

# Peace Thru Christ

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Mrs. Chris Gerbitz

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 5, 2021

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119: XIV

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### SCRIPTURE READING:

#### Isaiah 49:1-9

God chooses His Servant—the Redeemer of Israel—a Light to the Gentiles—Him whom man despises—our Salvation to the end of the earth. Who is He? JESUS CHRIST!

*“Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The Lord has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. 2 And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In*

*His quiver He has hidden Me.” 3 “And He said to me, ‘You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.’ 4 Then I said, ‘I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the Lord, And my work with my God.’ ” 5 “And now the Lord says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, And My God shall be My strength), 6 Indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ” 7 Thus says the Lord, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the Lord who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You.” 8 Thus says the Lord: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, And in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people, To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages; 9 That You may say to the prisoners, ‘Go forth,’ To those who are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves.’ “They shall feed along the roads, And their pastures shall be on all desolate heights.*

## **Romans 12:1-21**

Paul gives an exhortation to a typical Christian congregation, an exhortation to get along, to work together, and to appreciate the rich fellowship that we have in Jesus Christ. A gathering of believers can be very different from one another in many respects—family heritage, appearance, size, shape, vocation. Each Christian also is unique when it comes to gifts and talents, whether

those gifts are preaching, teaching, encouraging, giving, serving and the like. All too often in a sinful world such differences are the cause of strife. It should not be that way in the church. Our differences are meant to complement each other in making up that “one body in Christ.”

*12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it*

*is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

## **Matthew 26:36-44**

We see Jesus' willing obedience in His prayer at Gethsemane---"Not as I will, but as You will." This is part of the fulfillment of our sermon text in Isaiah 50. What a wonderful willingly obedient Savior!

*36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." 40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." 43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.*



## THE SERMON:

### Isaiah 50:4-10

Sermon Theme: **A WORD that Sustains the Weary.**

I: We see how the Lord God sustained His Suffering Servant.

II: We are encouraged to trust that He will sustain us too!

*“The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. 5 The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. 6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 “For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9 Surely the Lord God will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up. 10 “Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord And rely upon his God.*

**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 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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### **PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!**

We are glad you are worshiping with us. We pray the sustaining power of God's Word will move you to come again to hear more about your Lord and Savior. Please also sign our guest register.

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#### **This Week:**

**Today:** 9:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School Teachers' Meeting

**Monday** Labor Day

**Wednesday** 7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

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

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:20 a.m. Rally Day/Sunday School Picnic

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

Cleaners this week: A. Gerbitz, J & C B. Brandle  
Counters: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

**OFFERINGS** 8/29 for Unified Budget: \$1,305

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Facebook 20/ YouTube views 2/ Church 26

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** September Calendar & Newsletter

**ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:** The 50th anniversary of our Peace Thru Christ congregation will occur in 2022-2023. If you would like to participate in envisioning and planning this event, please contact church President Dan Schaefer. This is a significant milestone in the life of our congregation and one which will be enjoyable to celebrate as we give thanks and praise to our Lord.

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**WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:** We continue our Wednesday evening Bible Class this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. We continue our study of the Gospel of John chapter 6.

**POSTPONED:** The Mission Webinar which was to be held this coming Saturday, Sept. 11th has been postponed to a later date to be determined.

**ELLEN BRATZ:** Skaalen Rehab 400 N. Morris St. Room 122 Stoughton, WI 53589 1-608-316-7918. She would love to hear from you either by card or phone.

**LAWN MOWING:** Volunteers are needed to mow and trim the areas that are not covered by the robotic mower. Mowing the ditches and trimming requires about 1 hour. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact John Gerbitz if you have any questions.

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### **CLC NEWS:**

- Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA, has the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, WY.
- Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.
- Michael Sprengeler has the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Bowdle, SD, as well as to Zion Lutheran, Ipswich, SD.
- Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

**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

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here for this special day. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. Please also sign the sheet in the entry-way if you are planning on coming.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:** Next Sunday we conclude the class we began this past spring entitled: Grace, Faith, Scripture. We have looked at 11 important biblical principles that are still important to us and all Bible-believing Christians today. Next Sunday we discuss—"My Bible: The Bible into People's Hands." Join us as we explore this important and enduring truth. Next Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**PLAYGROUP:** Our first Playgroup gathering will be Wednesday Sept. 15th from 9:30-11:30. We will be holding these every other week throughout the fall. If you would like to help, please contact B.O.C.E. Chairman Caleb Gerbitz.

**PLAYGROUP CLEAN-UP:** We will be cleaning/arranging the pre-school room and the toys before our Playgroup begins. We will do this Wednesday, Sept. 8 beginning around 9:00 a.m.

**CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS:** The 2021 CLC Convention Proceedings are now available. We ran 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-clcproc](http://tinyurl.com/2021-clcproc).

## 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)