

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 21, 2021**

# **Peace Thru Christ**

## **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Pre-service Preparation:** Psalm 54

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE • Worship Supplement, P. 12**

**Opening Hymn: ..... 2 (4-5)**

**Before Sermon: ..... 433 (3-4)**

**Offering Hymn: ..... 568**

**After Prayers: ..... 338 v. 1-3, 5**

**Closing Hymn: ..... 355**

**Antiphon Ps. 91 ..... Pg. 33 W.S.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING:**

### **Hebrews 9:11-15**

Jesus is our High Priest who has prepared the WAY to heaven for us by entering the Most Holy Place once for all with His own blood, for our redemption.

*But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.*

### **John 8:46-59**

Jesus declares Himself to be the eternal Son of God. This, the unbelieving Jews cannot stand to hear and declare Jesus to be demon possessed. When He declares Himself to have existed before Abraham, the Jews in anger try to kill Him. But Jesus' time had not yet come and He easily slips away.

*Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God." 48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49 Jesus*

*answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. 50 And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. 51 Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”*

*52 Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ 53 Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?”*

*54 Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. 55 Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”*

*57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”*

*58 Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”*

*59 Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

## THE SERMON:

### **John 14:4-6**

Jesus declares to ALL who are looking for THE WAY,  
I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE!

*And where I go you know, and the way you know.”*

*5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”*

*6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

## **PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!**

We are glad you are here this morning worshiping your Savior with us. This morning we are hearing from Jesus that He alone is the Way to heaven, that He alone brings heavenly Truth to us on earth, and that He alone is the Life that we need.

There is no other way we can enter into heaven but by believing in Jesus. 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 and please sign our guest register before you leave.



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### **This Week:**

#### **Today:**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Mary and Martha  
Bible Class: Vignette 7—Join and Sing to the Lord:  
Congregational Worship • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Lent VI: Pastor David Ude

#### **Next Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship  
11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

#### **SERVICE TO OUR LORD:**

Cleaners this week: A. Hallahan B. Bernthal  
Counters: Caleb Gerbitz & Chris Ude

#### **OFFERINGS**

3/14 for Unified Budget: \$1,940.00

**ATTENDANCE:**

Facebook 60/ YouTube views 1/ Church 29

Bible Class: 10 S.S. 1

Lent V: Facebook 20/ YouTube views 0/ Church 23

**EVANGELISM MEETING:** The next Evangelism meeting will be next Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.

**CLC NEWS:**

- Matthew Kranz, Immanuel, Mankato, MN has been called to be the second full-time teacher at Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL.
- Immanuel, Mankato, MN has called Eric Libby to the Assistant Principal/Counselor position and Kevin Schrader to the High School Math and Science position.
- Debra Mayhew has been called to serve as K-8 teacher at Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN.
- Pastor Dave Naumann, St. John's, Clarkston, WA/Peace, Orofino, ID has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.

**LENTEN SEASON:** This past Wednesday we heard about the soldiers who brutally mistreated Jesus before and during His crucifixion. This Wednesday we close out our mid-week Lenten services with Pastor David Ude preaching on Pontius Pilate. 7:00 p.m.

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

**HOLY WEEK:** We continue our theme "Hands of the Passion" through our Holy Week services.

March 28th: Palm Sunday---Hands of Praise (Disciples and Crowds) ..... Mark 11:1-11

April 1st: Maundy Thursday—Hands of Humility (Jesus)  
..... John 13:1- 5,12-17

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

April 2nd: Good Friday---Nail-Pierced Hands (Jesus)  
..... Luke 23:32-34

April 4th: Easter Sunday---Life-Giving Hands (Jesus)  
..... John 20:19-23

**NO EASTER SUNRISE/BRUNCH:** The Church Council felt that there was not enough room in our fellowship hall with social distancing to have an Easter brunch. With nothing scheduled between the sunrise service and the second service therefore the brunch and the preceding Easter sunrise service is cancelled for this year. We look forward to 2022 when we can worship the Lord as we have in the past. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!

**REMEMBRANCE LILIES:** We would like to decorate the altar with lilies on Easter Sunday in celebration of Jesus' resurrection and also in memory of loved ones who have died in the Lord, and who will surely rise again in glory at Christ's return. If you would like to provide a lily in memory of a loved one(s), let Pastor know, and he will include the name of your loved one(s) in the Easter bulletin.

### 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](mailto:mbern@juno.com)



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