

**TRIP TO ISRAEL:**

The group trip to Israel, which was originally set for January 2021, has been rescheduled for January 10-19, 2023 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact Pastor Mayhew ([nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com](mailto:nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com)). With travel restrictions lifting all over the world, it looks like we will finally be able to go! The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. Brochures with trip details are available upon request. Nathanael Mayhew – Pastor

**KNOW GOD THROUGH HIS WORD**

**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, please call **Pastor Bernthal** at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at [mbern@juno.com](mailto:mbern@juno.com)



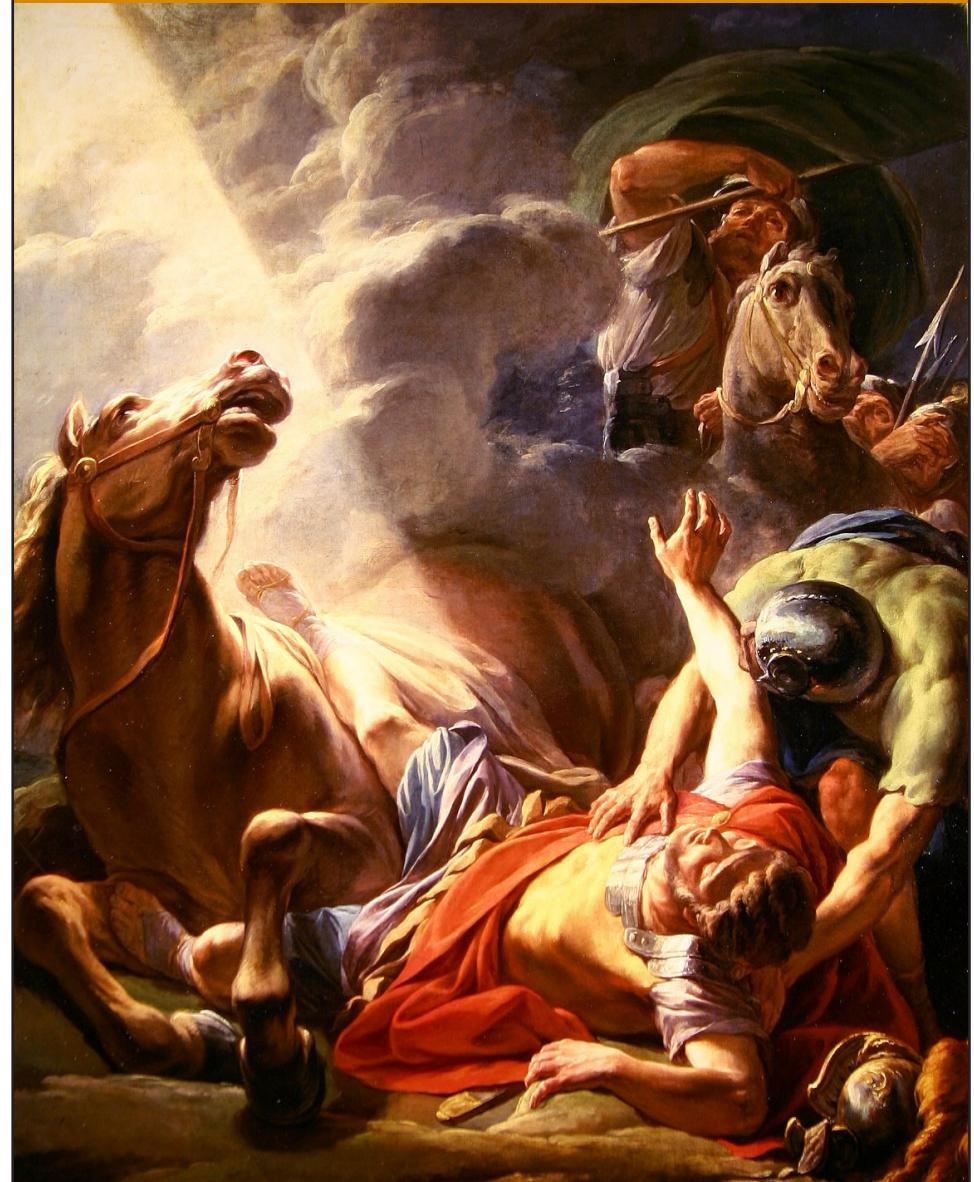
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On the Cover: Conversion of St. Paul Artist: Nicolas Bernard Lépicié (1735–1784) oil painting, 1767

# Peace Thru Christ

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Sarah Ude



**Second Sunday of Easter • April 24, 2022**

**Pre-service Preparation:** Psalm 111

## **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

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## **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

### **Acts 9:1-22**

Saul, the persecutor of Christ, is converted by God's powerful grace showered upon Paul, the Apostle of Christ. God's grace chose such a man to accomplish great things for Christ's kingdom. Amazing Grace!

*Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus,*

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go to our website: <http://www.clctvbs.org/tvbs>. You will find information about the trips, this year's theme, and a registration form. If you have any questions you may use the "contact us" link or email us directly at the email address below. Please let us know if you would like more information or have any questions. Thank you for considering!

