

Our Lenten theme this year is:  
"The Passion as  
I Remember It"

1. Malchus: I Was Doing My Duty (John 18:1-11) Pastor Bernthal
2. Thief on Cross: I Watched My Savior Die (Luke 23:39-43) Pastor Eichstadt
3. Annas: I Can't Believe that Jesus is Lord (John 18:12-14; 19-24) Pastor Ude
4. Peter: I Found Hope After Failure (John 18:15-19; 25-27) Pastor Radichel
5. Pilate: I Couldn't Make the Hard Decision (John 19:1-16) Pastor Schierenbeck
6. Joseph of Arimathea: I Tried to Do My Best (John 19:38-42) Pastor Bernthal

**SUNDAY SERIES:**

We will also have a Sunday morning Lenten series of sermons entitled

**"I Tell You the Truth"**

The texts and themes are listed below.

1. ". . . Anyone Who Sins Is a Slave to Sin"--- John 8:31-36
2. ". . . Faith Can Move Mountains"---Matthew 21:18-22
3. ". . . Fruits of Faith Will Be Remembered"---Mark 14:1-9
4. ". . . One of You Will Betray Me"---Mark 14:12-21
5. ". . . You Will Disown Me"---Mark 14:27-31
6. ". . . If One Dies, It Produces Life for Many"--

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church/School 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 [middletonlutheran.org](http://middletonlutheran.org)



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Transfiguration Sunday • February 7, 2016

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 8

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p. 15 TLH

**Opening Hymn: . . . . . 135**  
**Before Sermon: . . . . . 720**  
**Offering Hymn: . . . . . 792**  
**During Distribution: . . . . . 311**  
**Closing Hymn: . . . . . 613 (1 & 4)**

### Scripture Readings:

## 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Paul speaks of Moses, who appeared with Elijah and Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. The Law came through Moses in a glorious way, but even more glorious is the Gospel which proclaims the way of salvation as free grace, given through the redeeming work of Jesus. This glory of the Gospel never ends.

*7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses*

*because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. 10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. 11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious. 12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— 13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

## **Mark 9:2-10**

The Appearance of Moses and Elijah with Jesus in glorified bodies provided Peter, James, and John with a foretaste of heaven. This event also strengthened them in their faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. Peter longed to keep this heavenly experience on earth, but it will not belong to anyone fully until the day of the resurrection of all the dead.

*2 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. 4 And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”— 6 because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid. 7 And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” 8 Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves. 9 Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.*

## **Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements**

### **FROM PRESIDENT EICHSTADT:**

Remember in prayer: Please offer special prayers in behalf of our fellow believers at Grace, Live Oak, FL, who are still trying to unravel the legal tangles involved with bringing Pastor Doug Priestap to the U.S. from Canada. It is a difficult time for both pastor and congregation, but we have the confidence that this too is intended by the Lord for good.

**Contact re-established:** Contact has been re-established with our former mission congregation in Japan, which is now an independent Lutheran church. The congregation has invited us to visit them. The Bd. of Missions will take this under advisement.

**LADIES RETREAT:** Hello ladies, We have an exciting Retreat planned for April 8-10- just two months away! Registration is now open on our new website: Please go to <http://ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net> and look around. You will find information on the Spring Retreat by looking for the More link in the upper right corner and going to Winona or by clicking the Orange Registration

Button. New this year! Pay Online--Baby Sitting--Reserve your own hotel room. Look for poster on Bulletin boarding the entry-way.

### **SALT & LIGHT SEMINAR IV:**

17 members and 1 guest attended our fourth Salt & Light Evangelism Seminar this past Wednesday. We learned how to use everyday conversations to learn about our neighbor's faith in the following areas: Family Relationships; Family Health; Current Events and Politics. It was a very useful and informative seminar with much discussion. We thank the Evangelism Committee for putting this on and for those who prepared food.

**LENTEN SERVICES:** We begin our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services for meditation and study on our Savior's passion this Wednesday. We properly prepare ourselves during Lent by meditating on what Christ has done for us! True preparation can only come about through the Word of God. That is why our mid-week services are so extremely important to all. All services will be at 7:00 p.m.

**CLC NEWS:**

- Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA. has called Mr. Nathan Wales, Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC. to be their new principal/teacher for the 2016 school year.
- Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI, (Detroit Area) has called Pastor Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Valentine, NE; St. Paul's Lutheran, White River, SD; and Peace Lutheran, Mission, SD.
- Pastor Vance Fossum has announced his retirement as of July 3, 2016 therefore Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia, SC. has called Pastor Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI.

