

**REFORMATION HYMN POETRY:**

The CLC Worship Committee is currently inviting church members to submit original Reformation-themed hymn poetry for potential use in our congregations. This is pursuant to the convention's directive that the committee should be soliciting worship material from the membership of the CLC." Authors should set their work to a known hymn tune and while they may copyright their submissions, hymns should be licensed in a way so as to allow free distribution and use. Interested writers may contact Pastor David Schaller (bach\_leipzig@hotmail.com) to request a submission form containing further information. The submission deadline is September 30, 2016.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT -**

The Southeast congregations of the CLC are organizing the third

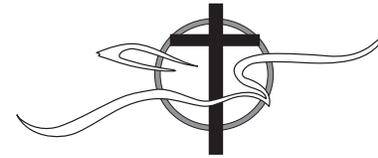
annual Southeastern Women's Retreat for women of the CLC. It will be held November 11-13, 2016 in Savannah, Georgia. While hosted by the congregations of Southeastern CLC, all are invited to join us! Last year over 30 women from across the CLC attended. The estimated cost for the retreat is between \$152 - \$360 for the weekend (depending on how many you share your room with) and includes food and lodging. More details are available in the separate Registration Form (will be soon available through your pastor). If you have any questions please contact: Amy Osborne - (651-329-3662 - newyorker13@hotmail.com) or Pastor Matthew Hanel (972-733-4535 hanel95@hotmail.com). Ladies, consider some time this fall to attend the retreat in beautiful Savannah, Georgia where you will be encouraged and strengthened in Christ.

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School 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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**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 4, 2016**

**Psalm 34: 1-2**

*I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.*

**Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 34**

## **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Communion Liturgy, p. 15 TLH**

**Opening Hymn: . . . . . 433**

**Before Sermon: . . . . . 376**

**Offering Hymn: . . . . . 400 (1, 4, 6)**

**During Distribution: . . . . . 755**

**Closing Hymn: . . . . . 309**

## Scripture Reading:

### Exodus 14:5-30

The Angel of the LORD (the Son of God) camps around them that fear Him. The LORD God protected Israel and He protects His Church (All Believers) today by being a pillar of fire and separating her from her enemies. The Lord also parts our troubles and problems and leads us unharmed through their midst. May we acknowledge and appreciate the great works the Lord has done for us and trust His unchanging Word.

*5 Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" 6 So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him. 7 Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them. 8 And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness. 9 So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon. 10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord. 11 Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness." 13 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." 15 And the Lord said to Moses, "Why*

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

### LAST WEEK:

Worship 38

### OFFERINGS

8/28 for Unified Budget: \$1,645

### CONGREGATION MEETING:

will be held after church today. Please see your mailboxes for a letter from President Schaefer for more details.

### S.S. TEACHERS:

We will have a brief meeting after our Congregational Meeting after church today.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY & CHURCH PICNIC:

Our opening of Sunday School will be next Sunday. After Church a rally will take place. Our Sunday School/Church picnic will follow with games and special activities. Make a point to be here for this special day. Please bring a meat to grill (hot dogs, brats, hamburgers) and a dish to pass. Please also sign the sheet in the entry-way if you are planning on coming.

### BIBLE CLASS:

begins next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. We will be taking up a study of the last book of the Bible—Revelation. Come, study and learn with us!

### OUTDOOR SERVICE:

An outdoor church service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17th at Pavilion #2 in Mendota Cty. Park. This is the pavilion right next to the campsites.

### AVAILABLE:

The Proceedings from the 32nd CLC Convention this past summer.

### IN YOUR MAILBOX:

September Calendar and Newsletter

### CLC NEWS:

- Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI has called Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA.
- Pastor Joel Fleischer has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI.

### Psalm 34:21 & 22

*Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.*

## PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God that we have this blessed privilege to serve you this morning with the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. God's undeserved love for us is unchanging and constant. It is what moved God to send His Son to take our place and save us. It is what moves God to bless us daily and protect us as we journey through this life—God is love! But we on the other hand by nature take things for granted, complain when things aren't exactly as we would like or doubt God's love for us. May the Spirit use today's Bible sermon text to strengthen our love and trust in the Lord and to actively reduce our times of complaining and moments of doubt. Please, come worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register.

### 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 come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

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### This Week:

**Today** 10:15 a.m. Congregation Meeting

**Tuesday** 10:30 a.m. Bible Classes at Artisan 7:00 p.m. B.O.C.E.

**Wednesday** 7:00 Church Council

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

**Saturday** 1:00 p.m. Heidi McDonald/Hans Gausman Wedding

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:15 a.m. Rally Events  
12:00 p.m. Church Picnic/Activities

### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:  
Church—Gerbitz.  
School—Schaser/Schaser  
Counters today: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

*do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. 16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. 17 And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. 18 Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." 19 And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. 20 So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 23 And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. 24 Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the Lord looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. 25 And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians." 26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen." 27 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. 29 But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of*

the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 30 So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

## John 7:33-39

Jesus is the Water of Life—He is the Word. May we drink of Him deeply—spiritually—by hearing His Word daily so that the Spirit can also powerfully work in us to His glory.

33 Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. 34 You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come." 35 Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? 36 What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?" 37 On the last day, that



great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.middletonlutheran.org](http://www.middletonlutheran.org)

Sermon Text: **Exodus 17:1-7**

## THE MERIBAH CONNNECTION

**I: The Nature of man**

—Complain & Doubt (Test God)

**II: The Nature of God**

—Miraculous Grace (Love Man)

17 Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the Lord?" 3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!" 5 And the Lord said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"