



EASTER RESURRECTION DAY

April 16, 2017

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 118

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- Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has called member Mrs. Becky Buck to teach grades 3-4 at its school.
- Miss Ann Sprengeler has returned the call extended to her by Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY.
- Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN has called member Mr. Benjamin Hanel as high school Social Studies teacher.
- ImmanuelLutheranChurch, Mankato, MN will be hosting a farewell service and meal for Pastor Paul Nolting on Sunday, May 14 at our 9:30am service. We invite any and all to help us say thank you and good-bye to Pastor and his wife Sara for 21 wonderful years. We would like to thank both of these amazing Christian individuals for their service performed among us, through us, and in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. May God bless them and keep them as they continue their work in the kingdom of God in Nebraska and South Dakota.

**ARISE AND SHINE 20'S – 30'S
RETREAT:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, AZ is once

again sponsoring a four-day retreat in Pillager, MN, June 15-18 (Thurs. - Sun.). The retreat is designed for men and women in their 20s & 30s. Singles, couples, and families are welcome. The registration fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 1st, 2017), lodging, meals and snacks, and activities during the retreat. The cost is \$140.00 per adult (ages 12 and up), \$100 per child (ages 0-11). This year's theme is "Jars of Clay". Our theme is based on the 1 Corinthians 4:7 "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us" If you are looking for a faith-strengthening weekend with young adult Christians that is focused on the Word of God, this retreat is for you! You can find more information and register on our web site: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com. For more info, please contact Sam Rodebaugh (414) 534-7279 sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com or Josh Ohlmann (314) 874-9184 joshohlmann@swbell.net.

This Week:

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

7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping
Hands

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

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. SS/Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Quarterly Voters'
Meeting

LAST WEEK:

Worship 38 S.S. 1 Bible Class 21

Maundy Thursday 35

Good Friday 32

OFFERINGS

4/9 & 13 & 14 for Unified

Budget: \$2,217

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church—Meyer.

School—Abbas/Schaefer

Counters today: John Birkholz &
John Gerbitz

PROPERTY TO-DO LIST:

A property to-do list can be found
on the bulletin board in the
entry-way. If you are interested
in helping out with one or more
of the projects listed, please
sign the sheet and the Property
Chairman, Chris Ude will be in
touch with you. Thanks!

TEACHER CALL:

Once again our teacher, Miss
Abbas, has received a call. She
has been called by Gethsemane
Lutheran School, Spokane, WA
to be its second teacher in
their school. She again asks for
the prayers and advice of the
members as she deliberates this
new call.

UP-COMING:

- CLC Coordinating Council
Meetings at ILC,
Mon-Wed. April 24-26
- Spring Work day,
Saturday, May 6th.
- Church Council, Sunday,
May 7th.
- Evangelism Meeting,
Sunday, May 14th.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor David Schaller has
returned the call extended to
him by Immanuel Lutheran,
Winter Haven, FL.
- Pastor Neal Radichel has
returned the call extended to
him by Immanuel Lutheran,
Mankato, MN.
- Mr. Paul Tiefel III has returned
the call extended to him by
Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye,
MN.

OPENING HYMN:

"Christ is Arisen"

PASTOR: Christ is arisen from the grave's dark prison. We now
rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness. Lord, have
mercy.

CONGREGATION:

**All our hopes were ended had Jesus not ascended from
the grave triumphantly. For this Lord Christ, we worship
Thee. Lord, have mercy.**

ALL: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Hallelujah! We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will
end all sadness. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Hymn 188(1-4,):

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

PASTOR: Even on this joyous, festival day, if we say we have no
sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

CONGREGATION:

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and
just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.**

**ALL: Almighty God, heavenly Father, we confess that we
have not remained strong in faith. We have not always
let the Good News of the resurrection victory dispel
the fear and anxiety that wells up within us. We have
thought, spoken and acted in sinful ways. We have not**

loved You with our whole hearts, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We deserve Your eternal judgment. Forgive us and renew in us the assurance of joining the saints and angels around the eternal feast which You have prepared for all who call upon Your Son, their Savior and Lord.

PASTOR: By His suffering and death our Lord has paid for our sins, and by His rising from the dead He has destroyed the power of death over us. As a called servant of our risen and triumphant Lord Jesus 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.

