



LOVE OF JESUS WINS

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Peace Thru Christ

Lutheran Church and School

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 111

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Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:22-32

This reading is a portion of Peter's Pentecost sermon. It is an appropriate reading for the Sunday after Easter because Peter and the disciples had been witnesses of Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. This particular portion of Peter's sermon focuses on the heart of the message of the Gospel—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and its effects on those who believe.

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him: ‘I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’ 29 “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

I Peter 1:3-9

Peter repeatedly uses the word “faith” and “hope.” Though we have neither seen Jesus nor heaven, yet we have “a living hope” in the Savior and in the salvation which is even now our own through faith in Him. It is a hope which keeps our faith alive even though we may suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19-31

Sorrow, bewilderment, fear, cautious hope and even unbelief had infiltrated the hearts of Jesus’ followers. These two encounters with the risen Savior establish important truths for disciples then and now. Jesus lives! Jesus forgives! Jesus authorizes forgiving and retaining of sins by His followers. People are to believe without seeing for God’s Word is sufficient!

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this,

He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

The Sermon:

Sermon Text: John 11:25-27

Sermon Theme:

**Jesus declares to all who are experiencing
Grief or heading for the Grave:**

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

A warm welcome in the name of the risen Christ. May the joy of the Resurrection continue to shine in your hearts. It is a pleasure to share our Easter faith and joy with you in person and on-line. We invite you to inquire of Pastor Bernthal regarding our faith and hope. We stand ready at every opportunity to share the Good News of the resurrection victory we have in Jesus.



COVID: Christ Over Virus, Infection, and Death!

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” Lord, heal our land. Amen.

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This Week:

Sunday: Video of Service

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting by phone

Friday: 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Spring Clean-up

Next Sunday: Video of Service

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

A. Franson/Williams B. Brandle

OFFERINGS 4/12 for Unified Budget: \$3,080.00

ATTENDANCE: Good Friday—48 views Easter—49 views

CHURCH COUNCIL: Will meet tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. by phone.

SPRING WORK DAY: This Saturday @ 9:00 a.m.



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REMINDER:

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

SYMPATHIES:

Our sympathies and the Lord's blessings to Karen & Matt Schaser and family at the passing of Karen's mother, Arlene Bernthal.

'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." Rev. 14:13

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh has returned the call extended to him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC has called Mr. Ross Kok to be Principal and upper grades teacher.
- Claire Abbas has returned the call extended to her by St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA.
- Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY has called Miss Carly Meyer (member of St. Paul, Denver, CO) to be their teacher.

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

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