

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CLC SOUTHEASTERN WOMEN'S RETREAT:

When: November 13-15 starting at 7pm Friday and ending at noon Sunday. Where: Compass Cove Oceanfront Resort Myrtle Beach, SC. Theme: It's Time "My times are in your hands..." Psalm 31:15a Shepherded by Pastor Frank Gantt. For more information please see the sheet on the bulletin board in the entry-way.

COMING UP:

Evangelism Meeting, Sunday, Oct. 4th , 11:15 a.m.

Church Council, Monday, Oct. 5th 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting, Sunday, Oct. 18th 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

Hannah's Helping Hands, Tuesday, Oct. 20th by Zoom

Reformation Service, Sunday, Nov. 1st 10:00 a.m.

Fall Work Day, Saturday, Nov. 7th @ 9:00 a.m.



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KNOW GOD THROUGH LOVE

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



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SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

MINISTRY & MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY

Pre-service Psalm: 19

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening HYMN 496:

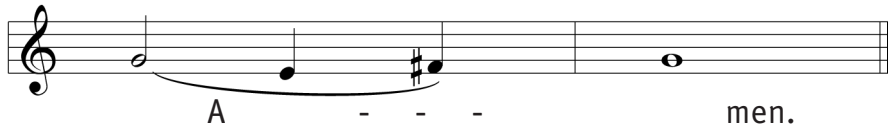
"Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying" (read 2-3)

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.



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The Church of the Lutheran Confession. www.clc.org

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!

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COVID CAPACITY:

We praise the Lord that we have had attendances in the high 20's and low 30's the past few weeks. According to the Dane County Health Department's Covid decree, we can have up to 25% capacity at a worship service. That is 35. We have set up the laptop computer to livestream the service and display it on the screen in the fellowship hall. Therefore if we get to capacity the ushers will ask those above capacity to worship in the fellowship hall. After the service we can visit and mingle outside. We thank all of our members and guests for their understanding in these trying times. Lord, bring this virus to an end soon, according to Your will. Amen.

NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:

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

PASTOR GONE:

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

CLC NEWS:

- Visiting Missionary Todd Ohlmann has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Pastor Tom Schuetze has returned the call extended to him by Bethel, Morris, MN.
- Pastor Chad Seybt has accepted the call extended to him by the tri-parish of Morning Star, Fairchild; Trinity, Millston; and Peace with God, Onalaska, WI.
- 2020 Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.
- Prof. John Reim has announced his retirement from the teaching ministry at ILC effective at the end of the current school year.
- Former WELS pastors Luke Willitz and Johnathan Schnose have passed the first stage of their colloquies held this past week.

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.



This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The Birth of Jesus
Bible Class: "Fields are white unto harvest." Traveling Missionary Todd Ohlmann
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:15 a.m. Riggert Estate Committee

Tues.-Wed. Great Lakes' Pastoral Conference, Eau Claire, WI

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

Next Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council by Zoom

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Ude B. Bernthal
Counters: Randy Dreyer & Mike Brandle

OFFERINGS

9/20 for Unified Budget: \$1,990.00

ATTENDANCE:

56 Facebook/ -- YouTube views/ 22 in church
15 Bible Class 1 Sunday School

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.:



And with thy spir - it.

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.:



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.

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...

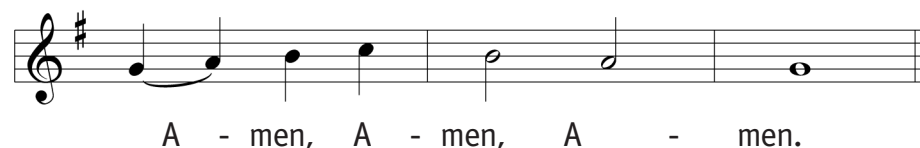
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 493: Read 2-3
"Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend"

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:



Closing Hymn 488: Read 2-3
"Lord of the Harvest, Hear"

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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.

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

Scripture Readings:

ACTS 9:1-22

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." 13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." 15 But the Lord said to him,

“Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.” 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. 20 Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. 21 Then all who heard were amazed, and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?” 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

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

CONG:



PASTOR: The second reading is from Matthew 19:27-30

CONG:



THE OFFERTORY



THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

OFFERING HYMN 796 (1, 3-5): “Take My Life and Let it Be”

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

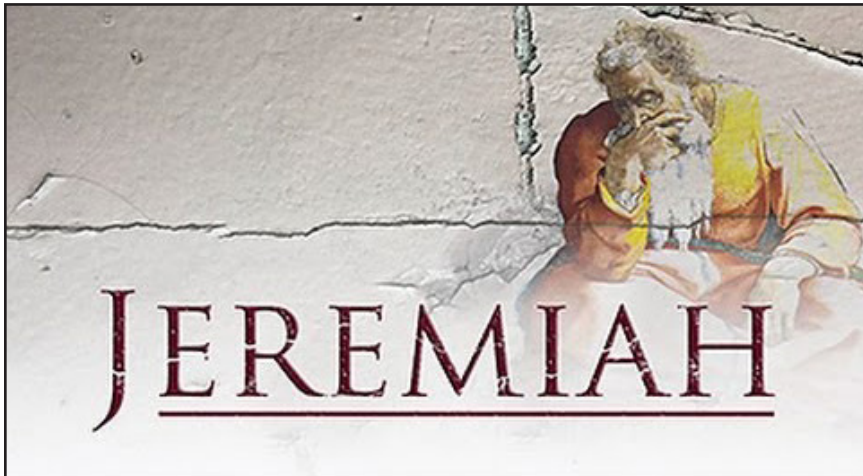
P: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given us through Your Word: the blessings of faith, and fellowship, comfort and hope, and the assurance of eternal life in heaven with You. We also thank You for the privilege of sharing that saving Word with others.

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:

Hymn 767: Read 2

“Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give”



JEREMIAH 1:4-10

THE SERMON Theme:

The LORD Has a Plan for You

- I. God Chose You to be His Child.
- II. God Chose You to Do His Work.

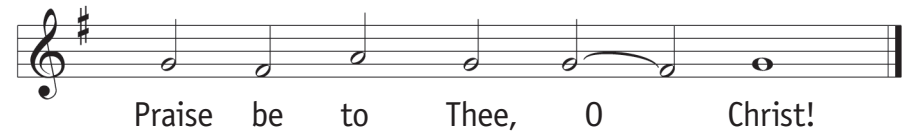
Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” Then said I: “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” But the Lord said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord. Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”

MATTHEW 19:27-30

27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” 28 So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

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.