ALL: Amen

HYMN 198:

"He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord"

PASTOR: Jesus lives!

CONGREGATION: Jesus is risen!

PASTOR: Jesus is risen indeed!

CONGREGATION: Alleluia! The King lives.

PASTOR: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

CONGREGATION: By grace through faith, yes, I believe this.

PASTOR: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

CONGREGATION: He is not here, but is risen!

PASTOR: Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying,



OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO OUR RISEN SAVIOR

HYMN 196 (1 & 4) *"I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still"*

HYMN 200:

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

(vs. 1-2 All; 3-4 Women; 5-6 Men; 7-8 All)

EASTER PRAYER

HYMN 205 (1 & 3): *"The Day of Resurrection"*

SILENT PRAYER • ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU

A joyous welcome to all in the name of the risen and ever living King, and Light of the world, Jesus Christ. May the blessings of our Savior's Resurrection Victory over death remain in your hearts forevermore. It is a privilege and pleasure to share the Easter message of life over death with you. If you are a visitor and are perhaps seeking a church home, we invite you to inquire of the pastor regarding our teachings based on God's verbally inspired Word. Please sign our guest register and we invite you to come worship your Savior with us again.



Sermon Text:

John 20:11-18

Who Gains from the Empty Tomb?

I. Weeping Mary.

**II. All who believe
in a resurrected Lord and Savior.**

11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." 14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

CONGREGATION: The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified and the third day rise again."

PASTOR: "Thus it was written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

CONGREGATION: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

PASTOR: And you are witnesses of these things."

CONGREGATION: "Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

PASTOR: Death no longer has dominion over Him."

CONGREGATION: "Christ, who has redeemed us with His blood,

PASTOR: Is risen and has appeared to us."

CONGREGATION: "Where, O death is your victory?

PASTOR: Where, O death is your sting?"

All: "Death has been swallowed up in victory!"

PASTOR: "Thanks be to God!

All: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

PASTOR: Jesus is risen!

CONGREGATION: Jesus is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BE STILL and know that I am God
Psalms 46:10

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 28:1-15

28 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." 11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. 12 When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, 13 saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." 15 So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

CHOIR/CONGREGATION:

"Alleluia! Love Lives Again!"

Congregation sings:

1. Jesus Christ Is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise, then, let us sing Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

The Lutheran Hymnal: Hymn #199 Text: Rev. 1:18 Author: unknown, c. 1372 Translated by: unknown, 1708-1882 Titled: "Surrexit Christus hodie" Tune: "Easter Hymn" 1st Published in: Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Hymn 206:

*"Jesus Christ,
My Sure Defense"*

Sing v. 1-2;

Read v. 3-4;

Sing v. 5-6;

Read v. 7-9;

Sing v. 10

BECAUSE THE SINLESS
Savior died
MY
SINFUL
SOUL
IS COUNTED FREE
For God the just
IS SATISFIED
TO LOOK ON HIM
& pardon me

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ARK ENCOUNTER / CREATION

MUSEUM TRIP: has been scheduled for the last week of July 25-27 (Tues-Thurs). Come see what the Ark may have looked like first hand and tour the state of the art Creation Museum in Kentucky! Full details, discounted blocked hotel rooms, and combo tickets may all be found and reserved by going to <https://goo.gl/forms/m7LI28VJJXwPnQEh2> or emailing nealradichel@gmail.com

ILHS VISITORS' DAY: Students in grades 7 and up are invited to Immanuel Lutheran High School

Visitors Day in Eau Claire, WI, on Friday, April 28, 2017, starting at 8:00 am. Students will have an opportunity to experience firsthand what it would be like to attend Immanuel. Activities will include a campus tour, classroom experience, sports and co-curricular experience, Q & A time, team activities, band concert, and a play performance of Harvey. Please register students and chaperones at www.ilc.edu by Friday, April 21. Contact Prof. Joel Gullerud at 715-544-8446 or joel.gullerud@ilc.edu with any questions.

May our Lord and Savior watch over you and may He go

before you to show you the way

behind you to encourage you

beside you to befriend you

above you to watch over you

within you to give you His peace.

Amen

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church.

If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Bernthal **608-213-9989**

More Information and Audio Sermons at [***middletonlutheran.org***](http://middletonlutheran.org)



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