

**NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT:** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Professors Paul Naumann, Daniel Schierenbeck, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2022. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by April 11, 2020 (postmarked by April 1), to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).

**IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:** Cleaners this week: A. Ude  
B. Dreyer/Dumke Counters today: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** March Calendar & Newsletter, March Insert  
“What’s Good About the Public Ministry?”

**AFTER BANQUET PARTY:** Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School students are presently working on this year After Banquet Party to be held May 9, 2020. If you would like to donate prizes please leave them in the basket under the mailboxes in the church entry-way. See the bulletin board for a list of suggestion for prizes.

**SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING:** The Church Council is calling a special voters' meeting today after the church service. The agenda item for the voters' meeting is consideration of a Church Council recommendation to purchase additional lighting for the church parking lot.

**CLC GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** Mar. 13-15 at ILC.

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.

**HANNAH’S HELPING HANDS:** The Ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**EVANGELISM MEETING:** Our next Evangelism meeting will be held on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.

# First Sunday in Lent

## March 1, 2020

*Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church*  
3232 West Point Rd. ↻ Middleton, WI 53562

*Church of the Lutheran Confession*

PASTOR: Mark H. Bernthal

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ORGANIST: Ms. Pam Schulz

Pre-service Ps. 32

**Worship Supplement, p. 1**

Opening Hymn: **342**

Before Sermon: **151 (1-2, 4, 6-7)**

Offering: **Choir:** “*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*”

During Distribution: **315**

Closing Hymn: **309**

**Antiphon Ps. 51 Pg. 28 W.S.**

Scripture Readings: **Genesis 22:1-14**

Abraham did not go through this trial because God hated him, but because God loved him. God’s grace filled Abraham with the faithful desire to be willing to sacrifice his own son for the LORD.

**Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus goes to battle against Satan and overcomes and conquers him again and again by turning to the Word. We, too, are more than conquerors through Jesus, who has come to “destroy the works of the devil.”

Sermon Text: **Romans 5:1-11**

**Sermon Theme: Lent is a Time to Rejoice in All of our Amazing Blessings!**

- 1. PEACE with God; HOPE of Heaven; STRENGTH in trials---**
- 2. All ours through God’s underserved love in Christ---**
- 3. Guaranteed through reconciliation.**

**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!**

We thank the Lord for your worshipping with us this morning. May the great sacrifice our Savior gave for us fill our hearts with a desire to follow Him. God has declared us to be “NOT GUILTY” because Jesus took our guilt and

paid for our sins by dying for us sinners. We, who were enemies of God because of our sins, have now been reconciled to God through Jesus' sacrifice. Please come again to hear more about your Savior. As you leave this morning, please also sign our guest register. Thank you!

**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. Sunday School:  
Bible Class: Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 2:17-26; 3:1-14  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:15 a.m. Choir  
11:30 a.m. Special Voters' Meeting  
Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow  
Wednesday 9:30-11:00 a.m. Children's Playgroup  
7:00 p.m. Lent II--Pastor Eichstadt  
8:15 p.m. Choir  
Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage  
Saturday Daylight Saving Time-Spring Ahead  
Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:15 a.m. Choir

**LAST WEEK: Worship    S.S.    B. Cl.    Lent 1**  
38            1            17            29

**OFFERINGS 2/23 for Unified Budget: \$ 3,208**

**LENTEN SERVICES:** This past Wednesday 29 people heard Jesus declare "This man (the tax collector) went home justified." This was ironic because the crowd expected it to be the Pharisee, the one who believed he was righteous through his good works. We are justified only through faith in what Jesus has done for us, not in what we do. Our Lenten theme this year: "**The Ironies of the Passion.**"  
March 4: He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus---Luke 23:6-12 Pastor Eichstadt  
March 11: Not During the Festival---Matthew 26:1-5 Pastor David Ude  
March 18: Don't You Fear God? ---Luke 23:39-43 Pastor Matt Ude  
March 25: We Have No King but Caesar!---John 19:12-16a Pastor Bernthal  
April 1: It Is Better That One Man Die for the

People---John 11:45-53 Pastor Sauers

**LENTEN SUPPERS:** There will be two more Lenten Suppers. There will be a Taco Supper on March 11<sup>th</sup> and a Casserole Supper on March 25<sup>th</sup>. All suppers start @ 5:45 p.m. Please sign the sheet if you plan on coming. Come fellowship and eat with us.

**CLC NEWS:** Pastor Terrel Kesterson has returned the call extended to him by Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. □ Missionary Peter Evensen has returned the call extended to him by Bethel, Morris, MN. □ Pastor Matthew Hanel, St. Matthew, Dallas, TX has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. □ Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, has been called by Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD. □ Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran, West Columbia, SC to be Principal and upper grades teacher. □ Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY to be their Principal/Teacher. □ Mrs. Sarah Ude, Middleton, WI has been called by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their upper grades teacher.

## Scripture Readings

### **Genesis 22:1-14**

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." 6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. 9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham,

Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me." 13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him was* a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said *to* this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

### ***Luke 4:1-13***

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of

God, command this stone to become bread." 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" 5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish." 7 "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" 9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 "For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' 11 "and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" 13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

## **Sermon Text**

### ***Romans 5:1-11***

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would

even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.