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recently hit the western regions of Myanmar where several ZLCM congregations are located. Pastor Kham reported that among the congregations of the ZLCM, three members were killed, seven were hospitalized, and five homes were severely damaged. When the HCLC-Nepal heard about the earthquake in Myanmar, Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti called and requested that some of the remaining funds from the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund be sent to the ZLCM as soon as possible to assist them in their time of need. Money was sent from the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund to the ZLCM this

past week and no special offering will be needed at this time. In addition to the recent earthquake, there has also been recent flooding and wind storms in western Myanmar. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the ZLCM as they struggle to recover, continue to pray for members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession in Nepal as they work to rebuild, and give thanks and praise to the Lord for compassionate and willing hearts that are led by our Savior's love to help our fellow Christians in times of need.

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

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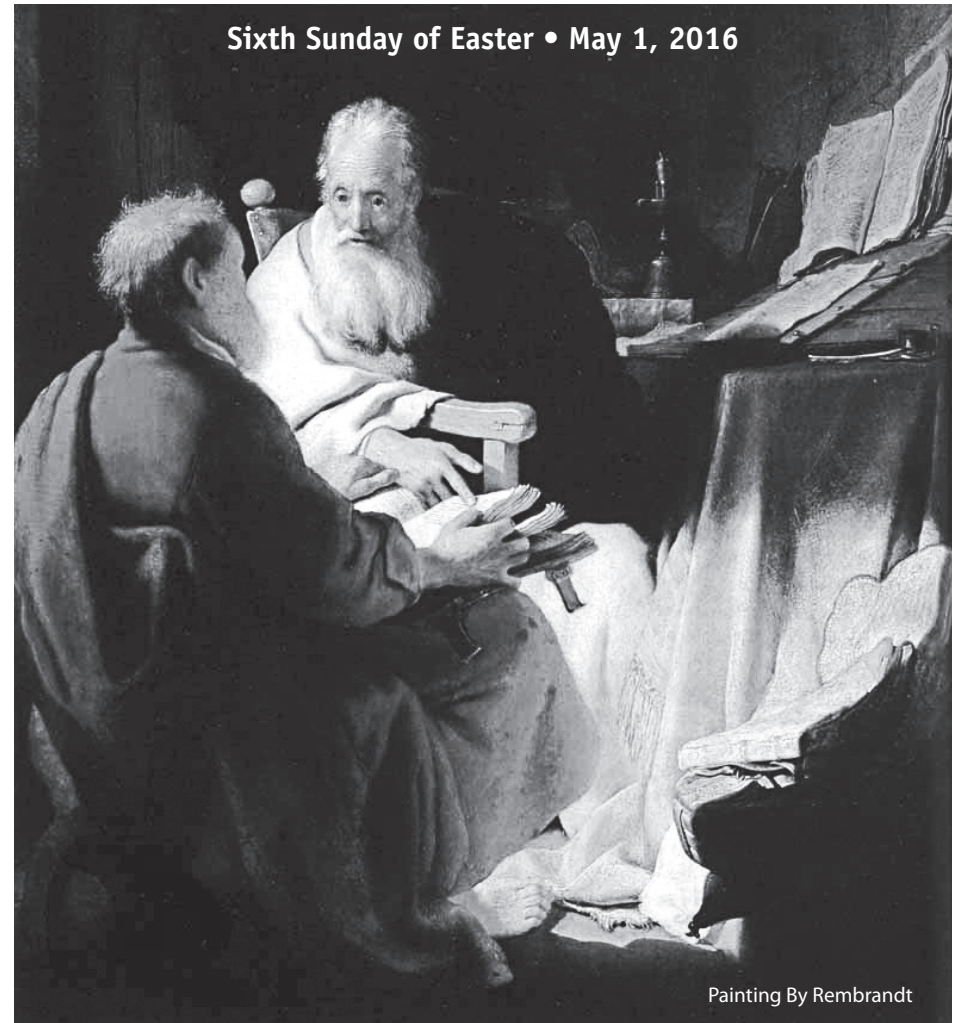
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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 15

Opening Hymn:	428
Before Sermon:	372
Offering Hymn:	792
During Distribution:	315
Closing Hymn:	349 (1 & 7)

Scripture Readings:

Acts 11:19-30

The church in Antioch was a “model church.” It was a church with Good News for all—a church with a ministry for all—and a church with a heart for all! May that be said of our congregation as well.

19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. 20 But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. 22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. 23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. 26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. 27 And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 Then one

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VBS: Our VBS will be held August 1-5 from 9-11:45 a.m. Parents, please mark your calendars. If you would like to help out with teaching, arts & crafts or singing, please contact Pastor Bernthal or Matt Schaser.

