

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Greve

School---Bernthal/Tardola

Counters today: John Birkholz & Nathan Peterson

### CLC NEWS:

- Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI. has called Pastor Frank Gantt, pastor of St. Luke's, Lemmon SD.
- Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA, has called Pastor Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas TX.
- Pastor Emeritus Paul Fleischer has accepted the call to serve Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX, through Easter Sunday.

**WANTED:** Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2015 church directory. Please give them to pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

**USHERS:** Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2015,

please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by New Year's Eve. Thank you!

**HELP IS NEEDED:** to pack the children's Christmas bags after church today. Thanks!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Tonight at 5:30 p.m. We will go to Artisan, Heritage and Duane Riggert. Please meet around 5:20.

**CHRISTMAS EVE FELLOWSHIP GATHERING:** Everyone is invited to stay after the Christmas Eve service for a short fellowship gathering in the fellowship hall. Please bring a snack and/or drink.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS:

*Standing on the Wall*—A witness of faith in a dying world by Retired Pastor Daniel Fleischer. Cost is \$15.

*And Then, Eternity: Poems from a Pilgrim on the Narrow Way.*

\$5 (plus shipping), and may be ordered directly through Pastor Seybt via email at cmseybster@yahoo.com. or see Matt Schaser who has some available for sale.

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 5

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal. P.5

Opening Hymn: . . . . . 35

Before Sermon: . . . . . 645

Offering Hymn: . . . . . 709

After Prayers: . . . . . 76

Closing Hymn: . . . . . 99

Choir: . . "Is Your Heart Prepared For a King?"

### Scripture Readings:

**Isaiah 7:10-14** This sign of the virgin born Son promised in Isaiah 7 is a sign of God's faithfulness. It is the fulfillment of His age-old promise to send His Son to be our Redeemer. This act of God's love for us sinners we celebrate in Jesus' birth!

10 Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the

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Lord!" 13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

**Matthew 1:18-25** This account is the historical fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Joseph is informed by an angel that Mary is "with child" by the Holy Spirit. The Virgin Mary gives birth to Jesus the Savior. This is more than a sign to us: it is a clear demonstration of God's undeserved love and faithfulness for all of mankind in human form.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

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**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!** We pray your Christmas celebration will be centered on the "Reason for the Season" Jesus Himself and the Peace that He brings to sinfully lost mankind. You are warmly invited to our Christmas Eve Children's service this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and to our Christmas Day Song Service on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. As you leave today, please sign our guest register.

Fourth Sunday in Advent — December 21, 2014

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.middletonlutheran.org](http://www.middletonlutheran.org)

Sermon Text: **Romans 1:1-7**

## PEACE ON EARTH—BY THE GRACE OF GOD

**I: God's Grace sent the world a Savior.**

**II: God's Peace comes through that Savior.**

1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. 5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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##### **This Week:**

**Today** 9:00 a.m. **S.S.:** The Golden Calf • **Bible Class:** Spending Time in Luther's Catechism—5th – 6th Commandments  
11:10 a.m. Choir/Christmas Practice  
5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

**Mon-Fri.** NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Bible Classes at Artisan

**Wednesday** 6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service

**Thursday** 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Song Service

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. S.S./ Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:10 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 43 B.C. 29 S.S. 3 Advent III 44

**OFFERINGS** 12/14 & 17 for Unified Budget: \$2,299

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** Christmas letter from Pastor, Church Cleaning schedule for 2015.