

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

A **Spring Christian Music Festival** is being hosted by Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI on Sunday, April 29th @4pm. If you are interested in playing or singing a song for the festival, please let Pastor Neal Radichel know soon: pastor@fdllutheran.com If you aren't planning on playing anything, please plan to join us for this spring time event of music and praise to our Savior!

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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— PALM SUNDAY —

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 61

HYMN 161: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ALTAR SERVICE

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen. (Spoken)**
- P: On this sacred day, O Jesus, we remember Your triumphal entry into Jerusalem and we join the multitude in hailing You:
- C: **"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest!"**
- P: Long ago the prophet Zechariah foretold Your humble entry:
- C: **"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9)**

P: Today we hail You as our Savior and our King.

C: **As the “King of kings, and Lord of lords.” (Rev. 19:16)**

P: Dear Savior, You traveled to Jerusalem not to be treated “royally,” but rather as God’s Suffering Servant to give Your life as a ransom for many:

C: **“This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him. . . . How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God.” (1 John 4:9, 3:1)**

P: As we meditate on all that happened during Holy Week, we see beyond Gethsemane’s soul-struggle, the judgment hall’s mistrial, Calvary’s agony, and the grave’s apparent victory - to Easter’s triumph!

C: **“Worthy is the Lamb. Who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” (Rev. 5:12)**

P: As our risen and ascended King, precious Jesus, we know that You guide and guard Your faithful, controlling our lives and the events of history for the welfare of Your beloved Church:

C: **“Seated at the right hand of God, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion - God has placed all things under Your feet and appointed You to be the Head over everything for the Church.” (Ephesians 1:21-22)**

Scripture Readings:

Philippians 2:5-11

The Apostle Paul stresses both the humility and the majesty of our Lord Jesus. Although He is true God from eternity, He willingly humbled Himself, even to the point of dying on a cross. Now He has been exalted again as King over all things in heaven and on earth.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We welcome you in our King’s name. May the Sacrifice our Humble King made for us—His life—move you to come again and worship with us. This week is called HOLY WEEK. This is the week that changed the world. Come with us as we follow Jesus and see Him stand before the Sanhedrin and Pontius Pilate; follow Jesus to the cross of Calvary and the grave and then to the empty tomb. Rejoice and sing! He, who died, our Lord and King, is now alive and reigns forevermore. Please also sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today 11:15 a.m. Choir/Easter Program Practice

Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation

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

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship/Communion 8:15 p.m. Choir

Friday 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship 8:10 p.m. Easter Program Practice/Choir

Next Sunday

7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Easter Family Worship

IN YOUR MAILBOX: April Calendar & Newsletter, March CLC Financial Report

LAST SUNDAY: Worship 63 S.S. 9 Bible Class 28 • Lent VI 38

OFFERINGS 3/25 & 28

for Unified Budget: \$2,385

LENTEN SERVICES: Last Wednesday 38 came to worship their Savior. We encourage all to come for our Holy Week services listed below---

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.

MEN SIGN-UP FOR EASTER BREAKFAST:

Men, please sign up to volunteer to bring food, set-up, cook, and clean-up for the Easter Breakfast. The sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry-way.

EASTER PARTS: Practice for our children’s Easter Sunrise Service will take place after church today and after our Good Friday Service. Parents, please continue to help your children learn their parts.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S RETREAT:

April 13-15, 2012 at Best Western Hotel, La Crosse, WI. Brochures can be found on the table by the mailboxes.

CALL RETURNED: Miss Ohlmann has returned the call from Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC to be their lower grade teacher.

CLC NEWS: Miss Ann Sprengeler has been called by Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC to be their lower grade teacher.

Sermon Text: John 19:19-22; Col. 2:13-14

THEME: THE PEN AND THE INK—A LESSON ON JUSTICE!

John 19:19-22

19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was:
JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. 21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews.'"" 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Colossians 2:13-14

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS FOR OUR LORD AND KING

OFFERING HYMN 160 v.4-5:

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER/COMMUNICANT PRAYER

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COMMUNION HYMN 305:

"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

BENEDICTION

HYMN 361 v.1,2,4 : "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

SILENT PRAYER • ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew 21:1-11

Let us join in singing praises to our Savior-King as He comes in humility—riding on a donkey; as He comes in majesty---receiving praises as King; as He comes to bring about peace with God---"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

21 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. 3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" 11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

The Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 143 v1-5, 15:

"O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"