



Maleah and Mikaila Mercer

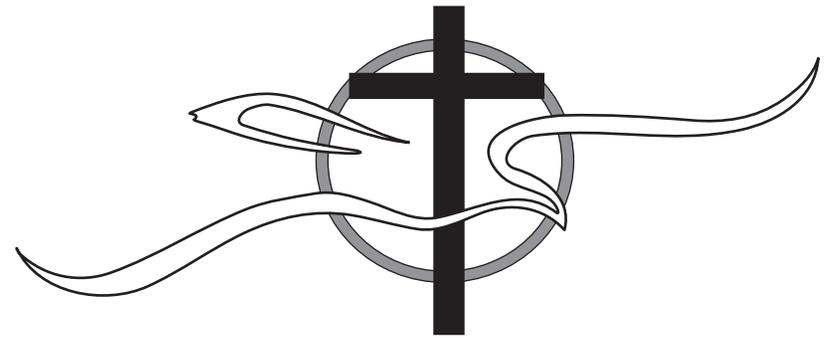
Mercer Memorial Fund:

From Pastor John Schierenbeck about the little girl injured in the car crash. "Some have asked what they can do. The main thing you can do is pray that God's will be done for Maleah and her family and pray for our school children and teachers. Maleah remains in critical condition, but she is responsive. She opened her beautiful eyes when I prayed with her yesterday. The doctors also are trying to take her off the ventilator. She also has six broken ribs, so they are worried about her lungs and pneumonia. The family is in for a long and difficult race as they seek to run it with endurance looking to Jesus. There was no insurance for burial expenses. However, the community

has stepped up with multiple fund raisers. We are not sure how much the insurance will pay for the prolonged hospital stay. This is not high on the family's priorities right now. We have established a memorial fund to help the family with the multitude of unexpected expenses (Mercer Memorial Fund)."

The PTC Benevolence Committee has determined to give \$500 to this fund. If you would like to help, please mark your offering "Benevolence Fund" and drop it in the offering plate, or if you want to give directly to the fund, send your gift of money to

Pastor John Schierenbeck,
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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 36

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

- Opening Hymn: 374**
- Before Sermon: 777**
- Offering Hymn: 761**
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- Closing Hymn: 373 v. 1, 2, 7**

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 56:1-2, 6-8

Those in whom evidence of repentance and faith are found are indeed “blessed.” This also includes even the foreigner, that is, those who were not born an Israelite, one of the chosen nation, but who, nevertheless, are called by God’s grace to make His house “a house of prayer for all nations,” The Lord says He “will gather...others besides those who are gathered.”

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.”

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.”

Matthew 15:21-28

What a remarkable faith from this Canaanite woman. Even though Jesus tests her faith, she responds by holding ever more tightly to God’s Word of promise. Such God-given and God-strengthened faith shows that this Gentile is indeed received by God and has a place at the Lord’s table.

21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” 24 But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” 26 But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” 27 And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even

the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

The Sermon: read/listen to sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text:

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

SEE THE WONDERS OF GOD’S AMAZING GRACE!

I: Envy is turned into Salvation.

II: Rejection is turned into Reconciliation.

III: Disobedience is turned into Mercy for all.

13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. 15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We praise God that you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior. What amazing grace God has showered upon us through His Son Jesus. We who are spiritually bankrupt, with no goodness of our own, have been made spiritually rich through Jesus’ blood and righteousness. We pray that the riches of our salvation are also yours through faith in Jesus. If you want to know more about your Savior, Jesus, or about our congregation, please contact Pastor Bernthal. We invite you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register.

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This Week:

Today

9:00 a.m. S.S.: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Bible Class: Hebrews 9:1-22

Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation--Kaitlyn

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

3:30 p.m. Confirmation--Josh

7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands

Wednesday Pastoral Study Club—Messiah, Hales Corners

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

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

Friday 7:00 p.m. Family Fun Night

Next Sunday:

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Church Council

LAST WEEK: Worship 37

OFFERINGS

9/8 for Unified Budget: \$3,339

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: Church---Brandle, Mar/Peterson School: Dreyer/Dumke

Counters today: John Birkholz & Nathan Peterson

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:

There is room for more. We will continue our "Important Chapters of the Bible" study this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We are going through

important chapters in Genesis. This Wednesday: Genesis 2 & 3. Come study God's Word with us.

MOWING HELP NEEDED FOR SEP/OCT:

We are in need of mowers for the fall. Please sign the sheet if you can help in this way.

MISSION FESTIVAL:

Our Mission Festival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29th. Pastor John Hein, Grace, Fridley, MN will be preaching for this special service. There will be a pot-luck meal following.

CLC NEWS:

Commissioning service at Messiah, Eau Claire -- On Monday evening, September 23, there will be a commissioning service held at Messiah, Eau Claire for Pastor Edward Starkey, who has accepted the call to serve as a CLC foreign missionary in India. The service will begin at 6:30 pm, and all CLC members and friends are invited to attend. Pastor Starkey and his wife, Janice, plan to depart for India in late September or early October.

Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton WI, has called Pastor Luke Bernthal, Valentine NE. Pastor David Fuerstenau, Ketchikan AK has returned the call extended to him by St. Peter's Lutheran, Iron River MI, has called.

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SCHOOL WISH LIST:

This is a list of items that we would like to have in the classroom. If you can donate any of these items it would be greatly appreciated! Please do not buy brand new items! Items purchased from discount stores such as Savers or Goodwill are acceptable. Please contact Claire Abbas if you have any questions or want to donate anything that is not on the list. Items will be crossed off of the list when they have been donated.

1. Legos or building toys in general.
2. Toys. We have two young boys in the classroom, so that means toys that they would like to use.
3. Gently used children's books.
4. Small items for a prize box (pencils, erasers, leftover party favors, McDonald's toys).
5. Educational magazines for kids -- doesn't matter how old! (Highlights, Mailbox, National Geographic, Weekly Reader).
6. G rated movies—VHS or DVD.
7. Gently used stuffed animals.
8. Learning games.
9. Games for indoor recess.
10. Laptop speakers.

NEEDED:

Used ink cartridges and old cell phones. Don't throw them away. Our school can get money or products by sending in used printer cartridges and cell phones. Please drop them off in the box by the copier. Ink jet & laser cartridges and cell phones are needed!

BIKE OUTING:

Our annual bike outing has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6th. Exact time of departure and what bike trail we will be riding on is yet to be determined.

T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE:

There are 4 blue "God so Loved the World" T-shirts still available for purchase. 2 XL adult, 1 L youth and 1 M youth. Cost \$ 11.50. Please see Nathan Greve if you are interested.

CLC COORDINATING COUNCIL:

meets Sept. 25th at ILC

GREAT LAKES' PASTORAL CONFERENCE

will be held Oct. 1-3 at Calvary Lutheran, Marquette, MI.

THANK YOU:

to Randy Dreyer for installing the parking lot entry reflectors. Nice addition to our parking lot! Looks classy!

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We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org