

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements**

**2020 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal** - The CLC Mission Helper Program is now accepting applications for the 2020 Trip to Nepal in July. This trip will be limited to eight volunteers so please apply early. An online application and more information can be found at [www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org](http://www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org)

**NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

**Nov. 15** 7:00 p.m. Game Night

**Nov. 17** 11:35 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

**Nov. 19** 7:00 p.m. Hannah’s Helping Hands

**Nov. 27** 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**KNOW GOD THROUGH LOVE**

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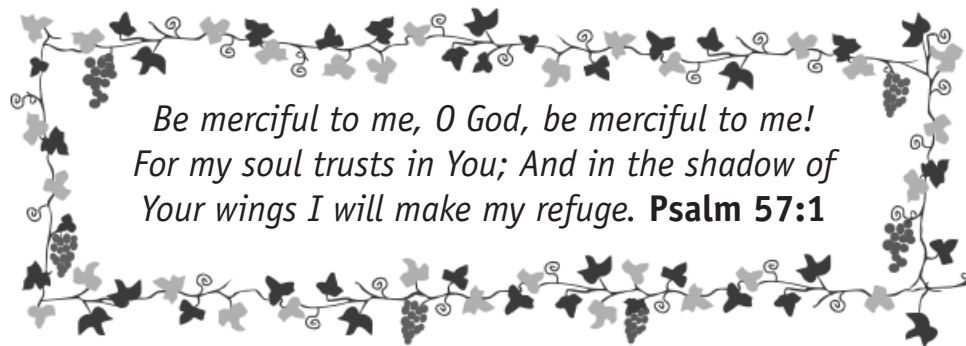
We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God’s grace; that Jesus Christ paid the full sacrificial price—His very life—so that gift of salvation could be ours. If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at [mbern@juno.com](mailto:mbern@juno.com)



More Information and Audio Sermons at [www.peacethruchrist.org](http://www.peacethruchrist.org)



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*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!  
For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of  
Your wings I will make my refuge. **Psalm 57:1***

**Twenty-first Sunday in Pentecost • November 3, 2019**

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**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 57**

## **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Communion Liturgy, P. 1 W.S.**

<b>Opening Hymn:</b>	<b>459 (1-4, 6)</b>
<b>Before Sermon:</b>	<b>457</b>
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>788</b>
<b>During Distribution:</b>	<b>305</b>
<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	<b>309</b>

## Scripture Readings:

### Genesis 18:16-33

Abraham gives us an example of perseverance in prayer. He never lost his perspective on what is truly important—the deliverance of souls—as he pleaded earnestly for the Lord’s mercy and grace on Sodom and Gomorrah. Yet he relied completely on God’s will, confident that the Lord would deal righteously with the sinful situation in these wicked cities. Christian prayer knows no limits. It trusts in God’s grace. It also submits to God’s will.

*16 Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. 17 And the Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, 18 since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.” 20 And the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, 21 I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.” 22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. 23 And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? 25 Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” 26 So the Lord said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.” 27 Then Abraham answered and said, “Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: 28 Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?” So He said, “If I find*

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### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/Peterson B. Schaefer  
Counters today: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 32 S.S. 1 Bible Class 16

**OFFERINGS** 10/27 for Unified Budget: \$ 1,610

### CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA has been called by Trinity, Spokane, WA.
- Pastor Terrel Kesterson, Ascension, Batavia, IL has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.
- The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions has called Pastor Mike Eichstadt to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI.
- The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor Andrew Schaller to serve as the CLC’s third foreign missionary.
- Redeemer and Zion of Bowdle and Ipswich, SD, have called Mr. Allen Durham (member of Resurrection, Corpus Christi) to serve as their pastor. The call document includes stipulations (1) to continue his distance studies through ILC with the intent of becoming a rostered called worker of the CLC in due time and (2) to reach out to the conference visitor for any matter he and the local trustees determine the Lord has yet to equip him sufficiently.

**GOD’S PROMISE KEPT VOL. II:** The second book written by Pastor Emeritus Dale Redlin. Pastor Paul Nolting—Editor; Timothy Schaser -- Graphic Artist. \$15.00 each. There are only 2 copies left in the entry-way. Great Christmas gift! Please pay pastor.

## PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. What a blessing our God gives to us—to have a heart to heart talk with Him in prayer. This privilege is only through our Savior Jesus, who is our Intermediary. It is in His name that we pray to our heavenly Father. If you are interested in learning more about our teachings from God's Word, please speak with Pastor Bernthal and please sign our guest register in the entry-way. We invite you to come and worship your Savior-God with us again.

**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 come forward to 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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### This Week:

**Today** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The Wonderful Catch of Fish  
Bible Class: The People in David's Life and Yours—Abigail/Uriah  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:15 a.m. Choir

**Tuesday** 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow

**Wednesday** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Play Group • 7:00 p.m. Bible Class

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

**Friday** Pastor' Study Club—Messiah, Hales Corners  
ILC College Visitor's Day

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:15 a.m. Choir  
11:35 a.m. Church Council

*there forty-five, I will not destroy it." 29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do it for the sake of forty." 30 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." 31 And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty." 32 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten." 33 So the Lord went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.*

## Matthew 6:5-15

Jesus teaches us how to pray. Don't pray publicly to show off your faith; pray in private. Don't babble in repetitive words thinking that the more we pray the greater the chance we have of being heard and answered. Pray simply, and pray to the point. We should use our own words in prayers, but we should also pray from the heart the most excellent prayer—the one our Savior taught us to pray: The Lord's Prayer!

*"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come.*

*Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. 14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*



Sermon Text: **I Kings 18:20-40**

Sermon Theme: **A LESSON ON PRAYER**

**I: To whom should we pray?**

**II: How should we pray?**

**III: For what should we pray?**

*So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. 21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word. 22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. 23 Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it. 24 Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by fire, He is God." So all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken." 25 Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." 26 So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. 27 And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened." 28 So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. 29 And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention. 30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. 31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob,*



*to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name." 32 Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood." 34 Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time. 35 So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. 36 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. 37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again." 38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!" 40 And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.*