

Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 19, 2021

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119: XVI

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn:	281
Before Sermon:	775 (1-5)
After Sermon:	568
After Prayers:	373 (1-5, 7)
Closing Hymn:	283
Antiphon, Ps. 84	P. 38 W.S.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 54:1-10

What tremendous promises our God bestows upon us. The Church will have offspring. She will never be forsaken by her Husband (the Redeemer). God's peace will ever be upon her!

Sing, O barren, You who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You who have not labored with child!

For more are the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman,” says the Lord. 2 “Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. 3 For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited. 4 “Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. 5 For your Maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. 6 For the Lord has called you Like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, Like a youthful wife when you were refused,” Says your God. 7 “For a mere moment I have forsaken you, But with great mercies I will gather you. 8 With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,” Says the Lord, your Redeemer. 9 “For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. 10 For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” Says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

Romans 14:5-9

Paul focuses his reader’s attention on adiaphora---matters about which Scripture makes no laws. Paul sets down principles here and uses them to encourage us toward patience, understanding and acceptance.

One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; [a]and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He

who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died [b]and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Luke 16:19-31

See how important the Word of God is! “If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.” “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” Romans 10:17

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and [a]fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with [b]the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ 27 “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore,

father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 55:6-11

Sermon Theme: **God's Word of Grace—HEAVENLY PRECIPITATION!**

The Shower of God's Gracious Word

- I: Invites sinners to enjoy it's blessed washing now.
- II: Declares God's way of Pardon and Peace.
- III: Accomplishes God's Good Pleasure before returning to Him.

Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. 10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are with us worshipping our Savior-God. You are warmly invited to come worship your Savior and hear His Word again. Please sign our guest book.

Today

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

Bible Class: Philippians

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Church Council

Monday-Friday Pastor's Vacation

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Mission Festival

11:30 a.m. Mission Festival Meal

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Gerbitz, C & A B. Schaefer

Counters: Caleb Gerbitz & Chris Ude

OFFERINGS 9/12

for Unified Budget: \$2,050 • CBP \$100 • MDF \$ 100

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 15 / YouTube views 2 / Church 30

NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: Since Pastor is gone on vacation there will be no Bible Class this Wednesday.

MISSION FESTIVAL: Next Sunday Prof. Paul Naumann will be conducting our Bible Class and preaching for our Mission Festival. We pray that you will be here for this important worship service.

SIGN-UP: If you are planning to come to the Mission Festival potluck, please sign the sheet in the entry-way.

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CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA, has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, WY.
- Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Pastor Timothy Daub, Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD, has the call to Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO.

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS: The 2021 CLC

Convention Proceedings are now available. We have run off 5 copies. These are available on the table of the mailboxes. There is also a sign-up sheet if more copies are needed. You can read the Proceedings online, using this link: tinyurl.com/2021-clc-proc.

FALL BIKE OUTING: Our annual fall bike outing is schedule for Saturday, October 9th. Route and time to be determined. Please see pastor if you got ideas for a route.

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.

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