

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

**LENTEN SERVICES:** 30 heard the message of Psalm 111:4. Theme: Remember Wondrous Works. The rest of the Lenten season is listed below. All services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lenten theme this year is: **A Lent to Remember**

March 27th: Remember the Covenant, Psalm 105:8---Pastor David Ude

April 3rd: Remember Steadfast Love, Psalm 98:3---Pastor Eichstadt

April 10th: Remember Sins No More, Jeremiah 31:34---Pastor Sauers

**LENTEN SUPPER:** There will be a Taco Supper this Wednesday. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way. The supper begins @ 5:45 p.m.

**SUNDAY SERIES:** This Lenten season we are also having a Sunday morning Lenten series of sermons entitled "Places of the Passion." The texts and themes are listed below.

March 31st: "The Betrayal: "A Place of Eternal Love" (Luke 22:47-53)

April 7th: "The Courtyard: "A Place of Renewal" (Luke 22:54-62)

April 14th: Palm Sunday: "The Trial: A Place of God's Will" (Luke 22:63-23:25)

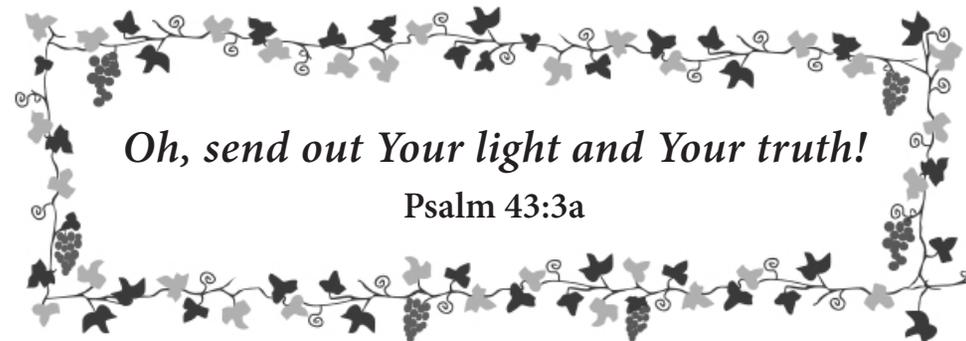
April 18th: Maundy Thursday: "The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness" (Luke 22:7-23)

April 19th: Good Friday: "Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love" (Luke 23:44-49)

April 21st: Easter Sunday: "The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering" (Luke 24:1-11)

**PASTOR'S CALL:** The Lord has led Pastor Bernthal to return the call extended to him by Resurrection, Corpus Christi, Tx. We pray the Lord fill their need soon and look forward to the Lord continuing to bless our ministry and work here at Peace Thru Christ.

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church.** 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)



*Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!*

Psalm 43:3a

**Third Sunday in Lent • March 24, 2019**

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**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 43**

## **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Worship Supplement, p. 12**

**Opening Hymn: . . . . . 144**

**Before Sermon: . . . . . 159**

**Offering: . . . . . 789 (1, 3, 5)**

**After Prayers: . . . . . 420**

**After Benediction: . . . . 528 (1-3, 15)**

**Antiphon, Ps. 121 . . . . . Pg. 42 W.S.**

## Scripture Readings:

### Genesis 22:1-14

The LORD tests Abraham's faith. In his struggle to do God's will, Abraham puts God first and obediently goes up the mountain to sacrifice his son. God stops him, seeing his love and reverence for Him and a different sacrifice is offered up.

*22 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,*

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**VISITORS' DAY AT ILC:** Students (grades 7 and up), parents, pastors, and teachers are invited to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors' Day in Eau Claire, WI on Friday, April 26. Visitors will have an opportunity to experience firsthand what it would be like to attend Immanuel. The Immanuel Band will perform a concert in the gym at 7:00 pm, followed by a theater performance of "The Beverly Hillbillies" at 7:30 pm. Please register at [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu) by Friday, April 19.

**Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church would like to invite all CLC children in grades 3-8 to a CLC youth camp in South Carolina!** Our Christ's Explorers Camp will be held Friday, August 23, to Sunday, August 25, 2019. Our theme will be, "Journey Together in Christ," as we focus on the message of Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

**PRAYERS FOR OUR BRETHERN IN MYANMAR** - Last week Pastor Thang, who serves as the President of the CLC-Myanmar, was injured in an accident while helping to build church benches for one of the congregations. He was struck by a truck and sustained severe internal injuries. He was taken across the border to India where proper medical equipment was available and he had surgery to repair the damage. It appears that surgery was successful but they do not know how soon he will be able to return home. We thank the Lord for His loving care. To assist the family and church body, the Board of Mission will be sending emergency financial aid through KINSHIP. Those who are moved to help with this or similar needs may support Project KINSHIP through their congregation or using the online giving page through the CLC Bookhouse: <http://clcbookhouse.org/shop/donations/kinship-donations/>. Please continue to remember Pastor Thang, his family and our Myanmar brethren in your prayers!

**DAILY REST:** The new CLC devotion book Daily Rest has arrived. Yearly subscriptions are \$15 and come out quarterly. Orders for the first year subscription need to be received by April 15, 2019, in order to receive issue 2. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way and give your \$ 15 to Pastor.

**CLC NEWS:**

- Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN. has called Pastor George Dumann, Salem Lutheran, Eagle Lake, MN.
- Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI. has called Teacher Neil Bernthal to be their upper grade teacher and principal.
- St. John's, Okabena, MN. has called Teacher Andrew Roehl to be principal and teacher.
- St. John's, Clarkston, WA. has called Teacher Paul Tiefel III to be principal and teacher.
- Teacher Nathan Wales of West Columbia, SC has resigned his teaching call at Holy Trinity Lutheran School effective the end of this school year. This was not the direct result of any conflict within the congregation or school, nor was it the result of a particular incident. Mr. Wales is looking for new challenges and opportunities for personal growth in a different calling. His family plans to remain in South Carolina and his children will continue to attend the school.

**Retirement Gift:**

Professor Paul Schaller has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. Upon graduation from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in 1972, he served in the pastoral ministry in California and Washington until 1996 when he began his service at Immanuel where he has served for 23 years. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 17-18, 2019. Our custom is to present a monetary gift to Prof. Schaller as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to a monetary gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Schaller's Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.



*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."*

**Romans 8:26-39**

Paul encourages the Christians in Rome by turning their attention away from their own struggles and toward the working of God's love. Paul reveals that Christ has given them the Spirit, who intercedes for them in prayer, taking the groans they cannot utter and making them known to God the Father. Paul then reveals to them the great love the Father, who hears their prayers, has for them. By turning their attention to the working of the Spirit and to the love of God the Father, Paul encourages Christians to endure the sufferings of the present time in prayer.

*26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. God's Everlasting Love 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than*

conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.peacethruchrist.org](http://www.peacethruchrist.org)

Sermon: **LUKE 22:39-46**

## **Jesus enters into our places of sorrowful weakness and makes them places of His strength.**

**I: Jesus struggles in prayer to do the will of His Father.**

**II: God's love is stronger than our weakness and, because of the death of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins, in our weakness is God's strength.**

*39 Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. 40 When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. 46 Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."*

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

We thank the Lord for you worshiping our Lord and Savior with us this morning. Jesus prayed for His Father's will to be done and He did fulfill that will by dying on the cross for us. May the Lord give us the strength to pray, "Your will be done" in our lives. We invite you to come again to learn more about your Savior. Please, also sign our guest book.



#### **This Week:**

**Today** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The Boy Jesus in the Temple  
Bible Class: Galatians 5 • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:10 a.m. Farewell Gathering

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

**Wednesday:** 5:45 p.m. Taco Supper  
7:00 p.m. Lent IV---Pastor David Ude • 8:15 p.m. Choir

**Thursday:** 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

#### **Next Sunday:**

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:15 a.m. Choir

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

Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams B. Schaser/Schaser  
Counters today: Randy Dreyer & Joel Albrecht

#### **LAST WEEK:**

Worship 40 S.S. 1 Bible Class 15 Lent III 30

#### **OFFERINGS**

3/17 & 20 for Unified Budget: \$3,886.00