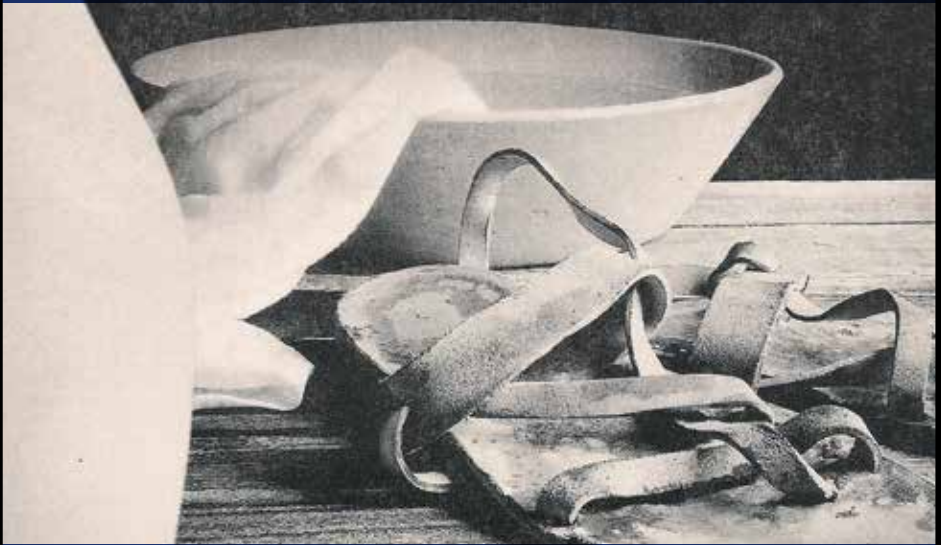


Fifth Sunday of Easter • May 2, 2021



Peace Thru Christ

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 126

THE ORDER OF SERVICE • Communion Liturgy, p.15

Opening Hymn:.....30 (3-4)

Before Sermon:.....412

Offering Hymn:788:1

Pre-Communion:.....773 (3)

Closing Hymn:.....50

SCRIPTURE READING:

Joshua 24:15-25

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” So the people answered and said: “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for the Lord our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. And the Lord drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the Lord!” So Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord for yourselves, to serve Him.” And they said, “We are witnesses!” “Now therefore,” he said, “put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord God of Israel.” And the people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

Matthew 20:20-28

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom." But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father." And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

THE SERMON:

I Peter 2:11-20

Sermon Theme:

God Grants Us a Freedom of Service.

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against

you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper is being celebrated this morning. We encourage all of our members to attend this meal of forgiveness from our Savior. Since it is a confession of oneness in faith and doctrine, we ask that only members of Peace Thru Christ or of a sister congregation in the CLC partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

"Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart."

Psalms 97:11



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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here worshiping with us today. We invite and encourage you to come again and learn more about your Savior. Please also sign our guest register before you leave.

THANK YOU: to Seminarian Zach Sippert for conducting Bible Class and preaching today. We pray for Zach's safe travel back to Eau Claire and blessings on the last month of his second year of seminary.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Parable of the Ten Virgins
Bible Class: Angels • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

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

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. Church Council • Mother's Day

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:

We continue "A Study on Resurrection Apologetics" this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Ude B. Dreyer/Dumke

Counters: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

OFFERINGS 4/25 for Unified Budget: \$ 1,365

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 20/ YouTube views 1/ Church 20
Bible Class: 10 S.S. 1

PASTOR'S VACATION:

Pastor & Ruth will be returning this Wednesday around noon.

CHURCH SIDING AND WINDOWS:

The voters have authorized creation of a committee to consider proposals for replacing the siding and windows on

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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 been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI.
- Education graduate Ben Hanson has accepted the call to St. John's, Okabena, MN.
- Recently collquized 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 been called by St. Paul's, Melrose, WI as part of a now quad-parish.

CAMPUS MENTOR:

Mrs. Beth Sandeen, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received 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.

MAN-UP:

The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also find additional information, pictures of previous ManUp weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

PROF. REIM RETIREMENT VIDEO:

If you attended Immanuel (Eau Claire, WI) in the past 33 years, you are invited to partake in a commemoration video for Prof. John Reim. All that is needed is a short video clip of you saying, "Thank you Prof. Reim." If you wish to elaborate more and/or share memories, you are most welcome! Entries may be emailed to ILC student Sam Radermacher: samurade@ilc.edu. Deadline is today, May 2.



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>.

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wixsite.com/camp/register. Please feel free to contact the camp directors with any questions- youthcamp.clc@gmail.com

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

KNOW GOD THROUGH HIS WORD

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

