

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost • October 24, 2021

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119:XXI

THE ORDER OF SERVICE • Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

Opening Hymn:	355
Before Sermon:	660
After Sermon:	438 (4-5)
After Prayers:	619 (1-2, 4, 7-8)
Closing Hymn:	795

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 66:14-24

Isaiah closes his book with a picture of judgment upon the enemies of the Messiah; a promise of the gathering of Gentile believers; and the sad fate of the unbeliever---condemnation to the one (the unbeliever), comfort to the other (the believer in Christ).

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, And your bones shall flourish like grass; The hand of the Lord shall be known to His servants, And His indignation to His enemies. 15 For behold,

the Lord will come with fire And with His chariots, like a whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by His sword The Lord will judge all flesh; And the slain of the Lord shall be many. 17 "Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves, To go to the gardens After an idol in the midst, Eating swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse, Shall be consumed together," says the Lord. 18 "For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. 19 I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. 20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the Lord out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the Lord, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. 21 And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the Lord. 22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the Lord, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the Lord. 24 "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

Philippians 4:4-13

The Apostle urges his Philippian brothers to put into practice all he had taught them---rejoice in the Lord always;

be anxious for nothing and meditate only on good things. Paul then tells them the secret to being content.

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

John 14:1-6

Jesus is THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE!

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.” 5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to

him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 65:17-19

Sermon Theme:

THE SERVANT CREATES ETERNAL FREEDOM!

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or [a]come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy. 19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We rejoice with the Lord that you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior. Through Him alone do we have eternal freedom from sin, death, Satan, and hell. We invite you to come worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest book.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Luther's Life

Bible Class:

"Approaching Matters of Health & Science without Divisiveness."

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

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Tuesday Pastoral Study Club---Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac

Wednesday 9:30-11:30 a.m. Playgroup

7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

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

Next Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Reformation

11:15 a.m. Voters' Meeting to vote on Siding/Windows recommendations

4:00 p.m. Joint Reformation Worship---Ascension, Batavia, IL

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:

We continue our study of the Gospel of John at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

JOINT REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE

is planned for next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. to be held at Ascension Lutheran, Batavia, IL. 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.

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Gerbitz J & C. B. Bernthal Counters: Kathy Dreyer & Chris Gerbitz

OFFERINGS 10/17 for Unified Budget: \$2,380.00

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 10 / YouTube views 2 / Church 24
S.S. 2 Bible Class: 10

CLC NEWS:

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

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ILC INVITE: You are invited to an ILHS production of The Music Man on Nov. 12 & 13, @7:30 pm! These performances will not be live-streamed. A band concert and student performances begin at 7:00 pm.

MEVO RECORDINGS:

If you are interested in running our camera recordings for church, please let Caleb Meyer know. We would like to get you paired up this holiday season so you can be comfortable with the equipment. This is not a "men only" task, and we would like all of our members to have the opportunity to serve in this way. I highly encourage you to try something new! Caleb M.

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/>

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

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group of ladies from your church and join us for this uplifting program! Need more information? Contact Kate Sauers at 314-540-8781.

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

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING REPORT:

Transferred membership of Ben and Robin Carstensen and children Charlotte and Violet. Release of membership of Derek Horejsh and children Edward and Eleanor. Accept as voting member Paul Fassbender. **Treasurer's Report:** Offerings are at \$115,640 which is 15.7% ahead of our \$97,500 budget. Offerings are up 11.6% from last year's total at this point. Expenses are up 6.6% from last year's total at this point. **BOCE Report:** Playgroup restarted on Wednesday, September 15. Four children (two families) attended the most recent date. Despite the difficulty with attendance, we have had no shortage of volunteers, for which we are very thankful. **Property:** Work Day 10/16/21. Thank you to all who helped. There are a few jobs left - see John Gerbitz. Parking lot sealing completed. Replaced sample valve in church furnace room. Took delivery of donated Simplicity Prestige tractor with 54" deck and 42" 2 stage blower. Sold Toro tractor. Purchased a lawn sweeper. A member will take the Snapper snow blower. Toro zero turn is listed on Craigslist and Facebook marketplace - several inquiries - no sale. Keeping the Ariens snow blower until we are certain that it is not needed. Will replace broken furnace for \$4,575. Siding and Windows Design committee has completed recommendations. Receiving final quote from ABC and meeting with stone contractors this week. Voters meeting

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to consider recommendations - 10/31. Congregational meeting to be held at a later date to present final approvals. Electrical work - received quote of \$1,978 from Forward Electric: Outlets in sanctuary for cross and camera. Outlets and HDMI in fellowship hall for ceiling mounted projector. Approved a \$2,200 allowance for the electrical work listed to be taken out of the Maintenance fund. Plans for parsonage remodeling after Pastor Bernthal's retirement. **Evangelism:** Upcoming Events--CDF Mission Festival Webinar - Saturday, November 13 at 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Children's Bible Stories - Passion/Easter series. Start the "Outreach Takeaways" Series. **Old Business:** Expense for horticultural plantings around PTC sign to be paid by the Riggert Estate fund. **New Business:** Website re-design led by Tim Schaser-- Content is similar, however, layout and functionality has been much improved. Thank you to Tim! **Anniversary Committee** – Ruth Bernthal, Kathy Dreyer, Chris Gerbitz, Gail Schaefer, Pam Schulz, Dan Schaefer (Chair). **Nominating Committee:** Pastor, Caleb Meyer and Dan Schaefer. **Audit Committee:** Dan Schaefer and Wes Franson. **Church Video Recording:** Caleb will be putting together the calendar for next year. This can be done by any congregation member. The next Church Council meeting will be on November 14 after worship service. The next Voters' Meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2022.

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**