



# Peace Thru Christ

## Lutheran Church and School

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**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**  
**MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY**

**Pre-service Psalm: 19**

## **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Opening HYMN 490:**

**"Pour Out Thy Spirit from on High"**

**PASTOR:** Jesus has commissioned us in His Word to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Therefore, we begin our mission festival worship service in the name of that same Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**CONG.:** (sung)



## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

**PASTOR:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us come before God's throne of grace with repentant hearts and confess our sins unto God, our Father. Let us seek His forgiveness in the name of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**ALL** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess that we are sinful by nature, and that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, and we have not always shared Your life-saving Gospel with others as we ought. Have mercy on us. Forgive us our many sins for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with Your Holy Spirit that we may love and serve You and our neighbor with renewed zeal, and in the end, graciously give us eternal life with You. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PASTOR:** I bring you Good News: Because Your Savior Jesus lived and died for you, God has put away your sin! "As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12)! We have been forgiven and set free to love and serve Him and share this great message of salvation with the world! In the peace and joy of forgiveness let us praise the LORD!

## THE GLORIA PATRI (sung)



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, eternally. Amen.

## THE SALUTATION

**PASTOR:** The Lord be with you.

**CONG.:**



## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

**PASTOR:** Lord Jesus, You have chosen us from eternity, bought us with a great price, called us to live under You in Your kingdom, and commissioned us to serve You. Let us never be timid or hesitant in our service. Let us never selfishly refuse to do anything You ask us to do. You have given us Your Word to equip us as witnesses to Your mercy. To this day You have generously supplied us with faithful pastors and teachers to instruct us and lead us on the way to heaven. We ask You to move the hearts of more young men and women to dig deeply into Your Word and prepare themselves to communicate it to others. Make them willing to preach and teach Your Law and Gospel without fear or favor, without reserve

or reluctance. Touch their lips, put Your Word in their mouths, and give success to their efforts. We ask it for Your name's sake and for the eternal welfare of many souls and to Your glory and praise, now and forever.



**CONG.:**

A - - - men.

**Responsive Psalm:**

*Psalm 98*

P: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

**C: For He has done marvelous things;**

P: His right hand and His holy arm

**C: have gained Him the victory.**

P: The LORD has made known His salvation;

**C: His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.**

P: He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P: Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;

**C: Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.**

P: Sing to the LORD with the harp,

**C: With the harp and the sound of a psalm,**

P: With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

**C: Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.**

P: Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

**C: The world and those who dwell in it;**

P: Let the rivers clap *their* hands;

**C: Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD.**

P: For He is coming to judge the earth.

**C: With righteousness He shall judge the world,  
And the peoples with equity.**

## Scripture Readings:

### JEREMIAH 31:10-14

*"Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, And declare it in the [a]isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, And keep him as a shepherd does his flock.' 11 For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, And ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he. 12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, Streaming to the goodness of the Lord— For wheat and new wine and oil, For the young of the flock and the herd; Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, And they shall sorrow no more at all. 13 "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together; For I will turn their mourning to joy, Will comfort them, And make them rejoice rather than sorrow. 14 I will [b]sate the soul of the priests with abundance, And My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, says the Lord."*

**PASTOR:** Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Hallelujah!



Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal - le - lu jah!

**PASTOR:** The second reading is from Romans 1:14-17

**CONG:**



## ROMANS 1:14-17

*I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. 15 So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel [a]of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*

**PASTOR:** Here ends our second reading.

**CONG:**



## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## **Hymn 399**

**"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"**

### **ACTS 8:26-39**

**THE SERMON Theme:**

#### **A MOST UNLIKELY EVANGELISM:**

#### **The Holy Spirit sends you to...**

- I. The most unlikely places,
- II. And the most unlikely people,
- III: With a totally unlikely message,
- IV: Producing astonishing results!

*Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. The place*

in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

## THE OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pre ence;



and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Restore unto me the





joy of Thy sal-va-tion; and uphold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

## THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

### OFFERING HYMN 786 (1, 3-5): "Take My Life and Let it Be"

#### PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

P: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given us through Your Word: the blessings of faith, and fellowship, comfort and hope, and the assurance of eternal life in heaven with You. We also thank You for the privilege of sharing that saving Word with others.

**C: Open our hearts and give us the desire and the courage to share Your Gospel with others. Open our mouths to speak Your Word in truth and love.**

P: We pray for our own personal evangelism efforts:

**C: Holy Spirit, help us to be witnesses to those around us; to our friends, our family members, and our neighbors. Move us to love them as You have loved us. Help us to always give a reason for the hope that is in us, and grant us grace to do so with gentleness and respect. Let all our words and actions be a light that reflects Christ's love to those around us.**

P: Lord of the Church, we pray for our church's mission efforts in this country:

**C: Open doors for Your saving Gospel message to be preached. Open hearts to receive that message with faith in Jesus Christ. Give our pastors and laypeople**

**boldness to spread Your Word to our fellow citizens that they too may become citizens of God's heavenly kingdom with us.**

P: Lord of the Harvest, we pray for our church's mission efforts overseas:

**C: Send forth willing laborers into the harvest of souls You have prepared for us in far off lands. Bless and keep safely those who spread Your Gospel into places where we cannot go. Encourage and strengthen them through Your Word, and through the power of that Word grant their efforts success. Move us to support their work with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

P: Savior of all, we also pray that You would bless, strengthen, and encourage the pastors, teachers, and members of our sister congregations overseas:

**C: Draw them, and us, closer to You through Your Word and closer to each other through our shared faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

P: Lord of all creation, wherever Your Word is preached grant it success. Let Your kingdom come to us and many others as well so that many more may join us when You come again to take Your harvest home to heaven. Hear our prayer and help us for Jesus' sake, in whose name we also pray...

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Hymn 780:

#### "Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give"

**PASTOR:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto  
you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you  
peace.

**CONG:**



A - men, A - men, A - men.

### Closing Hymn 507:

#### "Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word"

*Silent Prayer and Announcements*

**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!**

We praise our God for your worshipping with us this morning. The Lord has not only chosen us, who believe in Jesus, to be His children but also chosen us to do His work and proclaim His saving Word. May we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus who lived, died and rose again to pay for all of our sins. 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.



**THANK YOU:**

to Prof. Paul Naumann for conducting our Bible Class this morning and for preaching for our Mission Festival. We pray for Prof. Naumann's safe travel home and blessings on the school year at ILC.

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**This Week:**

**Today:**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The Trial of Jesus  
Bible Class: Ideas for Congregational Outreach  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Mission Festival  
11:15 a.m. Mission Potluck

**Mon.-Thurs.**

Great Lakes' Pastoral Conference, Creation Museum

**Next Sunday:**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion  
11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

### **NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:**

Because of Pastor's attendance at the Great Lakes' Pastoral Conference this week, there will be no Wednesday night Bible Class.

### **PASTOR GONE:**

Pastor will be attending the Great Lakes' Pastoral Conference this week Tuesday thru Thursday. If pastoral assistance is needed, please call his cell phone or President Dan Schaefer 608-274-5052.

### **SERVICE TO OUR LORD:**

Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/Peterson B. Dreyer/Dumke  
Counters: Kathy Dreyer & Chris Gerbitz

### **OFFERINGS**

9/19 for Unified Budget: \$4,810

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Facebook 25 / YouTube views 1 / Church 25

### **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](https://tinyurl.com/2021-clc-proc).

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### 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.

## 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](mailto:mbern@juno.com)

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