

COMING-UP:

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor will be gone next Sunday for a vacation. Seminary student Sam Rodebaugh will be conducting the service.

CLC TEACHER'S CONFERENCE: Wed-Fri. Oct. 12-14. Teachers from around the CLC will be attending their annual conference held at Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE.

EVANGELISM MEETING: Our next Evangelism Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16th @ 11:15 a.m.

FUN NIGHT: Our first fall fun night will be held Friday, Oct. 21st. We will go for our annual candlelight walk through Governor Nelson State Park. Please meet at the parsonage at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to help organize future fun nights, please see pastor.

FALL WORK DAY: Our fall work day has been set for Saturday, Oct. 22nd beginning around

9:00 a.m. We hope many of you can make it to help beautify the grounds and buildings in praise to our loving Savior-God.

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING to be held on Sunday, Oct. 23rd at 11:30. All Voting members are encouraged to attend.

JOINT REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE is planned for Sunday, Oct. 30th at 3:00 p.m. to be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners, WI. Congregations from; Faith, Markesan; Messiah, Hales Corners; Living Hope, Appleton; Faith, Cambridge; Ascension, Batavia, IL, and ours have all been invited. Choirs from these congregations will be singing "By Faith". We encourage all of our members to attend this special worship service in praise to our Triune God for the blessings of the Reformation. A meal will be following. We will be leaving around 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this once a year celebration!

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church.

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 middletonlutheran.org



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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost • October 2, 2016

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 61

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p. 15

Opening Hymn:	245
Before Sermon:	380
Offering Hymn:	792
During Distribution:	316
Closing Hymn:	552 (7-8)

Scripture Readings:

Numbers 20:1-13 The new generation of Israelites acts much like the old in rebelling against God and Moses. How often we Christians act dissatisfied and complain about God's many blessings to us. Moses and Aaron also sin by making it appear that getting water out of the rock depended on their human effort---"Must we bring water for you out of the rock?"—rather than depending upon God's might. They therefore were giving glory to themselves and not to God.

20 Then the children of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the

Wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh; and Miriam died there and was buried there. 2 Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron. 3 And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying: "If only we had died when our brethren died before the Lord! 4 Why have you brought up the assembly of the Lord into this wilderness, that we and our animals should die here? 5 And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates; nor is there any water to drink." 6 So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of the Lord appeared to them. 7 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 8 "Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals." 9 So Moses took the rod from before the Lord as He commanded him. 10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?" 11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank. 12 Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." 13 This was the water of Meribah, because the children of Israel contended with the Lord, and He was hallowed among them.

John 3:10-21 Jesus Himself draws the parallel between His death on the cross and the lifting up of the Bronze Serpent in the wilderness. The One Cross to life is Christ's!

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

- Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI has called Pastor Paul Tiefel, pastor at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI.
- Pastor Michael Roehl has returned the call extended to him by Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA.
- Pastor Steven Karp, pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran, Hayward CA, has announced his retirement. He will continue serving St. Stephen for a time.
- Pastor Michael Gurath has returned the call extended to him by Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI.
- The CLC Board of Missions has issued the divine call for a Full-Time Visiting Missionary to Pastor Todd Ohlmann, pastor of Faith Lutheran, Manchester MO.

2017 CLC MISSION HELPER

TRIP TO NEPAL – plans are underway for the CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal in July. See the bulletin insert and posters. More information can be found at: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/2017-nepal.

Immanuel Lutheran College

Visitors Day: Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day is November 11th beginning at 10:05 am in the ILC gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations

and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. We will attempt to provide lodging, if needed, Thursday or Friday nights for those attending College Visitor's Day and these visitors will be our guests at meals. (No special activity is planned for Thursday evening.) Friday evening there is also the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical: *She Loves Me*. It will be performed both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. A band concert will precede it Friday night at 7:00 p.m. and a variety of student musical performances on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Please convey attendance information and any housing requests to Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, by November 7th. Office: 715-836-6631, home: 715-955-4127, e-mail john.ude@ilc.edu.

INSTALLATION TODAY: Pastor Terrel Kesterson will be installed at Ascension Lutheran Church in Batavia this afternoon in a 4:00 p.m. service. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you are planning on going and meet here at church around 1:00 p.m.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God for the blessed privilege of proclaiming to you the Good News of the only way to salvation through Jesus' perfect life, suffering, death upon the cross and resurrection from the dead. His death upon that cross paid in full the debt for the sins of the world. He died and was damned for us—forsaken by God the Father—so that we would have forgiveness and everlasting life. May the Spirit fill your heart with joy over this message of salvation. If you want to know more about your Savior, Jesus, or about our congregation, please contact Pastor Bernthal. We invite you to come and worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:
The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus

Bible Class: Revelation

10:00 a.m. Family Worship/
Communion

11:10 a.m. Choir

11:25 a.m. Church Council

4:00 p.m. Pastor Terrel
Kesterson Installation

Monday In Markesan

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

Wednesday In Markesan

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

Saturday 3:00 p.m. Ohlmann./
Wiese Wedding, Fond du Lac

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—Gbedey.

School—Dreyer/Dumke

Counters today: Matt Schaser &
Gail Schaefer

LAST WEEK: Worship 48 S.S. 4
Bible Class 30

OFFERINGS 9/25 for Unified
Budget: \$1,527
CBP: \$ 85

IN YOUR MAILBOX: October
Calendar & Newsletter

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE
CLASSES:** While Pastor Bernthal
serves the vacancy at Faith,
Markesan there will be no
Wednesday night Bible Classes.

CLC NEWS:

- Faith Lutheran Church,
Markesan, WI has called
Missionary Matt Ude.

only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

The Sermon: read/listen to sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Numbers 21:5-9**

THE ONLY CROSS TO LIFE!

5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

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.