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Peace Thru Christ

Lutheran Church and School

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 43

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Scripture Readings:

Psalm 51: 1-4; 14-17

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. 16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

2 Corinthians 7:4-13

4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation. 5 For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears. 6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 7 and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more. 8 For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. 9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter. 12 Therefore, although I wrote to you, I did not do it for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you. 13 Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.



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

Sermon Text: **Matthew 26:69-27:5**

Sermon Theme:

TWO KINDS OF REPENTANCE.

I: Godly Repentance which leads to Life.

II: Worldly Repentance which leads to Death.

69 Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." 71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" 73 And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." 74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly. 27 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. 2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor. 3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" 5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are thankful to our Lord that you are worshipping your Savior with us. Proper worship includes repentance of our sins. Without godly sorrow over one's sins, there is no reason to look to Jesus for forgiveness, life, and salvation. May our hearts be focused on our Lord, the One who came to take our place. He lived and died for us and rose again.

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.

This Week:

Today Video of service

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Lent V--Pastor Mark Bernthal Video service

Next Sunday: Video of service

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/Peterson B. Schaefer

LAST WEEK: Worship 20 Bible Class 8

OFFERINGS 3/15 for Unified Budget: \$2,215

LENTEN SERVICES: This past Wednesday we heard Pastor Ude speak to us about the criminal on the cross saying "Don't You Fear God?" This was an ironic statement from a convicted criminal, but now a repentant criminal who trusted in Jesus as His Lord and Savior. What a blessing for him to hear Jesus say, "Today you will be with Me in Paradise." This Wednesday we can view a video of Pastor Bernthal preaching his sermon on John 19:12-16a "We Have No King but Caesar!" Our Lenten theme this year: "The Ironies of the Passion."

March 25: "We Have No King but Caesar!"--- John 19:12-16a Pastor Bernthal

April 1: "It Is Better That One Man Die for the People"---John 11:45-53 Pastor Sauers

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CANCELLED THIS WEEK HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS: Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELISM MEETING: Sunday, March 29th @ 11:30 a.m.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Terrel Kesterson has returned the call extended to him by Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD.
- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD has put in for a call for a Seminary graduate.
- Immanuel, Mankato, MN has called Mr. Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ to serve as high school math and science teacher beginning the 2020-2021 school year.
- Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has returned the call extended to him by Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran, West Columbia, SC to be Principal and upper grades teacher.
- Teacher Joshua Ohlmann has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY to be their Principal/Teacher.
- Mrs. Sarah Ude, Middleton, WI has returned the call extended to her by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their upper grades teacher.
- St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA has called Claire Abbas, Gethsemane, Spokane Valley, WA to be their teacher.

PROFESSOR CALL: The Call Committee for Educational Institutions of the CLC has extended a divine call to Pastor Mark Weis of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD, to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary, filling the vacancy on the faculty due to the retirement of Prof. Paul Sullivan. Given the feedback the faculty has shared regarding the Regents' administrator proposal, the board decided it was wise at this time to resume the call process. Further solutions will be considered to address the growing administration needs on campus.

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THIRD FULL-TIME MISSIONARY CALL - Over the past two years the Board of Missions has fielded a number of questions about the calling of the third full-time missionary following the 2018 Convention. According to the resolution passed at that Convention the Board of Missions was “authorized to call a third full-time missionary” and a mechanism was offered to fund the costs of this missionary. The calling did not begin right away because our second missionary was refused entry back into India and the Board had to decide where to send him before structuring the call of the third missionary. In the time since Missionary Evensen was resettled in Togo, the Board of Missions has issued several calls, but a number of factors have played a roll in the Board’s decision to suspend calling for the time being, one of which was the financial situation our synod was facing at the end of the year. Another factor is the mechanism by which the third missionary was to be funded and concerns the Board of Missions has regarding that. It is hoped that these issues can be addressed at the upcoming 2020 Convention so that we can resume calling.

RETIREMENT GIFT: Professor Paul Sullivan has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 22-23, 2020. Our custom is to present a monetary gift to Prof. Sullivan as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to a monetary gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 23). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: “Prof. Sullivan Retirement.” Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

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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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