

In all things...

During this Lenten season we have led our congregations to the cross of Jesus to see how incredibly the Lord provided all that was needed for the salvation of the world. ***"God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation"*** (2 Cor. 5:19). The message of Christ crucified and risen is exactly what people in an uncertain world need. It is the Word of life we are sent out to preach. The Lord who provided the perfect sacrificial Lamb to spare us from eternal death will provide for every unexpected, unforeseen situation which may arise. ***"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"*** (Rom. 8:32). We don't know what will happen on the world's stage in the next 24 hours, but we do know that the triumphant, risen Christ is at the right hand of the Father directing all things for the good of His Church. We can't possibly anticipate all the challenges and hurdles which lie ahead for our church families, but we know that Christ lives and promises, ***"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"*** (Matt. 28:20). Our sister congregations in the process of calling a pastor or teacher are uncertain of just how and when the Lord will provide, but He will provide, just as He did for Abraham. Uncertainties to us are accomplished reality for our Lord. In all things, large and small, let us trust Him to transform fear into blessed assurance.

A portion of Pres. Eichstadt's letter to the CLC pastors.



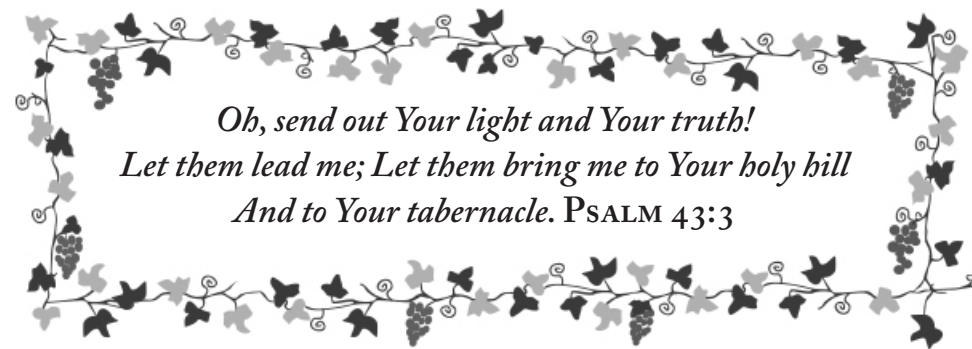
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We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; that Jesus Christ paid the full sacrificial price—His very life—so that gift of salvation could be ours. If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com

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*Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!
Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill
And to Your tabernacle. PSALM 43:3*

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 139

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p. 15

Opening Hymn: 330

Before Sermon: 380

Offering Hymn: Choir

During Distribution: 311

Closing Hymn: 145

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 3:1-15

God assures Moses that He has heard the people's cries for help and sees their affliction. He promises Moses that He will lead them out of Egypt to the Promised Land. The same "I AM" God hears the cries of His people today held in the slavery of sin. He has sent His son Jesus, who by His death and resurrection, has given to us our escape from this slavery. Jesus will lead us to the Promised Land of our heavenly home.

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." 4 So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." 6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. 7 And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I

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ARISE AND SHINE 20'S – 30'S

RETREAT: Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, AZ is once again sponsoring a four-day retreat in Pillager, MN, June 15-18 (Thurs. - Sun.). The retreat is designed for men and women in their 20s & 30s. Singles, couples, and families are welcome. The registration fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 1st, 2017), lodging, meals and snacks, and activities during the retreat. The cost is \$140.00 per adult (ages 12 and up), \$100 per child (ages 0-11). This year's theme is "Jars of Clay". Our theme is based on the 1 Corinthians 4:7 "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us" If you are looking for a faith-strengthening weekend with young adult Christians that is focused on the Word of God, this retreat is for you! You can find more information and register on our web site: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com. For more info, please contact Sam Rodebaugh (414) 534-7279 sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com or Josh Ohlmann (314) 874-9184 joshohlmann@swbell.net.

