

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S RETREAT: April 13-15, 2002 at Best Western Hotel, La Crosse, WI. Brochures can be found on the table by the mailboxes.

SUNDAY SERIES: We continue our Sunday morning Lenten series of sermons entitled “Object Lessons From Christ’s Passion.” The objects left to examine and the lessons learned are the following:



3. The Thorns and the Whip—A Lesson on Endurance
4. The Coins and the Dice—A Lesson on Covetousness
5. The Sponge and the Spear—A Lesson on Genuineness
6. The Pen and the Ink—A Lesson on Justice.

Maunder Thursday: The Bread and the Wine—A Lesson on Remembrance

Good Friday: The Cross and the Nails—A Lesson on Death

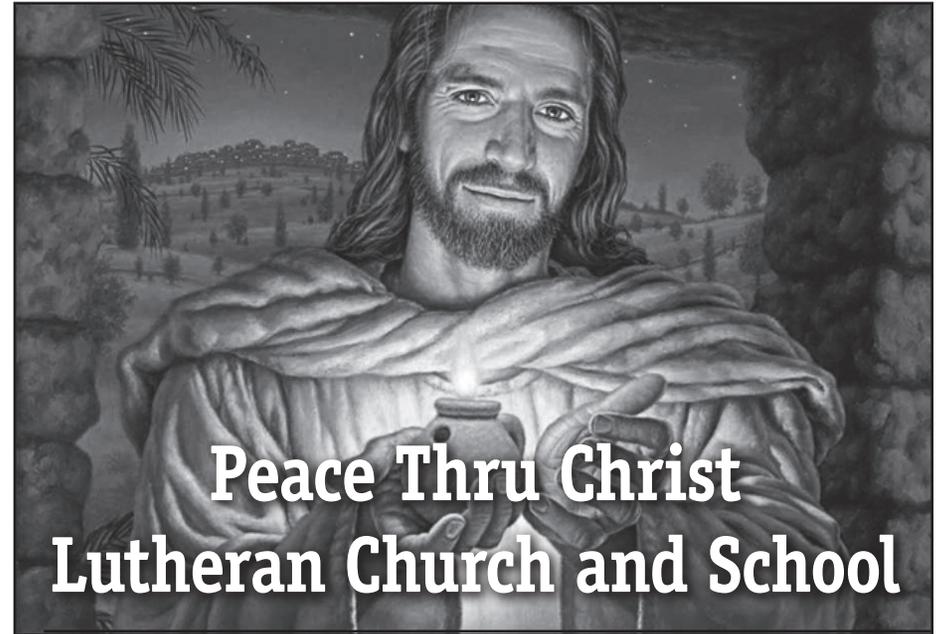
Easter Sunday: The Rocks and the Empty Tomb—A Lesson on Life.

WHO WE ARE: 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 about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Bernthal

We teach that the Holy Spirit works repentance and faith in the hearts of individuals through which one receives the blessings of Christ’s redemption. The foundation for such saving faith is the Bible—God’s holy, unchangeable, inerrant Word. Since “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God,” the Bible is completely reliable, trustworthy and true. It is the only source of our faith and life. More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 43
THE ORDER OF SERVICE
Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn: 358
Before Sermon: 155
Offering Hymn: 400 v.1,4,6
After Prayers 151 v.1-5
Closing Hymn: 151 v.6-7

Scripture Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9

See the unfaithfulness of the people and the loving, faithful response of the LORD. The Bronze Serpent is a type of Christ. Jesus gave His life on the cross for us sinners who would have died because of the poison of sin.