**Nominations for ILC Professor:**

The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor John Pfeiffer at the end of the 2015-16 academic year: Dwight (Frank) Gantt, Paul Naumann, David Reim, Peter Reim, Mike Roehl, David Schaller, Stephen Sydow, Paul Tiefel II, Matthew Ude, and Mark Weis. The

individual would teach at the high school (potentially), college, and seminary levels with an emphasis on courses in Hebrew (college) and Old Testament theology (seminary) and also in other theological disciplines. Other assignments will be determined upon mutual agreement in accordance with need and corresponding ability. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be submitted no later than February 12, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: cryan@page1printers.com.

**Nominations for ILC President:**

The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Jeffrey Schierenbeck, Steven Sippert, Paul Sullivan, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2018. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be submitted no later than February 12, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: cryan@page1printers.com.

Sermon Text: **2 Kings 2:1-12**

Sermon Theme:

**THE GLORY OF A BELIEVER'S LIFE!**

**I: It Is Glorious When It Is Spent Serving The Lord.**

**Ii: It Is Glorious When It Ends In Eternal Life In Heaven.**

*2 And it came to pass, when the Lord was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel. 3 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" 4 Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho. 5 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. 8 Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. 9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." 10 So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." 11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went*

up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here this morning worshiping your Savior with us. With a repentant faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we too have the glory of a believer's life. Glorious when it is spent serving the Lord and even more glorious when it ends in eternal life in heaven. If you have any questions about what we here at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran teach, please see Pastor Bernthal. We pray you come again to hear more about your Savior-God. We invite you to please sign our guest book as you leave.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** The Lord's Supper is being celebrated this morning. We encourage all of our members to attend this meal of forgiveness from our Savior. Since it is a confession of oneness in faith and doctrine, we ask that only members of Peace Thru Christ or of a sister congregation in the CLC come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

#### This Week:

**Today** 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Jesus and Nicodemus • Bible Class: Spending Time in Luther's Catechism: Lord's Supper 11:10 a.m. Choir

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

**Wednesday** ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship I 8:15 p.m. Choir

**Thursday** 1:30 p.m. Bible Class at Heritage

#### Friday NO SCHOOL

Great Lakes' Teachers' Conference, Middleton

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:10 a.m. Choir/Church Council

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 38 S.S. 4 B.C. 22

**OFFERINGS** 1/31 for Unified Budget: \$3,119

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### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:  
Church---Gbedey/Lentz  
School---Schaser/Schaser

**Counters today:** Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

### FEBRUARY LUTHERAN

**SPOKESMAN** is available in the entry-way on the registration table.

**INSTALLATION:** Installation of our 3 new Church Council members and new B.O.C.E. member will be held during our service today. Joel Albrecht, Tim Schaser, Caleb Meyer, and Matt Schaser.

**VOTERS' MEETING REPORT:** 16 voters attended. Karl Gullerud and daughter Julia were transferred to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. Tom Albrecht and Luke Schaser were received as Voting members. Peter Bank will be attending Peace Thru Christ Lutheran School as a 5th grader. Treasurer reported offerings for 2015 were \$120,319 which is \$2,681 less than was budgeted. We have a surplus at the end of 2015 of \$7,930. Praise the Lord for His gifts of grace! Adopted 2016 Budget of: \$126,744. That is an average of \$2,440 per week. Our commitment to the CLC

CBP was increased to \$6,500 with our overall support to the CLC/ILC funds now at \$10,270. Elections were held: Three new councilmen were elected: Joel Albrecht, Caleb Meyer, and Tim Schaser. Matt Schaser was elected as BOCE member. A "Thank Offering" gift of \$750 will be given to the CLC CBP. Pastor's housing allowance was again set at \$18,000. Our next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is set for April 24th

### NEW CHURCH OFFICERS:

Dan Schaefer, President; Joel Albrecht, Secretary; Mike Brandle, Treasurer; John Gerbitz, Evangelism Chairman; Tim Schaser, BOCE Chairman; Caleb Meyer, Property Manager. Matt Schaser is the new BOCE Member.

**USHERS:** The new ushers' list for 2016 can be found on the bulletin board in the entry-way as well as in every usher's mailbox. Thank you for your willing service to the Lord in this area.

**NEW STUDENT:** We welcome back Peter Bank to our Peace Thru Christ Lutheran School. He started this past week and is in 5th grade.