

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

**IMMANUEL'S OPENING SERVICE:** This afternoon at 3:00 p.m. We encourage you to virtually attend the service through livestream to help ensure that our gathering size is manageable and compliant with local guidelines. For details about livestreaming and the opening weekend schedule, see [ilc.edu](http://ilc.edu). Please keep the staff and the students in your prayers during these challenging times. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God's saving Word! Pastor John Hein

**MOWING TRIM NEEDED:** With the AutoMower doing most of the mowing we only need to mow the slopes along Hwy M and West Point Rd; around the pine trees on the north of the parking lot; the entry-way and the median. We also need to weed whack around the black tires and gym set in the back and pick up branches. It should take about an hour. If you would like to help, please sign the sheet in the entry-way.

**FLOAT NEWS:** Even though there will be no Good Neighbor Parade this year due to Covid 19, we are planning on building a float and driving it through the Middleton streets to advertise our church. We will work on the float on Saturday, Aug. 29th beginning around 9 a.m. Come help out if you can!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY:** We will be having our Sunday School Rally Day after church on Sunday, Sept. 13th Due to Covid 19 there will be no picnic, but there will be some outside activities after church to celebrate the beginning of our new Sunday School and Adult Bible Class year.

**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)

More Information and Audio Sermons at [www.peacethruchrist.org](http://www.peacethruchrist.org)



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**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • AUGUST 23, 2020**

**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 147**

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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**Before Sermon: . . . . . 393 (read 3-5)**

**Offering Hymn: . . . . . 438 (4-5)**

**After Prayers: . . . . . 388 (read 3-4)**

**After Benediction: . . . . . 48**

**Scripture Readings:**

### Joshua 24:1-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of

the River in old times; and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the River, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac. To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. Also I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to what I did among them. Afterward I brought you out. 'Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. So they cried out to the Lord; and He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, brought the sea upon them, and covered them. And your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. Then you dwelt in the wilderness a long time. And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt on the other side of the Jordan, and they fought with you. But I gave them into your hand, that you might possess their land, and I destroyed them from before you. Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose to make war against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. But I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he continued to bless you. So I delivered you out of his hand. Then you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you—also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. But I delivered them into your hand. I sent the hornet before you which drove them out from before you, also the two kings of the Amorites, but not with your sword or with your bow. I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.' "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for

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### **This Week:**

**Today:** 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

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

**Saturday** 9:00 a.m. Work on Float

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Family Worship  
10: 15 a.m. Riggert Memorial Committee

**Next Monday** 7:00 p.m. B.O.C.E. by Zoom

**IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:** Cleaners this week: A. Ude  
Counters: Randy Dreyer & Mike Brandle

**OFFERINGS** 8/16 for Unified Budget: \$ 2,035

**ATTENDANCE:** Facebook/ YouTube views/ 21 in church

**BIBLE CLASS:** We have our Zoom Bible Class this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. A link and study sheet will be sent out beforehand.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:** We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the coming year. Please contact Pastor Bernthal or Luke Schaser if you are interested in teaching.

### **CLC NEWS:**

- Pastor Luke Bernthal, St, Stephen, Mountain View and St. Stephen, Hayward, Ca has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.

### **COLLOQUIES:**

Colloquies with two former WELS pastors are scheduled for September 21-22 on the campus of Immanuel. The two men are: Luke Willitz, a member of Grace, Sleepy Eye, and Johnathan Schnose, a member of Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI. Comments may be directed to Bd. of Doctrine chairman, Dave Schierenbeck. Please copy me as well. President Mike Eichstadt

Sermon Text: **John 6:60-69**

Sermon Theme: **Jesus' statement that**

**I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE was a HARD SAYING!**

**I: Because Jesus spoke of Himself as more than the people were ready to believe Him to be.**

**II: Because Jesus spoke of them as less than they believed themselves to be.**

**III: Because Jesus said only the Holy Spirit can reveal the meaning of this statement to mankind.**

*Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

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### **PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!**

We give thanks to our Lord for your worshiping with us this morning. We pray that the Spirit lead all of us to see our lost spiritual condition and to see Jesus as the God-Man Savior who has come to give us life through His perfect life of obedient love, His sacrificial death on the cross and glorious resurrection from the dead. We invite you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please, also sign our guest register as you leave.

the Lord our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. And the Lord drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God."

### **Ephesians 5:21-31**

The Apostle Paul compares the relationship of a husband and wife to that of Christ and the Church. As Christ is the Head of the Church, a husband is the head of his wife. The wife willingly submits to and serves her husband because Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her. So also the believer will submit to Jesus and serve Him. The husband in turn will have a sacrificing love for and serve his wife because Christ sacrificed Himself for us. Christ's love compels both wife and husband to live in selfless love for and in self-sacrificing service to one another.

*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."*