CARING FOR GOD’S SERVANTS: One of the blessings that comes from the ascended Savior is the gift of teachers for our Immanuel campus. One gift (Prof. John Pfeiffer) is moving on even as another gift (Prof. Paul Naumann) is getting ready to move in. Providing housing is one way we care for these gifts to our fellowship. The Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC) has compiled a list of projects that need to be done while the professorage is vacant. We are looking for volunteer help immediately before or after Convention, or anytime in June and early July convenient for you (in teams or individuals). Projects include: installing new windows & siding, installing new carpeting/vinyl, installing a new kitchen, painting inside, and fencing in the back yard. If you are able to help with any of these projects or would like more details, please contact

Pastor Paul Tiefel (715-829-2000/tiefels@hotmail.com).

NEW STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Our CLC Board of Missions has recently shared the exciting news of the establishment of the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) in Nepal for the training of Lutheran pastors both those who aspire to the ministry, and those who are already serving established congregations but require further training before ordination. The HBI will hold classes and provide room and board for ten students for one week every month. During the rest of the month they will receive on-the-job training in our HCLCN churches. The cost to support an HBI student through Project KINSHIP is \$40 per month, which goes to provide books, meals and transportation. If you would like to sponsor a student, please contact KINSHIP Committee member Rev. David Fuerstenau at (907) 225-2842, or e-mail djfuerstenau@kpunet.net.

MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE Please include prayers for our brothers and sisters of the Zomi Lutheran Church of Myanmar (ZLCM). A 6.9 magnitude earthquake

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GOLF OUTING: The 3rd Annual CLC WI Golf Invitational will be held on Saturday, June 11th at 1 p.m. at Lake Mills Golf Course (between Milwaukee and Madison). This year it is hosted by Messiah, Hales Corners. See poster on bulletin board or ask Pastor Bernthal for more information. Registration deadline is May 10th!

BABY SHOWER: A combined baby shower for Joelle Lentz and Christina Schaser will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14th at church. All ladies are invited.

BREWERS OUTING: Tuesday, July 26, against the Arizona Diamondbacks. The cost is \$21.00 per ticket. Limited number of tickets are available. Sign up sheet is on bulletin board! Contact Ted Quade with any other questions. tedquade@gmail.com Payment must be made to: Ted Quade W224 S3099 Sunset Circle Waukesha, WI 53186. Deadline June 1.

CLC NEWS:

- Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called Pastor Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD, and Peace Lutheran, Mission SD, as associate pastor.

- Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC, has called Pastor David Pfeiffer, pastor of Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL
- Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights (Detroit Area) MI, has called Pastor Roland Gurgel, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Spring TX.
- Mr. Neil Bernthal has returned the call extended to him from Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA.
- Seminary Graduate Benjamin Libby has accepted the call to Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma WA.
- Seminary Graduate Joseph Naumann has returned the call to Living Savior Lutheran, Eden Prairie MN.
- Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has called teacher graduate Andrew Roehl to teach in lower grades to replace Naomi Oster who resigned her call.
- The soul of Mrs. Edung Effiong Ekong Essien went to be with the Lord and her earthly body was laid to rest on April 9th. She was the widow of the late Pastor E.E. Essien, who was leader in the NCLC for some time.

of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. 30 This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

John 14:15-21

In these verses Jesus promises His disciples that He will send the Holy Spirit. We are approaching the festival of the Holy Spirit—Pentecost. The Spirit of truth will lead us to show our love for our Savior by our obedience to His Word.

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. 19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

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

Sermon Text: I Peter 3:15-22

Sermon Theme:

Christian, in your heart set apart Jesus as Lord!

I: By being prepared to give a defense (answer) to the hope that is in you.

II: By being willing to suffer for doing good.

III: By trusting Jesus' suffering and death for you.

IV: By looking to your Baptism in Christ.

V: By being assured of all of this through Jesus' Ascension.

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a

defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God that you are here this morning worshiping your Savior with us. May our Savior's words this morning comfort you. If you are interested in learning more about your Savior and about what we teach, please see Pastor Bernthal. We stand ready to witness to the truth of God's Word to you at anytime. We encourage you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please sign our guest book as you leave. Thank you!

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.

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This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. S.S.: The Transfiguration • Bible Class: Bible Class: Spending Time in Luther's Catechism: Lord's Prayer 11:20 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

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

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class

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

Saturday 9:00 a.m. Deck Building

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

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church---Birkholz/Heberlein
School---Abbas/Schaefer
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Schaser

LAST WEEK: Worship 42 S.S. 4 B.C. 19

OFFERINGS 4/24 for Unified Budget: \$1,728

IN YOUR MAILBOX: May Calendar & Newsletter, Project

Kinship Newsletter, ILC Newsletter, Spring Coordinating Council Report

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE

CLASS: We continue our series on I John. Come, learn with us! 7:00 p.m.

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP:

Ascension worship service will be held this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

END OF YEAR PROGRAM:

Our End of the Year Program will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m. A meal will be prepared, plus we will be presenting "The Moderne and Medieval Ballad of Mary Jane." Don't miss it! Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you are coming.

MOWING HELP NEEDED: A new mowing schedule has been put up. We hope you will be able to volunteer to help mow during the spring, summer and fall months. Remember that we have two mowers to use. The riding one and the stand-up one. Any questions, please check with Caleb Meyer or Pastor Bernthal.