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seminary). With the duties including teaching God's Word to adult males, the person is to be a male (1 Tim. 2:12). To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, preferably someone who is pastorally experienced. This person may potentially serve as the Dean of Students, one who counsels and disciplines students on campus. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2019-20 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly

encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight July 15, 2018 (letters postmarked July 1, 2018) to:

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### Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School 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](mailto:mbern@juno.com)

More Information and Audio Sermons at [www.peacethruchrist.org](http://www.peacethruchrist.org)



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**KNOW GOD THROUGH LOVE**

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God  
1 John 4:7*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 6, 2018**

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 124  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Communion pg. 15 Lutheran Hymnal

<b>Opening Hymn:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Before Sermon:</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>During Distribution:</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>After Benediction:</b>	<b>309</b>

**Scripture Readings:**

**I John 4:1-11**

John urges us "to test the spirits to see whether they are of God." The Spirit of God can be recognized in those who acknowledge "that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh." John also appeals to us to love one another, since God so loved us by sending His only begotten Son as the sacrifice for our sins.

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. 4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of*

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ariseandshineretreat.com. The cost is \$140 per adult (12 & up) and \$100 per child. Child care is provided at no additional charge. We ask families to try to register by May 25th, so we can arrange child care assistance. If you have any questions, please contact us:

Pastor Sam Rodebaugh - sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com - (414)534-7279 Josh Ohlmann - joshohlmann@swbell.net - (314)874-9184

Kym Stelter - kjstelter@gmail.com - (507) 327-2076.

**UP-COMING IN MAY:**

**ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP:**

Ascension worship service will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

**HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:**

Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m.

**ILC GRADUATION:**

Graduation service will take place on Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. at ILC. Two of our members will be graduating from ILHS: Kaitlyn Brandle and Joshua Gerbitz

**LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE**

**CLASS:** Our last Sunday School and Bible Class will be held on Sunday, May 20th

**MOWING HELP NEEDED:** Now that spring has finally arrived we will need mowers for the spring, summer and fall months. A new mowing schedule has been put up. We hope you will be able to volunteer to help mow. Remember that we have two mowers to use. The riding one and the stand-up one. Any questions, please check with Chris Ude or Pastor Bernthal.

**CANDIDATES FOR IMMANUEL**

**PROFESSOR CALL:** The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Schaller at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include courses in English (high school and college) and history (high school, college, and potentially

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**THANK YOU:** to all who helped out with our Annual Spring Work Day. Most everything was accomplished on the work list. Just the screens and windows of the church and school need to be washed and cleaned. Thanks for jobs well done!

**BIBLE CLASS:** The Church Council meeting in Fond du Lac set for this Wednesday has been moved to Wednesday, May 16. Therefore we will have our Wednesday evening Bible Class this Wednesday and not next Wednesday. We hope you can make it this Wednesday evening at 7:00. We are studying the Minor Prophet Zephaniah.

### CLC NEWS:

- Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac and Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights, MN have both called Pastor Matt Hanel, St. Matthew, Dallas, TX.
- Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI has called Mrs. Lisa Noeldner to serve as music teacher
- Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, has called Principal Ted Quade, Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners WI, to be principal/

teacher.

- Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, has called Kirsten Gullerud, St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, CA.

**CLC YOUTH CAMP:** Registration is coming up! You will be able to register online on March 25 at 3:00pm CST. Camp this year will be held at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN, June 17-23. The cost will be \$175/camper and campers entering grades 6-12 are eligible. You can check out our Facebook page for more updates.

**ARISE AND SHINE RETREAT:** June 14th-17th at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. If you are in your 20's or 30's (or thereabouts) and are able to make the time, please plan on joining us for this faith-building weekend. There will be delicious food, great fellowship, and plenty of activities. The theme this year is "Discipl(in)e." The premise is that as disciples of Christ, we can expect to receive discipline. This is not something to lose hope over, "For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." For more info & to register, go to our website: [www.](http://www.)

*God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

## John 15:9-17

Jesus fervently appeals to His disciples and to us to "love one another." Mindful of our Savior's great love for us, we will want to demonstrate this same love as the guiding principles of our lives. This love will unite us in sharing the blessings of Christ's Gospel in both word and deed.

*9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.*



Sermon Text: **Acts 11:19-30**

## **Are we a “Model Christian Congregation” like Antioch?**

**I: A congregation with GOOD NEWS for ALL!**

**II: A Congregation with a MINISTRY for ALL!**

**III: A Congregation with a HEART for ALL!**

*19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. 20 But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. 22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. 23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. 26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Relief to Judea 27 And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. 30 This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.*

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

A joyous welcome to all in the name of our risen and ever living Savior. It is a privilege and pleasure to share the Easter message of life over death with you. May you find in us a congregation that wants to share the Good News of salvation with you and expresses love to you in our desire to serve you. Please sign our guest register and we invite you to come worship your Savior with us again.

**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 come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

#### **THIS WEEK:**

##### **Today**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Samson  
Bible Class: Study of the "Joint Statement" and the differences between the CLC and the WELS/ELS • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:15 a.m. BOCE Open Meeting  
11:40 a.m. Church Council

**Monday** Pastor in Fond du Lac

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

**Wednesday** 7:00 p.m. Bible Class

**Thursday** 7:00 p.m. Ascension Service

##### **Next Sunday**

9:00 a.m. S. S./Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

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

Cleaners this week:  
Church—Birkholz/Peterson  
School: Bernthal.  
Counters today:  
Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

#### **LAST WEEK:**

Worship 36 S.S. 1  
Bible Class 21

**OFFERINGS** 4/29 for Unified Budget: \$1,500

#### **TODAY:**

The B.O.C.E. will conduct an open congregational meeting after church to discuss ideas for our preschool. Please stay and give your input. After that meeting the Church Council will meet.