

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

A stylized stained glass illustration of Jesus Christ. He is shown from the chest up, facing right. He has long brown hair and a beard, and is wearing a white robe with a red sash. He holds a golden staff with a curved top. Behind his head is a halo of yellow rays. The background is composed of various colored panels: green, blue, and red, separated by black lines. The overall style is reminiscent of traditional stained glass art.

Peace Thru Christ
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Gail Schaefer

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 146

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SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 13:14-16a, 26-39

The Apostle Paul testifies before both Jews and Gentiles to the power of Christ's death and resurrection. This is a portion of Paul's first recorded sermon. He delivered it in the synagogue in Antioch of Pisidia at the beginning of his first missionary journey.

But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on." Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said,

"Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation

has been sent. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead. He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’ Therefore He also says in another Psalm: ‘You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.’ “For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

John 10:11-30

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep and took it up again. Whoever believes in Jesus as their Lord and Savior is one of His sheep and hears His voice and obeys it. Those who do not listen to Him do not belong to His flock and are lost. What a blessing to be safe in the arms of our God Shepherd!

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life

for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?" Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?" Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."

THE SERMON:

Revelation 7:9-17

THE LAMB HAS BECOME OUR SHEPHERD!

I: The LAMB once washed us with His own blood.

II: The LAMB now leads and cares for us as our SHEPHERD.

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."



PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here worshipping with us today. The sacrificial Lamb, Jesus, has now become the Good Shepherd to all of His little lambs. As His believing lambs we are safe in His loving arms. We invite and encourage you to come again and learn more about your Good Shepherd. Please also sign our guest register before you leave.



This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Palm Sunday
Bible Class: Vignette 9: One Authority: Scripture Alone
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
7:00 p.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

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

Sat-Wed. Pastor's Vacation

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:

We continue "A Study on Resurrection Apologetics" this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Meyer B. Bernthal
Counters: Kathy Dreyer & Chris Gerbitz

OFFERINGS

4/18 for Unified Budget: \$ 2,460

ATTENDANCE:

Facebook 15 / YouTube views 1/ Church 39
Bible Class: 12 S.S. 4

PASTOR'S VACATION:

Pastor & Ruth will be on vacation from this Saturday through next Wednesday afternoon, May 5th. Seminarian Zach Sippert will be conducting Bible Class and preaching next Sunday.

CLC NEWS:

- Seminary Graduate Drew Naumann has accepted the call to Trinity, Spokane, WA.
- Education graduate Kathleen Naumann has accepted the call to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL.
- Mrs. Carrie Reim has accepted the call to teach with primary emphasis on kindergarten at Messiah, Hales Corners, WI.
- Both Pastor Johnathan Schnose, Morris, MN and Pastor Luke Willitz, Fairfax, MN have successfully passed the second stage of their colloquy. The Board of Doctrine has recommended to President Eichstadt that they be declared eligible for a call into the public ministry of the CLC.
- Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.

CAMPUS MENTOR:

Mrs. Beth Sandeen, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor.

ILC Play:

The public is invited to attend the Immanuel Lutheran College play production of Mrs. Wiggs and the Cabbage Patch on Friday, April 30 at 1:30 pm and Saturday, May 1st at 7:30 pm.

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Both play performances will be live-streamed at youtube.com/ilcvideos. The public is also invited to attend an outdoor band concert on Friday at 3:30 pm and student music performances on Saturday night at 7:00 pm in the gym. Seating in the gym will be limited and attendees will be required to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines.

IMMANUEL PROFESSORAGE COMMITTEE:

The Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC) consists of five men who are charged with monitoring the condition of the professorages at Immanuel. Annual inspections are held during which the IPC identifies necessary repairs (plumbing, caulking, painting, trim work, etc.) as well as major projects that need to be completed (reroofing, residing, replacing windows, insulating, kitchen upgrades, flooring, carpeting, furnace replacement, etc). Obviously a small committee can not do all the work identified.

What we are looking for is a number of individuals with skills in the areas mentioned who are willing to do some of the work. Such a list of volunteers would support the efforts to keep the housing for the professors in good shape. The people signing up would not be obligated to take on a task. It would just be a list of willing folks we could call on for some of the tasks.

This link, tinyurl.com/ipc-form-21, is intended to collect names of willing volunteers along with skills they are willing to share. Signing on does not obligate you. We would call you about a project and if you have time, you could consider working at it; if not, we would continue calling. The time you spend could be a couple hours, a day, or more. It's completely up to you. Alternately, we could prepare a list of projects that you would be able to look through and determine if you would be able to help with that project.

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Please consider adding your name to the list to help out the Kingdom work here at Immanuel.

In His service, The IPC Pastor Tiefel (715-829-2000), Charles Wittorp, Jeff Rutz (715-559-6826), Dean Carstensen (715-797-0331), Prof. Ross Roehl (715-864-1764)

MAN-UP:

The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also find additional information, pictures of previous ManUp weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

PROF. REIM RETIREMENT VIDEO:

If you attended Immanuel (Eau Claire, WI) in the past 33 years, you are invited to partake in a commemoration video for Prof. John Reim. All that is needed is a short video clip of you saying, "Thank you Prof. Reim." If you wish to elaborate more and/or share memories, you are most welcome! Entries may be emailed to ILC student Sam Radermacher: samurade@ilc.edu. Deadline is May 1.



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CLC YOUTH CAMP:

CLC Youth Camp: Opening 7th Grade Registration: As we have progressed in our planning and the specifics of how camp will be operating this year, along with the number of registrations we have received for grades 8-12, we have this to announce: CLC Youth Camp will begin accepting registrations for 7th graders starting at 4:00 PM Central, this Sunday, April 25th. Along with this, we have made the difficult decision that we will not be accepting 6th graders this year. This will be the last leg of registration for 2021. The registration form will continue to be open for grades 8-12 between now and then. If we receive any 7th grade registrations prior to 4:00 PM CT on Sunday, they will be voided. Also, please note that we will not be running a bus service this year due to the added difficulties of the waning pandemic. We hope to have an update on exactly what health information we will need from you by next week. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Here is the link to register: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register> Lord's Blessings! -Jonathan Gamble

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**

