

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: "Places of the Passion."

April 18th: Maundy Thursday: "The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness" (Luke 22:7-23)

April 19th: Good Friday: "Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love" (Luke 23:44-49)

April 21st: Easter Sunday: "The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering" (Luke 24:1-11)

STILL NEEDED:

One person to help count offerings after church one Sunday every month. Please see pastor if you would like to help serve in this way.

EVANGELISM IDEAS:

Do you know the fastest growing religion in America? It is the non-religious.

According to an article in Dailywire.com atheists are the largest single religious group in America. Americans who have no religion has increased 266% over the past three decades and now account for 23% of the population. We have a large field in which to harvest souls. Neighbors, fellow workers and classmates, friends, relatives, and strangers belong to this group of the non-religious or atheists. We need to go out to them and tell them about the One Thing Needful—their Savior, who has taken away their sins and provided them with an eternity of bliss, peace and joy. If you want to help get our church name out, we have more window clings for you to put on your car's windows for others to see and also church business cards for you to hand out to others when inviting them to come to church. They are on the table in the entry-way. Take some with you today and use them this week.



Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church.

If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-442-9986** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 61

HYMN 160: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
(v. 1-all; v. 2-men; v. 3-women; v. 4-5-all)

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)**

Confession of Sins and Absolution:

- P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- All: **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

REMEMBRANCE LILIES:

We would like to decorate the altar with lilies on Easter Sunday in celebration of Jesus’ resurrection and also in memory of loved ones who have died in the Lord, and who will surely rise again in glory at Christ’s return. If you would like to provide a lily in memory of a loved one, let Pastor know, and he will include the name in the Easter bulletin.

ARISE AND SHINE:

Registration for the 2019 Arise and Shine Retreat is now open! You can find the online registration form at <http://arise.clclutheran.org/registration/>. The theme for this year is “Confidence!” The purpose of our theme is to create or strengthen your confidence in God alone. In this post-truth age that we live in, so many have a hard time knowing what to believe. Even the Christian Church is under attack, resulting in millions who lack confidence, because their hopes lie in something other than Christ. The Lord teaches us to be confident and even to boast, not in ourselves, but in Him and His Word. Our theme this year is based on 2 Timothy 4:1-8 and will feature 5 sessions. To see more about our theme and the presenters we have lined up, check out ariseandshineretreat.com.

A few details about the retreat:

Where? Camp Jim, located in Pillager, MN

When? June 13-16, 2019 (Thursday to Sunday)

Who? Men and women in their 20s and 30s.

Cost? \$140 per adult (ages 12 and up)/\$100 per child (ages 0-11/child care is provided). Your registration fee covers everything including lodging and meals!

Why? Because this retreat is focused on God’s Word and the redemptive work Christ has done for us! In addition to daily immersion in God’s Word, you will enjoy fellowship with like-minded believers, music praise sessions, and relaxation by beautiful Lake Hardy. If you are looking for a faith-strengthening weekend with likeminded Christians that is focused on the Word of God, this retreat is for you! Please visit our Facebook page or website (ariseandshineretreat.com) for more information and to register. We hope you will decide to join us, and please invite your friends!

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Friday 7:00 p.m. Good Friday • 8:15 p.m. Choir

Next Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
8:45 a.m. Easter Brunch • 10:00 a.m. Easter Service

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/Peterson B. Bernthal
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

LAST WEEK: Worship 38 S.S. 2 Bible Class 17 Lent VI 27

OFFERINGS 4/7 & 10 for Unified Budget: \$2,942.00

IN YOUR MAILBOX: April Calendar & Newsletter

EASTER SUNRISE:

An Easter Sunrise service will be held at 7:30 a.m. next Sunday. Following the service there will be an Easter brunch for all. Men, please sign the sheet in the entry-way to bring food and help with the cooking and serving. Members sign if you plan on coming to the brunch. Thanks!

CLC NEWS:

- Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland, CO has called Pastor David Schaller of Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes, MI.
- Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX has called Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran, Watertown SD and Zion Lutheran, Hidewood Township SD.
- Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA has requested a 2019 Seminary graduate.
- Trinity Lutheran of West Columbia, SC has called Teacher Seth Schaller to be their principal and 4th-8th grade teacher.
- Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI. Faith has called Teacher Quinn Sprengeler to be their Principal and 6th-8th grade teacher.
- Teacher Matt Thurow has returned the call extended to him by St. John's, Okabena, MN. to be principal and teacher.
- Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston, WA, has requested a 2019 ILC Teacher graduate.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Scripture Readings:

I Peter 4:1-6

As we begin this Holy week of worship, Peter directs us to see in Jesus' suffering and death a victory over sins. We too, must be properly armed with the same minds as found in Christ. This can only come through the Word. Even as Christ died for sin, so we have died to sin with Him and have risen again to a new life in Him. Therefore, with Christ now living in us, we are compelled by His love to resist our sinful human desires which lead to destruction and death and instead follow God's will which leads to life in Christ.

4 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. 5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

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 Nicene Creed, pg. 5 W.S.

HYMN 367: "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

The Sermon: read sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Philippians 2:5-11**

Sermon Theme:

WHAT KIND OF KING IS THIS?

- 1) A king who humbled himself to save us.
- 2) A king who is now exalted for us to praise and to imitate.

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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS FOR OUR LORD AND KING

CHOIR: "Jesus, the King"

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER/BENEDICTION

HYMN 725: "No Tramp of Soldier's Marching Feet"

SILENT PRAYER • ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We rejoice to have you worshiping with us this morning. May the message of the sacrifice of our humble King made for you--His life--lead you to center your worship this Holy Week upon our One and only Savior, Jesus Christ. This week is called Holy Week---the week that changed the world. Let us follow Jesus as He goes from the Crown of Palm Sunday, to the Cross of Good Friday, to the Resurrected Glory of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. If you would like to learn more about your Savior, please contact Pastor Bernthal. Please also sign our guest register and come worship your Savior with us again.

This Week:

This Week: Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The First Miracle
Bible Class: Galatians 5
10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:10 a.m. Choir
11:30 a.m. Church Council

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

Thursday: 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday/Communion • 8:15 p.m. Choir