

**First Sunday in Lent
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Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 32

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SCRIPTURE READING:

Romans 5:12-19

The Apostle Paul announces universal judgment upon all of mankind. But he also proclaims universal atonement through the one Savior. God's Grace is sufficient to meet the needs of all alone through Jesus Christ.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

John 6:51-69

Do we find the message of Jesus being the Bread of Life a "HARD SAYING"---hard to understand? Only through the Word can we eat of Jesus' flesh and blood---i.e. trust in Him alone; look to His humanity as the bearer of eternal life. For Jesus' flesh and blood has secured for us forgiveness, life and salvation through His suffering, death, and resurrection. My we daily eat of the BREAD and be filled with Christ.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers

ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.” These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. 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.”

THE SERMON:

John 6:32-35, 41-51

Jesus declares to a world that is starving to death:

I AM THE BEREAD OF LIFE!

1. This saying natural man cannot swallow.
2. Only by God’s Word can we come to partake of the BREAD.
3. By partaking of this BREAD we have eternal life.

Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the

true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.” And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here this morning worshiping your Savior with us. This morning we are partaking of the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, as we read His Word and are led to trust in Him as our Lord and Savior. If you have any questions about what we here at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran teach, please speak with Pastor Bernthal. We invite you to come again please sign our guest register before you leave. Thank you!

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This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The Unforgiving Servant
Bible Class: Vignette 5—Forgiven but Not Perfect: Saint and Sinner • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Lent II: Pastor Sauers

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

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Meyer B. Dreyer/Dumke
Counters: Caleb Gerbitz & Christ Ude

OFFERINGS 2/14 for Unified Budget: \$8,598.00

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 25 / UTube views 4 / Church 25
Bible Class: 13 S.S. 1

Ash Wednesday: Facebook 18 / UTube views 0 / Church 10

CLC NEWS:

- Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has been called by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their principal and upper grade teacher
- Valerie Hammett has returned the call to be the second full-time teacher at Immanuel of Winter Haven, FL.
- Nathan Wales, West Columbia, SC. has been called by Grace, Sleepy Eye MN to serve as their principal and teacher.
- Mr. Caleb Noeldner, who is teaching public school in the Milwaukee, WI has been called by Messiah, Eau Claire to teach in the upper grades.
- June Schmid , who is currently teaching part time at Messiah, Eau Claire has been called by Messiah to teach full time in the lower grades.

“Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.” **Psalm 97:11**

ILC DORM SUPERVISORS:

After serving faithfully as dorm supervisors, both Gus Falkenberg and Beth Sandeen will be resigning at the end of this academic year. We thank them both for their faithful service to the LORD and for being such positive role models to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for these two positions to begin the 2021-22 year, an adult male for the boys' dorm and an adult female for the girls' dorm. These roles are vital to our campus given how they provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Those who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu Forms and Applications ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins March 8.

YOUTH CAMP:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC is excited to announce that we will be having our summer camp, Christ's Explorers Camp. This camp is open to students entering grades 3-9! This year, we will be holding our camp in Pigeon Forge, TN, from August 12-15. (Transportation will be provided to/from our church campus) Pastor Chad Seybt will lead our worship and Bible studies with the theme, "Fix your eyes on Christ." We have 6 (3 male, 3 female) junior counselor spots available for students entering grade 10 or higher. The applications will be due on Sunday, April 4. The camp will cost \$75, and this will include all lodging, meals, and activities. This camp will be limited to the first 50 campers, so be ready to register when registration opens on May 1! If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Sara Kloke (runsforfun@aol.com) or Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com). Pastor David Pfeiffer

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LENTEN SEASON:

This past Wednesday we heard about the Tax Collector who was led to repent of his sins and seek mercy and forgiveness. This Wednesday Pastor Sauers will be preaching on Judas (Hands of Betrayal). All services are at 7:00 p.m. Our Lenten theme this year is: "Hands of the Passion."

Feb. 24: Hands of Betrayal (Judas) Pastor Sauers
John 13:21-30

March 3: Hands of Misguided Zeal (Peter) Pastor David Ude
John 18:4-11

March 10: Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas) Pastor Bernthal
Mark 14:55-65

March 17: Hands of Brutality (Soldiers) Pastor Sauers
Matthew 27:27-31

March 24: Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate)
Pastor David Ude---Matthew 27:15-26

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



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