of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying, 6 "Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves, and set a king over them, the son of Tabel"— 7 thus says the Lord God: "It shall not stand, Nor shall it come to pass. 8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, And the head of Damascus is Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken, So that it will not be a people. 9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, And the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, Surely you shall not be established." ' ' 10 Moreover the Lord spoke again to

Ahaz, saying, 11 “Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above.” 12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!” 13 Then he said, “Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Romans 4:18-25

Paul illustrates how the fact of justification by faith was applicable to Abraham. Abraham believed God’s promise of a Savior and attributed his salvation to God’s grace. Whoever believes in Jesus has His righteousness.

18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.” 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.



Luke 1:26-38

Isaiah prophesied of this some 750 years before it happened. Now the angel Gabriel reveals the same Good News to the Virgin Mary.

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible." 38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



THE SERMON:

Isaiah 9:2-7

Sermon Theme:

We Celebrate the Birth of the Child with Four Names...

I: Wonderful Counselor--

II: Mighty God—

III: Everlasting Father—

IV: Prince of Peace

2 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. 5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire. 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

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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

SEEKING VBS VOLUNTEERS: This year's VBS will take place during the week of August 2-6, and we are currently seeking volunteers to help with the week's events. If you are willing to help, please contact Caleb Gerbitz (caleb.gerbitz@gmail.com) or speak to him at church. There will be a planning meeting for volunteers after church next Sunday.

EVANGELISM MEETING: Our Evangelism group will meet next Sunday after the VBS Helpers meeting.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynwood, WA has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.
- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has returned the call by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Mrs. Michaela Winters, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. has been called by Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston, WA
- Ann Sprengeler and Jessica Krueger have accepted their calls as co-principals for one year by Faith, Markesan, WI.
- Greta Brown-Kempenaar has been called as music teacher and preschool aid for one year by Faith, Markesan, WI
- Mrs. Vanessa Wales has been called to be 2-6 grade teacher at Grace, Valentine, NE.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We are thankful you are here this morning to worship your Savior, who is the Son of God born of the virgin Mary---both God and Man in one person. May the announcement of our Savior's birth, proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah years earlier, strengthen us in our trust in Jesus alone as the only Savior for all of mankind. We invite you to come and worship your Triune God with us again. Please, also sign our guest register.

This Week:

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

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

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

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship • 10:15 a.m. VBS
Helpers Meeting/Evangelism Meeting

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS: This Wednesday night will be our last mid-week Zoom Bible Class until August 11. We continue our study of the Gospel of John at 7:00 p.m.

SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Hallahan
Counters: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

OFFERINGS 6/6 for Unified Budget: \$ 2,234.00

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 20/ YouTube views 5/ Church 28

PROPECTUS: The Prospectus for 34th Convention of the CLC is available on the mailbox table in the entry-way. There are 6 copies still available. Take one and keep up with what is happening in our synod.

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ART INSTRUCTOR NEEDED: Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire is seeking a member from one of our CLC congregations as an instructor for high school art. Art is a hands-on course which gives students an opportunity to learn the principles of art and apply them in a variety of two- and three- dimensional media. The instructor also would be expected to provide a Christian influence and environment in this class. Art is a senior-level class with 2 sections that meets 5 days a week (45-minute class periods). If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact ILC President Dan Schierenbeck at dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu. Please provide any relevant education or experience related to the position.

KINSHIP COVID Aid - With the recent surge of COVID infections in Asia, our brothers and sisters in Christ in India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh are suffering as they struggle to stay healthy and provide for daily necessities due to the lockdown measures that are being strictly enforced. Both the CLCI and BELC report deaths of pastors and members. Also, Pastor Jyothi in India was hospitalized and was very near death. He was able to receive care in an ICU bed for a few weeks where he received life saving treatments while he was unconscious for several days. We thank our Savior that Jyothi has recently been released from the hospital and is staying with a relative near the hospital. He is currently receiving oxygen and injections to prevent blood clots. With all of this and more, the CLC Board of Missions and the KINSHIP Committee have decided to provide financial help to assist with humanitarian efforts and medical bills. Offerings to the KINSHIP General Fund will help with this effort to help those who are suffering in Asia at this time. Please remember our brethren in your prayers!

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BRANCHES: Time to Renew or Subscribe--The Branches magazine is a publication designed and published by women of the CLC. It's time to renew, subscribe for the first time, or purchase gift subscriptions for others in your life who may benefit. Mother's Day, confirmations, and graduations are upon us! A subscription makes a great, year-long gift. \$15 for 4, 24 page issues each year.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN: The congregation again is ordering a subscription for every family of this useful synodical monthly magazine. The price is \$ 14 per copy for the year. If you would like to help out with this purchase, please place an extra \$ 14 in your offering. Thank you.

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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