

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost • October 17, 2021

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Gail Schaefer

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119:XX

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 62:1-7

Zion, the Church (all believers in Christ) is called the bride of the Lord. Here the Lord promises He will not rest until He has placed Jerusalem (His Church) as His glorious bride at His side and made her known to all the world. We have this inner glory now in Christ, even in the midst of tribulations during these last days. It shall be an everlasting glory to the Church triumphant in heaven.

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns. 2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the Lord will name. 3 You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the Lord, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God. 4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the Lord delights in you, And your land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you. 6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, 7 And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Philippians 3:12-21

Paul encourages believers to continue to strive for perfection in their lives. He reminds us that “our citizenship is in heaven.” Since we are heaven’s citizens, we need to work so that our thinking and way of life are not earth-bound, but heaven-bound.

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. 16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. 17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

John 8:31-47

Real freedom comes through Jesus and His Word. Those who have rejected the Lord Jesus are slaves to their father, Satan. If we belong to God we will hear God's Word.

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. 37 "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. 38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what

you have seen with your father.” 39 They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.” 42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. 46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 61:1-3

Sermon Theme:

THE GREAT EXCHANGE!

I: “God has made us what we WERE NOT.”

II: “God has made Jesus what He WAS NOT.”

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the

*acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in
Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may
be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He
may be glorified.”*



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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior. What a great exchange Jesus has given us---our sins for His righteousness; our death for His life; our hell for His heaven. We pray that you have received Jesus, as the Greatest Gift ever given. Please come again and please also sign our guest book.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The Death and Burial of Jesus • Bible Class: Philippians • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:15 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow
7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands by Zoom

Wed-Fri. CLC Teachers' Conference, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI

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

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Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEEETING: is today after church.
"Serve the Lord with gladness."

NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: Pastor & Ruth will be attending the CLC Teachers' Conference Worship service this Wednesday at Messiah, Hales Corners at 7:00 p.m. so there will be no Wednesday night Bible Class this week. We will continue with our study of the Gospel of John next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

BIBLE CLASS NEXT SUNDAY: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, who serves our sister congregation in Winter Haven, FL delivered a paper that is timely and valuable to our Pastoral Conference several weeks ago. The title is "Approaching Matters of Health & Science without Divisiveness." You may know people who have very strong opinions on both sides of current debates concerning medical issues i.e. Covid, vaccines, masks, etc. This paper provides a valuable reminder about our unity concerning the things that are objectively true and life-saving from the Word of God, and our obligation to bear with each other in all other matters, in Christian love. We will be studying Pastor Rodebaugh's paper next Sunday.

SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Franson/
Williams B. Schaefer Counters: Caleb Gerbitz & Chris Ude

OFFERINGS 10/10 for Unified Budget: \$1,990.00
Kinship: \$100.00
\$35 in loving memory of Mae Noeldner to U.B.

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 8 / YouTube views 2 / Church 34
S.S. 2 Bible Class: 15

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CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Tom Schuetize, St. Paul, Lakewood, CO. has the call to Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO.
- Pastor David Ude, Living Hope, Appleton, WI, has the call to Ascension, Tacoma, WA.

FALL MISSION WEBINAR The Committee of Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13th at 3 p.m. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. Pastor David Ude will be presenting his portion of this Webinar from our church. We invite our members to attend this webinar and to take part in it. The theme is "Mission Myths" and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - <https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/>

ONLINE INTERVIEWS WITH OUR OVERSEAS CHURCH LEADERS

- There are two "live" video interviews available online, recorded at Messiah, Eau Claire on the weekend of September 25-26. Pastor Raju tells of the work of the HCLCN in Nepal, and Pastor Jyothi of the work in the CLCI in India. Both can be viewed on Messiah's YouTube page - click the "live stream" button at www.eauclairemessiah.com. For closed captioning, click the "CC" button on the YouTube player. A gallery of recent pictures from Nepal can be seen here: www.tinyurl.com/hclcn-photos-21. A gallery of pictures from India are here: tinyurl.com/clci-photos-21.

JOINT REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE is planned for Sunday, Oct. 31st at 4:00 p.m. to be held at Ascension Lutheran, Batavia, IL. Congregations from; Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac; Faith, Markesan; Messiah, Hales Corners; Living

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Hope, Appleton; Ascension, Batavia, IL, and ours have all been invited. Choirs from these congregations will also be singing. We encourage you to attend this special worship service in praise to our Triune God for the blessings of the Reformation. A meal will follow. Please sign the sheet if you are planning on coming.

2022 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP: Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa

SAVE THE DATE: Luther Memorial Church in Fond du Lac is excited to hold an Advent by Candlelight event for ladies from Luther Memorial and other CLC congregations on Sunday, December 5th at 3:30-5:30 pm at Luther Memorial. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful afternoon of encouragement from God's Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent and Christmas season! Reservations will be available at the beginning of November. Gather a group of ladies from your church and join us for this uplifting program! Need more information? Contact Kate Sauers at 314-540-8781.

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