



*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

**Psalm 23**

**Third Sunday of Easter • April 26, 2020**

# **Peace Thru Christ**

## **Lutheran Church and School**

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**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 23**

### **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Lutheran Hymnal, p.5**

<b>Opening Hymn:</b>	<b>540</b>
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<b>After Prayers:</b>	<b>257</b>
<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	<b>649</b>

## Scripture Readings:

### **Revelation 5:11-14**

John sees the heavenly chorus of angels singing praise to the Lamb who was slain, but now is alive again and worthy to receive praise, honor, glory and power forever and ever.

*Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" 14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.*

### **Acts 12:5-11**

The Lord uses an angel to miraculously deliver Peter from prison. Not even mighty Herod could stop the disciples from spreading the Word of the resurrected Christ.

*Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. 6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. 7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. 8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." 9 So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they*

*went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. 11 And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."*

## **John 21:1-14**

This is the third time Jesus appeared to His disciples after He rose from the dead. The resurrected Jesus proves He is alive by sharing in a common meal of fish with His disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. This was the second miraculous catch of fish which the Lord performed. The first was when He called His disciples into their ministry to catch people with the Gospel.

*After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." 6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. 7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. 9 Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." 11 Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—*

knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. 14 This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

## The Sermon:

Sermon Text: **II Kings 6:8-17**

Sermon Theme:

# **Viewing Life from God's Perspective with "Opened Eyes" to see His Unseen Spiritual Army.**

*Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place." 9 And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." 10 Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" 12 And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." 13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in Dothan." 14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

## PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

A warm welcome in the name of our Resurrected Savior. We pray your worship is blessed by the Holy Spirit through His Word. So much today is said about angels that is not true. What a blessing to have God's Word reveal to us the truth about the "unseen army" of God's created spirits who serve Him by protecting His children. His angels (messengers) also proclaimed Jesus' birth and resurrection. We do not trust in or pray to angels, but we thank our God for their protective care. To our Savior-God alone be all glory for our salvation. We invite and encourage you to worship your Savior with us again.



### Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

#### **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

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

Cleaners this week:

A. Gerbitz B. Schaefer

**OFFERINGS:** 4/19 for Unified Budget: \$1,660.00

**ATTENDANCE:** 30 views

#### **BIBLE CLASS:**

We had 12 attend our Bible Class by Zoon last Wednesday. It worked quite well. 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](mailto:dailyrest@ilc.edu) or call 715-836-6623.

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### **CANCELLED THIS WEEK:**

Bible Class: Tuesday at Artisan and Thursday at Heritage.  
Bowling Gathering Friday.

### **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

### **CLC NEWS:**

- The Call Committee for ILC Graduates extended the following calls to the upcoming graduates. Pastoral Call: Cory Drehle called to Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD
- Teacher Call: Mikela Hammond called to St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, CA
- Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC has called Mr. Ross Kok to be Principal and upper grades teacher.
- Miss Carly Meyer has returned the call extended to her by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL as been called by Immanuel, Mankato, MN to serve as high school math and science teacher beginning the 2020-2021 school year.

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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](mailto:mbern@juno.com)

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