

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
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Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 97

THE ORDER OF SERVICE • Communion Liturgy, p. 1

Opening Hymn:... 59 read (3-4)

Before Sermon:.... 511 read (3-4)

Offering Hymn: 441:1-2

Before Distribution: 313 read (2)

Closing Hymn:..... 657

Antiphon, Ps. 24 .. Pg. 25 W.S.

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 72: 1-7, 15-20

Messianic Psalm of King Solomon pictures Christ as the King of the world. Through Him comes righteousness and peace. To Him will flock people from every nation. His Kingdom shall last forever.

Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son. He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice. The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers that water the earth. In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.

And He shall live; And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also will be made for Him continually, And daily He shall be praised. There will be an abundance of grain in the earth, On the top of the mountains; Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; And those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things! And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

John 12:12-19

In this Palm Sunday text we see a partial fulfillment of our Psalm 72. Jesus is received as King of the Jews, chosen by the people, having already been chosen by God the Father in eternity. Is Jesus your King? Does He rule in your heart?

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

Psalm 72:8-14

CHRIST'S KINGDOM EXTENDS OVER ALL THE EARTH!

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth. Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts. Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him. For He will deliver the needy when he cries, The poor also, and him who has no helper. He will spare the poor and needy, And will save the souls of the needy. He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; And precious shall be their blood in His sight.

OFFICERS INSTALLED: The following members will be installed as Church Council members this morning: Caleb Gerbitz, John Gerbitz, Caleb Meyer.

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 partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are thankful to our Lord that you are with us this morning hearing our Savior's Words. Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords. He rules in the hearts of His people through His Word. His Kingdom is everlasting. We pray that you are part of that Kingdom through faith in Him. With repentant faith in Jesus we live in His Kingdom. Come again and learn more about your Savior. Please also sign our guest book.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The Woman of Canaan
Bible Class: Vignette 3--Not for Sale: Forgiveness in Christ Alone • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Church Council by Zoom

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

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

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Gerbitz, C. & A. B. Schaefer
Counters: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

IN YOUR MAILBOX: February Calendar & Newsletter, 2020 Annual Report.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: There are a few printed church directories for anyone who would like a hard copy. They are on the table under the mailboxes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS: This Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. we will continue our study of Jesus' "I AM" statements. This week it is Jesus saying "I AM the Alpha and the Omega." Join us by Zoom.

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ATTENDANCE: 1/31 NO SERVICE/SNOW

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS: Dan Schaefer; President; Seth Williams, Secretary; Mike Brandle, Treasurer; Caleb Meyer, Evangelism Chairman; Caleb Gerbitz, B.O.C.E. Chairman; John Gerbitz, Property Manager.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Mark Tiefel has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions extended a call to Pastor David Schaller, Redeemer, Sister Lakes (Dowagiac), MI, to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. This call is for replacing Prof. John Reim who is retiring in June of 2021.
- Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has been called by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their principal and upper grade teacher
- Valerie Hammett, Messiah, Eau Claire, has been called to be the second full-time teacher at Immanuel of Winter Haven, FL.
- Andrew Roehl, Messiah, Eau Claire, has been called to serve as principal and teacher at Grace, Sleepy Eye MN.
- 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.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Pastors, professors, male teachers, and voters of congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession are invited to nominate

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individuals for the following synodical offices to be elected at the 2021 CLC Convention: CLC President; CLC Vice-President; CLC Moderator; CLC Secretary; Board of Trustees--Called Servant; Board of Trustees--Lay Member; Board of Regents--Called Servant; Board of Regents--Lay Member; Board of Missions--Called Servant; Board of Missions--Lay Member; Board of Education--Teacher Member; Board of Education--Lay Member

Member nominations will be received January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Nomination forms, lists of eligible called servants, and submission information are available on the ciclutheran.org website. Those candidates nominated this past January through March will be retained on the 2021 ballot. Pastor Paul D. Nolting, Moderator

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.

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ANNUAL VOTERS REPORT: Sunday, Jan. 24th: 13 Voters present. Pastor's Report: Lenten Services - Ash Wed, Feb 17th – March 24th ---Exchange: Pastor's Sauers & David Ude; Easter Sunday, April 4th Sunrise Service at 7:30am. MEMBERSHIP: Received Paul & Janet Fassbender as communicant members by transfer from Calvary, Marquette, MI. Elections: Caleb Gerbitz, John Gerbitz, Caleb Meyer to Council. BUDGET: Motion made and passed to accept Treasurer's proposed 2021 budget with the adjustment to increase CLC CBP expense line item to \$14,400. U.B. budget for 2021 is \$130,000. Motion made and accepted to set Pastor's 2021 housing allowance at \$18,000. Next Voters Meeting – April 25th

USHERS: The new usher's list for 2021 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.

UP-COMING LENT: Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season begins Feb. 17th. We will again have a Lenten Pulpit exchange with Pastors Sauers and & David Ude. Our Lenten theme this year is: "Hands of the Passion."

Feb. 17: Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector) Pastor Bernthal---Luke 18:9-14

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