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ARISE & SHINE:

The 20's and 30's Arise & Shine retreat is looking for new organizers for the coming year and the future. If you are interested in helping or have idea as to how to Implement new ideas please contact Drew Naumann (drewnaum@ilc.edu) and Michaela Winters (michaela.m.winters@gmail.com).

*Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,
But to Your name give glory,
Because of Your mercy,
Because of Your truth.*

Psalm 115:1

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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Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Karen Schaser

Third Sunday in Lent • March 20, 2022

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 43

THE ORDER OF SERVICE • Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn:.....410
Before Sermon:..... 173
After Sermon:442 (1-2)
After Prayers: 651
Closing Hymn:..... 800
Antiphon Ps. 66Pg. 37 W.S.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 42:14-21

The LORD admonishes the apostate people of Israel for their self-imposed spiritual blindness and warns them of His coming judgment. In His loving faithfulness, He will turn the darkness into light for His elect through the coming Savior.

“I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp

at once. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools. 16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods.' 18 "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the Lord's servant? 20 Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not hear." 21 The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable.

John 9:1-17; 26-39

Jesus, on the Sabbath Day, heals a man who has been born blind. The Pharisees were afflicted with a much more serious blindness—spiritual blindness. Unlike the healed blind man, they refused “to see” Jesus as the Messiah, the Healer of their spiritual blindness.

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 7 And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. 8

50TH ANIVERSARY FUND:

We thank the Lord that contracts are complete and the Town of Westport has approved our design. The Voters approved \$60,000 for the project. We project to have \$25,000 in the Property Improvement account, funded by budgetary offerings, by the time the project is complete. Our goal is to raise an additional \$35,000 in special offerings to fund the project. Offerings for this project should be marked "PTC 50th Anniversary." \$ 19,650 has already been received. We are over half-way there. Praise the Lord!

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI has been called to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL.
- Mr. Luke Willitz, a member of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called to be the pastor of Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Mrs. Debra Mayhew has received the call to teach grades K-4 at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN.
- Teacher Rebecca Lillo, St. Stephen's Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has been called to teach 3rd-5th grades at Faith Lutheran School. Markesan, WI.
- Allison Brown, a member of Faith, Markesan, WI, has been called to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

BLACK HILLS FAMILY BIBLE CAMP:

Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. There will also be many outdoor activities available such as hiking, climbing/repelling, swimming, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores etc... The camp runs from the evening of Friday July 15th through the morning of Tuesday July 19th. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at aaronude@gmail.com.

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ATTENDANCE: YouTube 7 Church: 41 Bible Class: 12
S.S.: 4 Lent III: 21 YouTube 8

LENTEN SERVICES:

This past Wednesday we heard about Tears of Grief. This Wednesday Pastor David Ude will be preaching on Tears for Jerusalem. All services are at 7:00 p.m. Our Lenten theme this year is: "Lenten Tears".

March 23:

Tears For Jerusalem---Luke 19:41-44 Pastor David Ude

March 30: Sleepy Tears---Luke 22:45-46 Pastor Eichstadt

April 6: "Do Not Weep For Me"---Luke 23:27-31 Pastor Bernthal

THANK YOU:

Thanks to all who helped out with the meal (food, set-up, serving, clean-up) for the ILC Tour Choir.

CONGREGATION CALL:

The congregation, through its voters called Pastor Mark Tiefel to be its new pastor after Pastor Bernthal's retirement July 31. Pastor Tiefel served as a vicar here in 2010. He and wife Gretchen have three children in grade school. He received a BA in history/psychology from UW-Eau Claire and graduated from ILC Seminary in 2012. He served Bethel, Morris, MN from 2012-15. He currently is serving Redemption, Lynnwood, WA. Our prayers are with Pastor Tiefel as he takes this call to the Lord in his decision.

BOWLING OUTING SIGN-UP:

Sign the sheet in the entry-way for our bowling outing Sunday, March 27th at noon! Please do so by today so we can call ahead with a headcount and reserve lanes. Games will be \$ 4/game and \$ 2.50 to rent shoes.

Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" 9 Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." 10 Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." 12 Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." 13 They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. 14 Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. 17 They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" 28 Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." 30 The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! 31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. 32 Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. 33 If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." 34 They answered and said to him, "You were

completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” 36 He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” 37 And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.” 38 Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him. 39 And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

THE SERMON:

Romans 8:18-25

Sermon Theme:

A WORD FOR DISCOURAGED CHRISTIANS.

I: The CAUSE of our discouragements.

II: The CURE for our discouragements.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God that you are with us this morning. As we pass through life we experience many sufferings and sorrows. These can lead to discouragement and despair. But God has sent His Son, Jesus, into this world to redeem us, to set us free from the cause of despair--our sins. He has guaranteed us a final deliverance from all problems of life. May this Christian assurance be yours also. Come, worship your Redeemer Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register. Thank you!

This Week:

Today:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Creation/Fall into sin/Promise of Savior • Bible Class: The Time of the Judges
10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 10:15 a.m. Choir

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Lenten IV Pastor David Ude • 8:10 p.m. Choir

Thursday

10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Next Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:15 a.m. Choir
12:00 p.m. Bowling Outing

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Gerbitz, J & C B. Dreyer/Dumke
Counters: Caleb Gerbitz & Chris Ude

OFFERINGS 3/13 for Unified Budget: \$3,770.00