



*Praise the Lord, O my soul!
While I live I will praise the Lord;*

Psalm 146:1

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Peace Thru Christ

Lutheran Church and School

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 146

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 1

Opening Hymn: 346

Before Sermon: 457

Offering: 196 (1, 3)

After Prayers: 201

Closing Hymn: 657 (1-2)

Antiphon, Ps. 30 Pg. 34 W.S

Scripture Readings:

Acts 4:1-22

These events take place sometime after Pentecost. The disciples now are boldly telling people about the resurrected Jesus. The Sanhedrin commands Peter and John to not preach or teach in the name of Jesus. But filled with the power of the resurrected Christ, Peter and John declare, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand. 5 And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, 6 as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. 14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. 15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, 16 saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that

a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.” 18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” 21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. 22 For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

John 16:16-23

Jesus assures His disciples that their sorrow over His death will be turned to joy. His resurrection will bring joy to their hearts which no one can take away from them.

“A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.” 17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me; and, ‘because I go to the Father?’” 18 They said therefore, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is saying.” 19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’? 20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. 23 “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

Sermon Text: **Acts 4:23-33**

Sermon Theme:

LEARN TO PRAY IN TROUBLED TIMES!

I: With Confidence in an Almighty God who accomplishes His will by being Faithful to His Word.

II: With Boldness in a Lord whose Will is still being Done in our Lives.

23 And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. 24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, 25 who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? 26 The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord and against His Christ.' 27 "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. 29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. 32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

A joyous welcome to all in the name of the risen and ever-living Savior, whose will is that none should perish but that all should come to repentance and a knowledge of the truth. It is a privilege and pleasure to share the Easter message of life over death with you. We invite and encourage you to worship your Savior with us again.

This Week:

Sunday: Video of Service

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

Friday: 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Next Sunday: Video of Service • Mother's Day

Next Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Gerbitz B. Bernthal

OFFERINGS 4/26 for Unified Budget: \$ 2,090.00

ATTENDANCE: 36 views/8 in church

BIBLE CLASS: We had 17 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: We are beginning a new month. 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



Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CLC NEWS:

- The Call Committee for ILC Graduates extended the following call to the upcoming graduate. Pastoral Call: Cory Drehle called 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.

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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



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