ARK ENCOUNTER / CREATION

MUSEUM TRIP: has been scheduled for the last week of July 25-27 (Tues-Thurs). Come see what the Ark may have looked like first hand and tour the state of the art Creation Museum in Kentucky! Full details, discounted blocked hotel rooms, and combo tickets may all be found and reserved by going to <https://goo.gl/forms/m7LI28VJJXwPnQEh2> or emailing nealradichel@gmail.com

ILHS VISITORS' DAY: Students in grades 7 and up are invited to Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors Day in Eau Claire, WI, on Friday, April 28, 2017, starting at 8:00 am. Students will have an opportunity to experience firsthand what it would be like to attend Immanuel. Activities will include a campus tour, classroom experience, sports and co-curricular experience, Q & A time, team activities, band concert, and a musical theater performance of Harvey. Please register students and chaperones at www.ilc.edu by Friday, April 21. Contact Prof. Joel Gullerud at 715-544-8446 or joel.gullerud@ilc.edu

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IN YOUR MAILBOX:

April Calendar and Newsletter

PROPERTY TO-DO LIST:

A property to-do list can be found on the bulletin board in the entry-way. If you are interested in helping out with one or more of the projects listed, please sign the sheet and the Property Chairman, Chris Ude will be in touch with you. Thanks!

TACO SUPPER SIGN-UP:

Please sign up for the Taco Supper this Wednesday.

TEACHER CALL:

Once again our teacher, Miss Abbas, has received a call. She has been called by Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA to be its second teacher in their school. She again asks for the prayers and advice of the members as she deliberates this new call.

CLC NEWS:

- St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD has called a Seminary graduate.
- Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven FL. has called Pastor David Schaller, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes MI

- Pastor David Schaller has also been called to be interim pastor of Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids, MI.
- St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View CA, has called Miss Becky McKenney to serve as second teacher.
- Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye MN, has called Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, as teacher and principal for its new school.
- Mrs. Amy Mielke has returned the call extended to her by Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, to teach grades 3-4 at its school.
- Sherman Carstensen, Markesan WI, has accepted the call to teach and help with the administration of the school at Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN. The congregation has also called Pastor Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, to serve as pastor with Pastor Joe Naumann.
- Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, has called Miss Ann Sprengeler of Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, to teach K-8 at its school.

should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" 12 So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." 13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'

I Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul reminds us that Israel, even while on their way to the Promised Land of Canaan, was still in danger. Many fell into the sin of disobedience and perished on the way. This is also a warning for us. Our salvation through Jesus Christ is assured, it is an accomplished fact. But by our own disobedience to God, we too, can fall and lose our eternal inheritance in heaven. Look to Jesus and His Word.

10 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now

all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

The Sermon: read/listen to sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Luke 13:1-9**

What Separates The Church Goer From Hell?

I: Not the sanctuary (church).

II: Not the amount of time on earth (long life).

III: Not the sinner (our self).

IV: But only the care of the Vine Dresser (Jesus)

13 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." 6 He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' 8 But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are worshipping your savior with us this morning. May the message of salvation alone through Christ's shed blood be a blessing to you today and throughout your life. Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection is our only assurance of a blessed eternity. Please come worship your Savior with us again and please also sign our guest book as you leave.

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.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Peter & Cornelius

Bible Class: Revelation 13
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:20 a.m. Choir

11:40 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class
at Artisan

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Lent VI—
Pastor Bernthal - 8:15 p.m. Choir

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

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:15 a.m. Choir
11:35 a.m. Church Council

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

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

LAST WEEK:

Worship 36 S.S. 1
Bible Class 20 Lent V 31

OFFERINGS 3/26 & 29 for
Unified Budget: \$2,122

LENTEN SERVICES:

This Wednesday Pastor Bernthal
will be preaching:
"Who GAINS from the Cross?"
Soldiers -
John 19:23-24,
Luke 23:47

