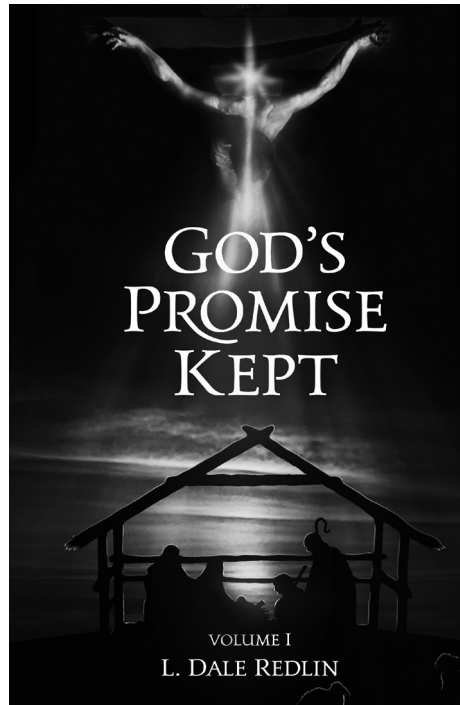


**GOD'S PROMISE KEPT:**

A new book written by Pastor Emeritus Dale Redlin. The reader will be taking a spiritual-scriptural journey with fellow Old Testament travelers making our way from Eden through the giving of God's Commandments at Mt. Sinai. It is devotional in nature with story-like-quality --- it lets people be what we all are --- sinful people who badly need the true God and His guidance as well as His forgiving love in our lives everyday.

Prof. emeritus Paul Koch— Editor; Timothy Schaser -- Graphic Artist; L. Dale Redlin -- Author

You may order them from Dale Redlin 507-625-2572 or hope-dale@juno.com. \$15.00 plus postage. There are two copies available for \$ 15. Please pay Pastor.



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

More Information and Audio Sermons at [www.peacethruchrist.org](http://www.peacethruchrist.org)

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**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany • February 4, 2018**



*Pencil sketch of Vincent Van Gogh Sower with Setting Sun*

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 20  
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**II Timothy 4:1-5**

**Preach the Word**

*I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

**Luke 8:4-15**

**The Parable of the Sower**

*4 And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: 5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled*

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**CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS SEMINAR:**

This is a seminar put on by Matt Starland, a member of Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights, MN. It will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 3:00-5:15 p.m. with a meal following. More information will be coming.

**CLC WOMEN'S RETREAT:**

The Midwest Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held April 20-22, 2018, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. This year's theme is: "That Your Joy may be Full!"

Our Joy is Full:

- When the Gospel is preached and we are in fellowship with God
- When the Gospel is preached and we are in fellowship with each other
- Even in the midst of tribulation
- When we show joy in our service
- When we rejoice in Jesus
- With the certainty of eternity

Registration is open 2/1/18 – 3/23/18. The retreat fee is \$75. All the hotel costs and

reservation information, as well as retreat registration information can be found at [www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net](http://www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net).

**MISSION HELPER HELP:**



**Lutheran Missions**

Kirsten and Nichole Brandle are going on next summer's trip to Africa to help spread God's Word. They are requesting our prayers on their behalf and also asking that if anyone would like to help defray the cost of their trip to give their offerings to Peace Thru Christ. Six other young members from our sister congregation, Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners are also going. If you would like to help them please send your gift to Messiah Lutheran Church 12145 W. Edgerton Ave. Hales Corners, WI 53130.

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### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER:**

Please sign up for our soup supper Wednesday, Feb 14th from 5:30-6:40 p.m.