4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

John 3:14-21

Jesus on the cross is the fulfillment of the picture (type) in our first reading—the Bronze Serpent. God's justice called for a substitute sacrificial death. God Himself provided the victim for that sacrifice—His Son. This gift is for the whole world and whoever believes has the free gift of eternal life and salvation.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who

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LENTEN SERVICES: Last Wednesday 37 came to worship their Savior. We continue our study of "The Cross and the Catechism" next Wednesday when Pastor Pfeiffer will speak on The Sacrament of the Altar from 1 Corinthians 10:16-17. We pray that you come and worship with us. Pastor Bernthal will be at Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI. All services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lenten theme this year is:
The Cross and the Catechism

4. The Sacrament of the Altar (1 Cor. 10:16-17)
March 14: Pastor Pfeiffer
5. The Lord's Prayer (Mark 6:9-13)
March 21: Pastor Eichstadt
6. The Office of the Keys (John 20:19-23)
March 28: Pastor Bernthal

ILC TOUR CHOIR: The Tour Choir will be coming here for a sacred concert this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Please keep this date open to attend this inspiring concert of sacred music. Please sign the sheet to help provide with food for their meal.

TOUR CHOIR OFFERING: In order to help defray the costs of this year's spring tour, we will be receiving an offering at the March 17th 1:00 p.m. concert. In addition,

if you would like to contribute you may do so in this Sunday or next Sunday's offering with the designation "ILC Tour Choir." Thank you.

CHILDREN: Please be here by 12:20 a.m. this Saturday to practice with the Tour Choir for the 1:00 p.m. concert. Thank you!

DEDICATION/OPEN HOUSE:

On Sunday, March 25th we will be having a dedication service for our remodeled church sanctuary. There will be a meal following. Then in the afternoon from 1:00-2:30 we will have an open house for the community to see our remodeling.

MARRIAGE RETREAT:

A Marriage Enrichment Retreat is being offered by Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. It will be held at the Comfort Inn in Black River Falls, WI on Friday evening and Saturday, March 30-31. Couples can take part in the sessions only at a modest cost, or they can make the event a pleasant "get-away" by purchasing an overnight stay. A brochure with complete information and registration is available on the table by the mailboxes. Deadline for registrations is TODAY.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We praise God that you are worshiping our Lord and Savior with us this morning. Even as Christ ENDURED the hostility and punishment of evil men, He gives us the strength to ENDURE in our race for LIFE. Our faith-life is not a sprint, but a life-long marathon. We need Christ and His Word to strengthen us so we can ENDURE to the finish line of eternal life. Please come again to hear more about your Savior and the "Object Lessons from Christ's Passion." As you leave this morning, please also sign our guest register. Thank you!

This Week:

Before Church S.S.: Overthrow of Israel—King Hezekiah
Bible Class: Who is a Jew?

This Week:

Today 11:15 a.m. Choir/Church Council

Monday-Friday NO SCHOOL-Spring Break

7:00 p.m. Confirmation

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Oak Park Place

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Lent IV—Pastor Pfeiffer

8:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday 4:00 p.m. Confirmation-McDonald

Saturday 1:00 p.m. ILC Tour Choir Concert

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Choir/Evangelism Meeting

LAST WEEK:

Church 42 S.S. 4 Bible Class 27
Lent III 37

OFFERINGS

3/4 & 11 for Unified Budget: \$2,531

\$100 ILC Student Aid Fund

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

March Calendar & Newsletter

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: Church—Gbedey/Bratz

School—Dreyer/Arndt

Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Deb Schmidt

CLC NEWS: Pastor Michael Gurath has accepted the call to Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ and will be installed on March 25th. Mrs. Amy Osborne has accepted the call to teach part-time at Luther Memorial school, Fond du Lac WI.

TEACHER CALL: Miss Ohlmann has received the call from Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC to be their lower grade teacher. She asks for your prayers as the Lord leads her to a decision in this matter. Any words of advice or counsel is also appreciated.

does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

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

Sermon Text:

John 19:1-6; Hebrews 12:1-3

THE THORNS AND THE WHIP

A Lesson on Endurance!

19 So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. 3 Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. 4 Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." Pilate's Decision 5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" 6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.