

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost • October 3, 2021

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Sarah Ude

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119:XVII

THE ORDER OF SERVICE •

Communion Worship Supplement, p. 1

Opening Hymn:..... 340 (1-3, 5-6, 8)

Before Sermon:..... 510

After Sermon: 405 (1, 5-6)

During Communion: 755

Closing Hymn:..... 799

Antiphon, Ps. 66, P. 37 W.S.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 57:14-21

This is a message of PEACE that the LORD has proclaimed through His pastors and teachers here at Peace Thru Christ for the past 49 years; a message that “revives the spirit of the humble and the heart of the contrite ones.” Our response? “O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever!”

And one shall say, “Heap it up! Heap it up! Prepare the way, Take

the stumbling block out of the way of My people.” 15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones. 16 For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls which I have made. 17 For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid and was angry, And he went on [a]backsliding in the way of his heart. 18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him And to his mourners. 19 “I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,” Says the Lord, “And I will heal him.” 20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.”

Philippians 1:1-5; 19-27

Paul gives thanks to God for the fellowship which the Christians in the congregation at Philippi has with him. Paul is convinced that whether death or life should befall him, Christ will be glorified through him. Paul’s desire is to depart this life and to be with Christ forever. However, he is willing to continue in the service of his Lord here on earth for their sake. He looks forward to being released from prison and to being reunited with his fellow-believers. He exhorts them to stand firm in one spirit, striving together in the faith.

Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making

request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now

19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. 25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, 26 that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again. 27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.,

John 3:14-21

Jesus came into the world to save all people. He did this by His perfect obedient life, suffering and death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. Those who are led by the Holy Spirit to believe this have everlasting life. Those who reject this salvation are lost and condemned. May we continue to proclaim this simple truth of God's Word so that the light of the Gospel shines into the darkness of this unbelieving world.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever

believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 56:1-8

Sermon Theme:

WE ARE FOREIGNERS NO LONGER!

I: God has gathered us.

II: We want to gather others.

Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed. 2 Blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil.” 3 Do not let the son of the foreigner Who has joined himself to the Lord Speak, saying, “The Lord has utterly separated me from His people”; Nor let the eunuch say, “Here I am, a dry tree.” 4 For thus says the Lord: “To the eunuchs

who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant, 5 Even to them I will give in My house And within My walls a place and a name Better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name That shall not be cut off. 6 “Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, And to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant— 7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” 8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, “Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him.”

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 partake of the Lord’s Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called “Close Communion,” please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

BAPTIZED TODAY: Felix William Schaser, son of Tim & Christina Schaser born September 22nd. Sponsors: Caleb & Rachel Meyer/Ryan & Emily Mueller

Romans 6:3-4: *Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Galatians 3:27: *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We rejoice and praise God that you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior-God. We thank and praise our Savior-God for all of the blessings we have received from Him. We would love to share this Good News of our Savior with you. Please speak with the pastor if you are interested in learning more about your God and your salvation. Come again to hear the truth of God's Word proclaimed from a confessional Lutheran Church. Please also sign our guest book.

This Week:

Today:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Jesus

Before Pontius Pilate

Bible Class: Philippians 10:00 a.m.

Family Worship/Communion

11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

Thursday

10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Saturday

2:00 p.m. Fall Bike Ride

Next Sunday:

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Church council

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:

We again resume our Wednesday night Bible Class by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. with our study of the Gospel of John. Come, join us.



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IN YOUR MAILBOX:

October Calendar & Newsletter

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Meyer

B. Schaser/Schaser

Counters: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

OFFERINGS

9/19 for Unified Budget: \$981.00

ATTENDANCE:

Facebook 19 / YouTube views 2 / Church 41

CLC NEWS:

- Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has returned the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Pastor Timothy Daub, Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO. Thy have now called Pastor Tom Schuetize, St. Paul, Lakewood, CO.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT:

The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2022. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2022. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 15, 2021 (letters postmarked December 1, 2021) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

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BIKE OUTING:

Our annual fall bike outing is schedule for Saturday at 2:00pm, October 9th. Please sign the sheet if you plan on coming.

CLC SOUTHEASTERN WOMEN'S RETREAT:

A women's retreat is planned in Myrtle Beach, SC, from November 5-7. The theme is "Walking with Jesus." The registration fee is \$40, plus the cost of transportation and hotel. Contact Amy Osborne at 651-329-3662 or newyorker13@hotmail.com with any questions.

COMING-UP IN OCTOBER:

Oct. 9th Fall Bike Ride 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 10th Church Council 11:15 a.m.

Oct. 14th B.O.C.E. by Zoom 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 16th Fall Work Day 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 17th Quarterly Voters' Meeting 11:15 a.m.

Oct. 19th Hannah's Helping Hands 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

Oct. 29th Candlelight Walk at Governor Nelson State Park 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 31st Joint Reformation Worship/Batavia. IL 4:00 p.m.

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