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORT:** 16 voters attended. Received Tyler Greene as a voting member. Miriam Bernthal was released from our call to be our pre-school teacher since we did not open our pre-school. A special call meeting to call again for the fall will be held soon. Recommendation was made to allow the Packer's Youth Football camp the use our facility during the week of June 11-15. Treasurer reported offerings for 2017 were \$118,180 which was \$2,100 less than what was spent. We have a surplus at the end of 2017 of almost \$4,000. Praise the Lord for His gifts of grace! Adopted the 2018 budget of \$121,500 about a 3% increase over last year's actual offerings. This includes a 4% raise for Pastor and an increase in CBP (Cooperative Budget Plan) to the CLC. B.O.C.E. will initiate advertising for our pre-school in early February with an anticipated opening of our school Sept. 4. Elections: Joel Albrecht, Caleb Meyer, Tim Schaser elected to the Church

Council. Matt Schaser elected to the B.O.C.E. Pastor's housing allowance was again set at \$18,000. Our next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is set for April 22nd

### **NEW CHURCH OFFICERS:**

Caleb Meyer, President; Joel Albrecht, Secretary; Mike Brandle, Treasurer; Wes Franson, Evangelism Chairman; Tim Schaser, B.O.C.E. Chairman; Chris Ude, Property Manager.

### **USHERS:**

The new usher's list for 2018 can be found on the bulletin board in the entry-way as well as in every usher's mailbox. Thank you for your willing service to the Lord in this area.

### **EVANGELISM MEETING:**

Our next Evangelism meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18th @ 11:30 a.m.

### **HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:**

The Ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

### **UP-COMING IN MARCH:**

#### **TOUR CHOIR:**

The ILC Tour Choir will be coming to conduct a Sacred Concert here at Peace Thru Christ on Saturday, March 17th at 1:00 p.m.

*down, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. 8 But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"*

### **The Purpose of Parables**

*9 Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" 10 And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'*

### **The Parable of the Sower Explained**

*11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. 13 But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. 14 Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. 15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.*

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

Sermon Text: **Isaiah 55:10-13**

## **GOD'S GOALS ARE ACCOMPLISHED**

**I: By His unfailing Word**

**II: As a memorial to His glory.**

*"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That*

*it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. 12 "For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the Lord for a name, For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."*



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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank the Lord you are with us this morning worshiping your Lord and Savior. May His unfailing Word be your guide in this life, leading you to everlasting life in Jesus. We invite you to come again and worship your Savior. Please also sign our guest book.

**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 Sem. student Sam Naumann. Thank you.

**THANK YOU:** to Seminary student Sam Naumann for bringing us the Word this morning. We pray for Sam's safe travels back to Eau Claire and for a blessed school year as he finishes his second year of seminary. Lord willing, Pastor & Ruth should be home Tuesday afternoon.

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### This Week:

**Today** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:  
Bible Class: Textual Transmission of the New Testament  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:05 a.m. Choir

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

**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  
11:10 a.m. Choir  
11:30 a.m. Church Council

### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

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

### LAST WEEK:

Worship 54 S.S. 1 Bible Class 16

**OFFERINGS** 1/28 for Unified  
Budget: \$2,160

### IN YOUR MAILBOX:

February Calendar & Newsletter,  
2017 Annual, 2018 Church Directory

### CLC NEWS

- Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI has called Pastor Caleb Schaller, associate pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, to be their pastor.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

#### BIBLE CLASS:

We conclude our study of the Minor Prophets with the prophet Habakkuk. Come, study and learn with us. 7:00 p.m.

#### LENTEN SERVICES:

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. All services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lenten theme this year is: **"Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey."**

**February 14th**---Heart to Heart: Sackcloth and Ashes to Robes of Righteousness-Joel 2:12-19; Rev. 7:9-14 – Pastor Bernthal

**February 21st** ---Garden to Garden: Eden to Heaven-Gen. 3:22-24; Rev. 22:1-5-- Pastor Bernthal

**February 28th** ---Tree to Tree: The Tree of Life to the Cross-Gen. 2:15; 3:22-24; John 3:14-15-- Pastor David Ude

**March 7th** ---Out of Egypt: Through the Water --Ex. 14:13-31; Mark 1:9-13 – Pastor Radichel

**March 14th**---Mountain to Mountain: Mount Moriah to Mount Zion – Gen. 22:1-8; John 3:16 -- Pastor Matt Ude

**March 21st** ---Death to Resurrection: Wilderness to the Promised Land – Joshua 3:1-6; Matt. 3:13; 4:1-7-- Pastor Mike Eichstadt