Thanks, Ryan Hammett on behalf of the TVBS Committee  
Hammettr@gmail.com

### **THE KINSHIP COMMITTEE**

is in need of individual sponsors for both orphans and seminarians in our overseas sister congregations. Fields of opportunity are continually expanding, as are the needs for support from those who are moved do to do. Please consider helping. Financial support ranges from \$25/month to \$50/month. For more information please see, call, email, or text Dan Roehl danroehl@hotmail.com / 507-381-2042.

### **FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS:**

Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, individual student grants, scholarships, and work study. All students are encouraged to submit an application, especially since this year the application includes the possibility of a High School tuition grant. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, the other aids are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2022, for the 2022-23 academic year. If any potential student is showing any interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at [ilc.edu/resources/](http://ilc.edu/resources/) under the heading Financial Assistance Forms & Info.

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budgetary offerings, by the time the project is complete. Our goal is to raise an additional \$35,000 in special offerings to fund the project. Offerings for this project should be marked "PTC 50th Anniversary." \$22,090 has already been received.

Praise the Lord!

### CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Mike Wilke, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has been called to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL.
- Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has been called a second time to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

**INSTALLATION:** Living Savior Lutheran of Eden Prairie will install Pastor Luke Willitz next Sunday, May 1, at 4:00 p.m. at the Huber Funeral Chapel, 16394 Glory Lane in Eden Prairie. A luncheon/reception will follow service. Attendees are asked to RSVP President Scott Libby, if possible, at [salibby@msn.com](mailto:salibby@msn.com)

**CLC YOUTH CAMP:** This camp will be taking place on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 12-18. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. Camp is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$135/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. Registration will open Sunday, March 27th at 3 PM. For more information visit [youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp](http://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp), or email the camp directors Kendra Rodebaugh and Sam Radermacher at [youthcamp.clc@gmail.com](mailto:youthcamp.clc@gmail.com)

**TVBS:** The TVBS committee has finalized our list of trips for this summer. We will be going to California, Washington, and North Dakota. We are now in need of volunteers to ensure we can make these trips possible. If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information please

*whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” 11 So the Lord said to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.” 13 Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.” 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. 20 Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. 21 Then all who heard were amazed, and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for*

*that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.*

## **John 20:19-31**

Easter evening Jesus appears before His disciples and proves He is bodily resurrected by showing His hands and His side. Thomas is not there and does not believe until the risen Christ again appears a week later and shows Thomas these infallible proofs—His nail wounds. “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

*Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” 27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”*

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### **QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING:**

Today after church. All Voters are encouraged to attend this meeting as we take up the Lord's work in bringing the Gospel to others.

**HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:** This Tuesday 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:**

We will resume our Wednesday Night Bible Class by Zoom this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We will continue our study of the Gospel of John, chapter 19

### **B.O.C.E.:**

Our BOCE Will meet this Thursday at 6 p.m. by Zoom

### **THANKS:**

to all who came to help on our spring Work Day. Much was accomplished to the glory of our Lord.

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER:**

Will be celebrated next Sunday, Plan now to attend this life-giving meal of forgiveness.

### **CALL ACCEPTED:**

Pastor Mark Tiefel has accepted our call to become our next pastor after Pastor Bernthal retires on July 31st. We are thankful to the Lord for this gift and are very excited to have him and his family come here to be our new shepherd. There will be much follow-up communication between Pastor Tiefel and our congregation/Church Council as his family and we make preparations for this transition.

### **50TH ANNIVERSARY FUND:**

We thank the Lord that contracts are complete and the Town of Westport has approved our design. The Voters approved \$60,000 for the project. We project to have \$25,000 in the Property Improvement account, funded by

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

May the joy of the Easter message of Christ's bodily resurrection move you to hold on to your Easter assurance. Christ is risen indeed! We, who believe in Him, will someday rise to everlasting life, too! We are glad to have you here this morning and would like to serve you this life-giving Word. Please feel free to speak with Pastor Berenthal if you have any questions about our congregation or would like a pastoral visit. We invite you to come and worship your Savior with us again, and please sign our guest book.

#### This Week:

**Today:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Tower of Babel

Bible Class: Foreign Nations and Israel During the Divided Kingdom • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:15 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting

**Tuesday** 11:00 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow

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

**Wednesday** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Playgroup

7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

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

6:00 p.m. B.O.C.E. by Zoom

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class • 10:00 a.m.

Family Worship/Communion • 11:15 a.m. 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting.

#### SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Meyer B. Dreyer/Dumke

Counters: Kathy Dreyer & Chris Gerbitz

**OFFERINGS** 4/15 & 17 for Unified Budget: \$2,635.00

#### ATTENDANCE:

Easter Sunrise: 42 Easter: 42 YouTube: 18 Good Friday: 45  
YouTube: 4

29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

### THE SERMON:

#### I Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon Theme:

### HOLD ON TO YOUR EASTER ASSURANCE!

**I: Remember what you were Taught.**

**II: Listen to Eye Witnesses.**

**III: See the Results**

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11 Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.