

Psalm 84

1 How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! 2 My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. 3 Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young— Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God. 4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. 6 As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion. 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah 9 O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed. 10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. 12 O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

WHO WE ARE: 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 about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Bernthal



We teach that the Holy Spirit works repentance and faith in the hearts of individuals through which one receives the blessings of Christ's redemption. The foundation for such saving faith is the Bible—God's holy, unchangeable, inerrant Word. Since "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God," the Bible is completely reliable, trustworthy and true. It is the only source of our faith and life.

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 84 on back of bulletin

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn: 783

Before Sermon: 337

Choir: . . "Arm These Thy Soldiers, Mighty Lord"

Children: "Lord, Be My Rock"

Offering Hymn: 792

Closing Hymn: 800

Scripture Readings:

Acts 17:22-34

Paul was invited by the Athenians to speak about "this new doctrine... bringing some strange things to our ears." Paul used the opportunity to reveal the unknown God to these people. He told them that even though they were "very religious" worshipping many gods, they did not know the only God that exists—the Creator of heaven and earth, who preserves, protects and directs all life in the world. Paul proclaimed a coming judgment but when he mentioned Christ's resurrection some of them mocked Paul while

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(John 21:15) In keeping with these divine directives, Christian parents do all in their power to see that their children are raised in the Christian faith. This includes much daily and natural instruction in the Christian home. Christian parents will also utilize the educational opportunities and blessings the Lord offers them through their church—worship attendance, Sunday School, the Christian Day School, Confirmation. Through these agencies they receive an ongoing and thorough training in the Word of the Lord. Christian parents and congregations have always recognized the importance of instilling the Christian faith and values in their children during their earliest formative years. This is intended to train and fortify them for spiritual challenges, temptations and dangers that they will inevitably face both during their adolescent and adult years. They and we live in an evil and ungodly world and only a faith firmly anchored in its Savior and His Word will survive. Christian education in all of its forms is essential and vital. For many generations, the Lutheran Church has used Confirmation as one of its spiritual tools. While simply a "custom," its benefits make it an important part of our church life. Using Luther's Catechism, the children are carefully taught the main teachings of God's Word through the "Six Chief Parts" of the Catechism—the 10 Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, Lord's

Prayers and Ministry of the Keys and Confession. This instruction is the chief part of confirmation. Upon completing the course, the young people are "examined" so that all may know both their preparedness and their desire to become a communicant member of the congregation and to worthily receive the Lord's Supper. On the day of their Confirmation, these Christian young people pledge their lifelong allegiance to their Savior and His Word.

May all of us use this day to pray for and encourage our confirmands Nichole, Kirsten and Rachel, and other Christian youth in their faith. And may God by His Grace keep us faithful so that all of us may one day receive the glorious "crown of life" as we are eternally "confirmed" in heavenly glory through our Christian death.

Kirsten Sara Brandle:

Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. Psalm 86:11

Nichole Jennifer Brandle:

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. Deut. 31:6

Rachel Ruth Gerbitz:

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I Timothy 6:12

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This year's Youth Conference will be held August 2-6, at a retreat center in Ellington, MO (about 2½ hours south of St. Louis). It is for young people who have completed grade 8 through the second year of college. The cost is \$275, plus transportation. Financial aid is available. Speakers and organizers are from a number of CLC congregations. A bus will be available from Mankato. The conference will feature timely Christian topics, fellowship, and plenty of outdoor activities. Brochures and registration forms are available on the table in our church narthex, or see the Conference website online at: www.youthconference.info. The deadline for registrations is June 15 (late registration by July 15, at additional cost).

SPRING CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Luther Memorial Church of Fond du Lac, WI, is hosting a Spring Christian Music Festival. We are inviting your congregation members not only to come, but to participate as well. We welcome musicians of any age, of every kind (vocal, solo/ensemble, instrumental - wind, string, brass, keyboard, etc.) as well as Christian music of every genre (baroque to contemporary). The SCMF will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 5th, with a supper afterwards (Luther Memorial will provide the table service, as well as the meat and drinks. Those attending are encouraged to bring a bag of chips, salad, and/or dessert. Contact Pastor Neal Radichel -- nealradichel@gmail.com (920-922-7421) or Pastor Paul Krause -- PTKrause@clclutheran.com (920-398-2778) concerning what you would like to play or sing

CARPPOOLING OPPORTUNITY: Anyone who is planning to attend the Arise and

Shine Retreat at Camp Jim in Minnesota June 9-12 and would like to carpool with someone please contact Craig Youngerberg at 563-568-8318 or via email at golfmech86@gmail.com. If you would provide a name and an address (and possibly a spot to meet along a major road if you live in a secluded area) I will try to coordinate a ride share. If there is anyone willing to provide transportation, please also let me know because carpooling doesn't work well without a vehicle... Hopefully we can help defray the driving costs for everyone and allow more people to attend. Here's an added benefit; what better way to get to know people than to spend several hours in the car with them? Looking forward to hearing from you and meeting you at the retreat! Craig Youngerberg

THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMATION:

Holy Baptism is "the washing of rebirth and renewing of the Holy Spirit," (Titus 3:5). Through this Sacrament, God receives little children into His Covenant and Kingdom of Grace, working faith in them and making them members of Christ's Church and temples of the Holy Spirit. And as God will not permit His faithfulness to fail, but keeps His promise of mercy, even so He says to each of His own: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Rev. 2:10) So that this purpose may be accomplished and children may grow in grace and Christian knowledge, the Lord commanded parents: "do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4) and His to Church He has said: "Feed My lambs."

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others said they would listen to him later. However the Word worked in the hearts of a few who were led to believe and a small group of Christians joined Paul in worship of the Triune God.

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' 29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter." 33 So Paul departed from among them. 34 However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

I Peter 3:15-22

Peter encourages all of us to give a defense of our faith whenever we have an opportunity to give the "reason for the hope that is in" us. What should we confess? That Jesus suffered and died to pay for our sins, that He descended into hell to proclaim His victory, rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven and now rules all things.

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with

meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

The Sermon: read sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Proverbs 22:17-21; 3 John 4**
DEAR CONFIRMANDS, THERE IS NO GREATER JOY IN THE HEARTS OF YOUR I: Parents II: Pastor III: Heavenly Father Than to know that you are walking in the Truth!

Proverbs 22:17-21 17 - *Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge; 18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; Let them all be fixed upon your lips, 19 So that your trust may be in the LORD; I have instructed you today, even you. 20 Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge, 21 That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you?*

3 John 4 - *I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We welcome all of our guests in our resurrected Savior's name. May the Holy Spirit work through God's Word to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and give us the courage to confess our faith to all whom we meet. Come and worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest register.

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This Week:

Today 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Snack
 12:00 a.m. Confirmation Meal

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Oak Park Place

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Ascension Worship

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

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Don't forget that our summer schedule begins next Sunday. Worship services will be held at 9:00 a.m. through Labor Day.

LAST SUNDAY: Worship 59 S.S. 11 B.C. 23

OFFERINGS 5/23, 2011
 for Unified Budget: \$2,363

SPECIAL GIFTS:

Window Clings—Evangelism \$25
 Benevolence \$20

IN YOUR MAILBOX: June Calendar and Newsletter. CLC Mission Newsletter

SURVEY RESULTS: If you have not yet responded with your Building Extension and Renovation Surveys, please put them in the church by the mailboxes. Thank you!

PRAISE THE LORD: Over \$35,000 has been designated by members for the Parsonage Extension and Renovation projects.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING:

The Voters passed a resolution to go ahead with all of the projects presented by the Church Council not to spend more than \$ 120,000 and not to borrow more than \$ 70,000 from the CEF. The first project will be the Windows/Siding of the parsonage.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN: We are again ordering 15 monthly copies of this useful synodical monthly magazine. They are \$ 15 per copy for the year. If you would like to help out with this purchase, please place an extra \$15 in your offering. Thank you.

VBS: Our annual VBS will be held Aug. 1-5 from 9-11:45 a.m. Parents, please mark your calendars. If you would like to help

out with teaching, arts & crafts or singing, please contact Pastor Bernthal. The TVBS flyer team will be coming July 17-19 to help distribute flyers.

CLC NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL has called Teacher Paul Tiefel III to be their lower grade school teacher. Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Mankato MN. St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, has called Mrs. Peggy Kesterson as part time teacher for the school.

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION: Seminary Graduate David Pfeiffer, Lord willing, will be ordained and installed as Pastor of Ascension Lutheran, Batavia, IL on June 12th.

BASEBALL OUTING: Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners has its annual Brewer's outing on Monday, August 1. June 1 is the deadline. Ticket is \$20.00. If interested tickets are payable to "Messiah" and sent to Ted Quade.

IMMANUEL PROFESSORAGE

COMMITTEE: This committee was established by the 2010 Convention with the hope that it might through volunteer help coordinate maintenance projects on the ILC's professorages while operating under an already strained budget. It has taken a while to get organized, assess the professorages, and obtain budget authorization, but the IPC is ready to announce the call for volunteers to help in the re-shingling of two professorages. We have picked June 16-18, the dates immediately following Pastoral Conference. Each one we do ourselves saves about \$3,500. If you are able to help, please notify one of the Committee members or President John Pfeiffer (715-836-6620). IPC: Dave Aymond (651-457-9839), Pastor Tiefel (715-829-2000), Charles Wittorp (269-930-4232)