

Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 16, 2021



Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Gail Schaefer

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 92

THE ORDER OF SERVICE • Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn:.....351

Before Sermon:.....410

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

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

We hear how the first synod meeting in Jerusalem took up the problem as to whether or not Gentiles were subject to the ceremonial Laws of Moses. The decision of the synod, based on God's Word, is that they no longer were to be burdened by these laws. They were, however, to abstain from acts which would cause offense to the Jewish Christians.

And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren. 23 They wrote this letter by them: The apostles, the elders, and the brethren, To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings. 24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law"—to whom we gave no such commandment— 25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one [c]accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men

who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual[d] immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

John 14:23-29

Christ promises the Holy Spirit and declares that we have a peace “not as the world gives.” This is a peace of heart and mind which comes from the forgiveness of sins. It is a peace which passes all understanding. It is a peace which only God can give.

23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me. 25 “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming back to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I. 29 “And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

THE SERMON:

Revelation 21:9-14, 22-23

Sermon Theme:

OUR RISEN LORD GIVES US A HEAVENLY HOME!

I: We Enter through its Gates.

II: We Build on its Foundation.

III: We Worship in its Beauty.

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.



PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are happy you are here this morning worshipping your Savior with us. Our risen Savior has prepared a beautiful place for us—our Heavenly Home! No more will we be plagued by our sinful doubts, worries and fears. We will be in the visible presence of our Savior-God with direct, personal, intimate spiritual communion with our God. We invite you to come again and learn more about what your Savior-God has done for you. If you are interested in learning more, please speak with Pastor Bernthal. Please also sign our guest register as you leave. Thank you!

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Discussion of Taxes and Offerings Bible Class: Vignette 11 Not by Force: Power of the Word 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands by Zoom

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

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

Saturday 10:00 a.m. ILC Graduation

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS: We continue our Wednesday night Zoom Bible Class at 7:00 p.m.

ILC GRADUATION: Graduation service will take place this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at ILC.

LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS: Our last Sunday School and Bible Class will be next Sunday, May 23rd.

SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams B. Brandle Counters: Caleb Gerbitz & Chris Ude

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OFFERINGS 5/9 for Unified Budget: \$2,840 • Kinship: \$500

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 18/ YouTube views 1/ Church 30
Bible Class: 12 S.S. 1 • Ascension 14

CHURCH SIDING AND WINDOWS: The voters have authorized creation of a committee to consider proposals for replacing the siding and windows on the church sanctuary. The committee will consider materials, colors, contractors and all aspects of the project. All members are eligible to serve on the committee but we will limit the size of the committee so that it can work efficiently. Please contact John Gerbitz if you would like to serve on the committee or provide input on the project.

LAWN MOWING: Volunteers are needed to mow and trim the areas that are not covered by the robotic mower. Mowing the ditches and trimming requires about 1 hour. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact John Gerbitz if you have any questions. Cell: (608) 208-8900 gerbitz253@gmail.com

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has returned the call by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Recently colluquized Pastor Luke Willitz has been called by Redeemer. Bowdle, SD/Zion, Ipswich, SD.
- Pastor Chad Seybt, Morning Star, Fairchild/Trinity, Millston/Peace With God, Onlaska has accepted the part-time call by St. Paul's, Melrose, WI as part of a now quad-parish.
- Teacher Mikkela Hammond, St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA has been called by Grace, Valentine, NE to be their 3rd -6th grade teacher.
- Immanuel, Mankato, MN voted to modify the call of Mr. Matthew Kranz from 5th & 6th grade to fill their vacant

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high school position. Additionally, they voted to modify the call of Mrs. Stephanie Roettger from Kindergarten to 5th & 6th grade. Both of these modifications were made by mutual agreement between the called worker and the Immanuel voters.

CAMPUS MENTOR: Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor.

CONCLUDING ACTIVITIES AT IMMANUEL: Friday, May 21, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir. On Saturday, May 22, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am. Currently these are being planned for outside on the hill by the Fieldhouse. If there is inclement weather, these events could be held indoors with a limited attendance. As the dates get closer, more details and updates will be posted on the ILC website (ilc.edu).

CLC YOUTH CAMP: Registration currently is open to those entering 9th through 12th grade this Fall. Registrations for 8th graders are being accepted. We will still be abiding by a lower-than-usual capacity, so it is our recommendation that you register your campers right away when it opens. Also, please note that we will not be running a bus service this year. Camp is June 13-19 in Pillager, MN. Cost is \$180 per camper. Here is the link to register: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register>. Please feel free to contact the camp directors with any questions- youthcamp.clc@gmail.com

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PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS YOUTH CAMP-OUT: August 11-15, 2021; For Grades 8-12; Camp fee \$85 (from EC) or \$95 (from MN). Lodging and meals are included in this fee. We'll camp at the Union Bay group campsite on Lake Superior. Activities will include devotions, group discussions, hiking, swimming, beach time, lots of different games, and many other activities. It's okay if you haven't camped before, we'll help you learn! We have a limit of 48 campers. Registration deadline is Monday, July 5th. Transportation will be provided from Eau Claire, WI. Once registration has closed, we'll send packing lists and forms to be completed by a parent or guardian. Check out the Porcupine Mountains Camp-Out Facebook page to see pictures. Register at www.tinyurl.com/Porkies2021 Questions? Contact Adam Schmid: (608) 386-3714 aschmidy2003@gmail.com

BRANCHES: Time to Renew or Subscribe--The Branches magazine is a publication designed and published by women of the CLC. It's time to renew, subscribe for the first time, or purchase gift subscriptions for others in your life who may benefit. Mother's Day, confirmations, and graduations are upon us! A subscription makes a great, year-long gift. \$15 for 4, 24 page issues each year.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN: The congregation again is ordering a subscription for every family of this useful synodical monthly magazine. They price is \$14 per copy for the year. If you would like to help out with this purchase, please place an extra \$ 14 in your offering. Thank you.

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