

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

Arise and Shine 20's-30's Conference 2012

- June 7-10, 2012 - Camp JIM - Pillager, MN (Brainerd area)

Please make plans to join us for this year's "Arise & Shine 20's-30's Conference." The theme for this year is "self" and is based on our theme passages from Matthew 16:21-26 (ESV): "...Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it..." and John 3:30 (NKJ): "He must increase; but I must decrease."

For more info & to register go to our website:

www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com Costs: \$125 per adult (ages 7 and up), \$50 (ages 4 – 6), FREE (ages 0-3). Child Care is provided at no additional cost to families. We ask that families attending the retreat register by May 18th to enable child care arrangements to be made. Questions: Feel free to contact: Pastor Luke Bernthal - lbernthal@live.com 402.389.2147 -or- Alana Ahrens - alanaahrens@yahoo.com 402.322.9064



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. 27

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn: 144

Before Sermon: 142 v.1-3

Offering Hymn: 761

After Prayers 142 v.4-6

Dedication Hymns: 742 & 638

Choir: Awesome God

Antiphon: Ps.66 pg. 37

Scripture Readings:

Romans 8:11-19

The Apostle Paul reminds his readers that the Holy Spirit was at work in them. Just as the Spirit gave life to Christ's dead body, so He gave life to those who had been dead in trespasses and sins. They were no longer obligated to obey sin, or to follow their sinful nature. Led

by the Spirit, they were now God's adopted children. The hardships of suffering with Christ in this life can in no way compare with the glory that awaits the children of God at the end of time.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

John 11:47-53

Caiaphas, the high priest at Jesus' time, was worried about the security of Judah under the rule of Rome. He felt Rome would be pleased if a political rebel, as he portrayed Jesus, would be put to death. Little did he realize that Jesus' death would give real security to all people by paying for their sins, rescuing them from the rule of Satan, and placing them once again into God's family.

47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. 48 If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation." 49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, 50 nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." 51 Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, 52 and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. 53 Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

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LENTEN SERVICES: Last Wednesday 43 came to worship their Savior. We continue our study of "The Cross and the Catechism" next Wednesday when Pastor Bernthal will speak on The Office of the Keys John 20:19-23. We pray that you come and worship with us.

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

6. The Office of the Keys
(John 20:19-23)

March 28: Pastor Bernthal

OPEN HOUSE:

This afternoon from 1:00-2:30 we will have an open house for the community to see our remodeling. Hosts are asked to meet with Pastor after the meal.

EASTER PARTS:

The Easter passages for children have been handed out. Practice for our children's Easter Sunrise Service will take place after church on Palm Sunday, April 1st and again after our Good Friday Service on April 6th. Parents, please help your children learn their parts!

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 a series of sermons entitled "Object Lessons From Christ's Passion." The objects left to examine and the lessons learned are the following:

5. The Sponge and the Spear
—A Lesson on Genuineness
6. The Pen and the Ink
—A Lesson on Justice.

Maundy 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.



Faith Triumphs in Trouble

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1)

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We praise the Lord that you are worshiping our Lord and Savior with us this morning. Jesus is the only Savior. He lived a perfect life. He was GENUINE in His love, care and concern for all of mankind. His suffering was REAL, GENUINE pain. He truly died for us. Are we GENUINE in our relationship with our God or do we put up a false front? Are we GENUINE in our dealings with our fellow human beings? May our faith, our repentance and our love for our Lord and each other be GENUINE, from the heart motivated by Christ's GENUINE love for us. 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!

Before Church S.S.: Daniel

Bible Class: Biblical Perspective of the End Times: Chapter 7: The Antichrist

This Week:

Today 11:15 a.m. Choir
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Meal
1:00-2:30 p.m. Open House

Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation

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

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

Thursday 4:00 p.m. Confirmation-McDonald

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday/Communion
11:15 a.m. Choir/Easter Program Practice

LAST WEEK:

Church 56 S.S. 6 Bible Class 28
Lent V 43

OFFERINGS 3/18 & 21
for Unified Budget: \$2,966
\$434 Tour Choir

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church—Ehle

School—Brandle, Mike

Counters today:

Randy Dreyer & Karl Gullerud

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.

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

Sermon Text:

John 19:28-42; I Peter 2:21-22

THE SPONGE AND THE SPEAR

A Lesson on Genuineness!

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. 31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." 38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. 39 And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. 40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. 41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. 42 So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

DEDICATION ORDER OF SERVICE:

Hymn 742: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

In Leviticus 8:10 we read:

ALSO MOSES TOOK THE ANOINTING OIL, AND ANOINTED THE TABERNACLE AND ALL THAT WAS IN IT, AND CONSECRATED THEM.

We also gather this morning to consecrate and dedicate the remodeled interior of our church building—the new church pews, the new carpeting, the lights, window frames and the electronic piano.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord, Within these walls the Gospel of salvation has been and continues to be proclaimed and the Sacraments have been and continue to be administered. And now our gracious God and Lord has brought us to the conclusion of our work on the remodeling of the interior on this, His house of worship to the glory and honor of His name. We are now gathered in His presence for the purpose of devoting these items and their use to the honor of His most holy name.

P: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

C: to You we dedicate this remodeled interior.

P: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father who art in heaven,

C: to You we dedicate this remodeled interior.

P: Son of God, the only begotten of the Father, Head of the Church, our Prophet, Priest and King, Jesus the Christ, our Savior,

C: to You we dedicate this remodeled interior.

P: God the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son; our Sanctifier, Comforter and Giver of Life,

C: to You we dedicate this remodeled interior.

P: Oh Triune God of our salvation,

C: to You we dedicate ourselves—our hearts, minds, bodies and souls.

P: To You O Lord, we give thanks for the years that this sanctuary has been a place of worship and blessing.

C: We dedicate ourselves to you, O God of Love.

P: We give thanks for the many helping hands that have renovated, repaired and enhanced this house of worship.

C: We dedicate ourselves to you, O God of Love.

P: Today we dedicate these new pews, praying that they will give comfort and care to all who enter God's sanctuary.

C: We dedicate ourselves to you, O God of Love.

P: Today we dedicate these new lights, praying that they help us in seeing Your Word of salvation and Your forgiving love in Christ.

C: We dedicate ourselves to You, O God of Love.

P: Today we also dedicate this new piano, praying that it helps awaken our hearts and mouths to sing to You in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs,

C: We dedicate ourselves to you, O God of Love.

ALL: The church is one body, made up of many members. For everybody's part in caring for and remodeling of this church, we give You thanks and praise! Amen.

Hymn 638: "In Loud, Exalted Strains"