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• Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has returned the call extended to him to be Principal/Teacher at Faith, Markesan, WI.

• St. John's, Clarkston, WA. has called Brian Fox, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, and supervisor at the boys' dorm at ILC, as teacher/principal.

• Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI has called Mrs. Becky Buck to serve as a full-time teacher for grades 3-4. They also called Mrs. Valerie Hammett to serve as half-time teacher in the lower grades, and Jane Murch to serve as music teacher.

• St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN, has called Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, to be principal and teacher at its school.

• Mrs. Heidi Nelson has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, to serve as lower grade teacher.

• Mrs. Collette Krause has accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown SD, to serve as full time teacher/ principal for grades K-8.

CLC YOUTH CAMP: Registration is coming up! You will be able to register online (the website will be up in the next month) on March 25 at 3:00pm CST. Camp this year will be held at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. The cost will be \$175/camper and campers entering grades 6-12 are eligible. You can check out our Facebook page for more updates.

MISSION HELPER HELP: 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. Deadline for their \$ 2,000 deposit each, is March 15th

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!" 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.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent • March 11, 2018

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 46 **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Scripture Readings:

I Corinthians 1:18-31

The Apostle Paul writes about the saving power which lies in the message of Christ crucified. This message may be a stumbling block to some and foolishness to others, but to those whom God has called to faith, this message of the cross is His power unto salvation.

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I

will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." 20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— 31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

Matthew 20:17-28

Jesus again reveals to His disciples His upcoming death and resurrection. When Salome, with her sons James and John, come to Jesus with the request for special honors in the kingdom, Jesus reminds the disciples that His kingdom if one of sacrifice and service. As He gave His life as a sacrifice for our sins, so we will want to show our thanks and love to Him by following His example of selfless, sacrificial living in giving and serving.

17 Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, 18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, 19 and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again." 20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and

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to Mountain: Mount Moriah to Mount Zion. All services will be at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

SUNDAY SERIES: This morning we continue a Sunday morning Lenten series of sermons entitled "The Ironies of the Passion." The texts and themes are listed below.

March 11: We Have No King but Caesar!---John 19:12-16a

March 18: Don't You Fear God?---Luke 23:39-43

March 25--Palm Sunday: Do You Hear What These Children Are Saying?---Matthew 21:12-17

March 29--Maundy Thursday: Do This in Remembrance of Me--1 Corinthians 11:23-29

March 30--Good Friday: He Said, "I Will Rise Again"---Matthew 27:62-66 **April 1**--Easter Sunday: Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?---Luke 24:4-8

TOUR CHOIR: The ILC Tour Choir will be coming to conduct a Sacred Concert here at Peace Thru Christ this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you can bring some food for the choir's lunch and for snacks after the concert.

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.

VACANCY CALL: Pastor Bernthal has received a call from Luther Memorial to serve as their vacancy pastor until their call is filled with a full time pastor. Pastor should have a decision on this call sometime this week. If you have any thoughts on this call, please speak to him. Your prayers are appreciated.

CLC NEWS

• Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, Trinity, Spokane, WA has the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI. with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" 16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank the Lord for your worshipping your Lord and Savior with us this morning. In every person's life, there is a king. The king, the ruler in the heart of unbelievers is Satan. Through faith in Jesus, He is the King who rules in our hearts. He reigns through the message of His love. Trust in Him and He will be the only King we need. Come again and hear more abut your King and Savior, the Christ. Please also sign our guest book.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Worship in the Tabernacle Bible Class: "Lessons from the Lives of Powerful Politicians!" 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:10 a.m. Choir

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Lent V —Pastor Matt Ude 8:15 p.m. Choir

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

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 11:10 a.m. Choir 11:30 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: Church---Meyer School: Schaser/Schaser.

Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

LAST WEEK: Worship 40 S.S. 1 Bible Class 17 Lent IV 35

OFFERINGS 3/4 & 7 for Unified Budget: \$3,192 \$600 Mission Helper

LENTEN SERVICES: This past Wednesday 35 attended our mid-week Lenten service. This Wednesday Pastor Matt Ude will be preaching on Mountain asking something from Him. 21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom." 22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." 23 So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father." 24 And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. 25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

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

IRONY OF THE PASSION

Sermon Text: John 19:12-16

WE HAVE NO KING BUT CAESAR!

I. These words ended Pilate's hope of setting Jesus free.

II. These words are a sad commentary on life without faith.

12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." 13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" 15 But they cried out, "Away with Him, away