



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 10, 2020

Peace Thru Christ

Lutheran Church and School

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 126

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn:	374
Before Sermon:	512
Offering:	205 (1, 3)
After Prayers:	209
Closing Hymn:	655
Antiphon, Ps. 66	Pg. 37 W.S.

I John 3:18-24

The Easter message is one of triumphant love—God’s love in Christ accepting His Son’s sacrifice for us. May this love move our hearts to live in love to each other. We show we belong to God by the Spirit-worked faith in Jesus.

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

John 15:1-8

God seeks fruits of faith in our lives. Such fruits are evidence of faith. Without faith in Jesus and abiding in Him no one can produce fruits pleasing to God. Remain in His Word and you shall bear much fruit.

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Sermon Text: **Acts 8:26-40**

Sermon Theme:

The Easter/Resurrection Message Marches On!

I: Proclaimed by Called Christians.

II: Revealing the Crucified and Resurrected Christ.

26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." 34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

The Easter/Resurrection message marches on by us called Christians proclaiming and revealing to the world the crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

It is a privilege and pleasure to share the Easter message of life over death with you. May you also share in the power of Christ's resurrection. We invite and encourage you to worship your Savior with us again.



Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

This Week:

Sunday: Video of Service • Mother's Day

Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council

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

Friday: 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Next Sunday: Video of Service

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/Peterson B. Dreyer/Dumke

OFFERINGS

5/3 for Unified Budget: \$2,424.41

ATTENDANCE: 31 views • 7 in church

BIBLE CLASS: We had 12 attend our Bible Class by Zoom last Wednesday. We will again have class this Wednesday studying another parable of our Savior. A link will be sent out by Tuesday.

DAILY REST: The CLC devotion book Daily Rest yearly subscriptions are due. It is \$18. If you would like to renew or start a subscription you can email dailyrest@ilc.edu or call 715-836-6623.

REMINDER: If you would like to partake of the Lord's Supper this month, contact Pastor and set up a time where he can meet with you at church or at your home for private communion. Call his cell: 608-213-9989

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CLC NEWS:

- Seminary graduate Cory Drehle has accepted the call to Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD
- Pastor Mike Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has been called by St Luke's, Lemmon, SD.
- Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Immanuel, Mankato, MN to serve as high school math and science teacher.
- Dan Barthels, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY to be their teacher.
- Quinn Sprengeler, K-8 teacher/principal at Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has been called to teach grades 4-8 and be principal at Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC.
- ILC Graduate Mikkela Hammond, Eau Claire, has accepted the call to serve as teacher at St. Stephen, Mountain View CA.

KNOW GOD THROUGH LOVE

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

More Information and Audio Sermons at www.peacethruchrist.org



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