

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

**NEW YEAR'S EVE:**

Our New Year's Eve Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Close out the old year and welcome the new with worship and praise to our Triune God and partaking of our Lord's Supper and a hymn sing afterward.

**WANTED:**

Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2019 church directory. Please give them to pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

**NEEDED--USHERS:**

Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2019, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by the New Year. Thank you!

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](mailto:mbern@juno.com)  
More Information and Audio Sermons at [middletonlutheran.org](http://middletonlutheran.org)



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**Fourth Sunday in Advent • December 23, 2018**

**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 145**

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5**

**Opening Hymn: . . . . . 55**

**Before Sermon: . . . . . 394**

**Offering: . . . . . 439 (1-2, 5-6)**

**After Prayers: . . . . . 66**

**After Benediction: . . . . . 48**

## Scripture Readings:

### Psalm 103:10-19

David sings of God's amazing grace to us sinners. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, but according to His great compassionate love. He is an everlasting Father to us in His kindness and mercy.

*10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. 13 As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. 14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more. 17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, 18 To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them. 19 The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.*

### Hebrews 10:5-10

The book of Hebrews clearly points to Christ's sacrifice of His body as the chief purpose of His coming into this world, in the flesh. It was completely sufficient to take away the sins of all people. By this sacrifice the Savior acted in obedience to His Father's will and loving as a sacrificial Father loves.

*5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.' " 8 Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

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**CHRISTMAS BAGS:** We will be filling the Christmas bags after the service this morning. We plan on making 10-12 bags.

### CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Edward Starkey has accepted the call to Our Redeemer Lutheran, Red Wing MN.
- Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, and Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI.

**2019 MISSION HELPER TRIP:** Applications for the 2019 CLC Mission Helper Trip to India are being accepted. The application deadline is January 7th. Space is limited so it is best to apply early. Apply online and find more information at: [www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org](http://www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org) or contact Todd Ohlmann at [thohlmann@gmail.com](mailto:thohlmann@gmail.com)

**MIDWEST CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT:** This retreat sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held March 22-24, 2019, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. Registration is \$75 and opens on January 1, 2019 and will be limited to the first 120 applicants.

Register at [www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net](http://www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net). Choose the "Midwest Spring Retreat." Hotel reservations (separate from retreat registration) can be made by calling (507) 452-0606, with the special block rate for our group available now. Be sure to mention "retreat" to get the block rate. Deadline for both retreat registration and hotel reservations is Friday, February 22, 2019.

**URGENT NEED FOR SPONSORS:** The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors to support overseas orphans and seminary students. There are both students and orphans that will not have financial support starting in January if we do not find new sponsors. Please give this prayerful consideration. For more information, please see, email, or text Dan Roehl ([danroehl@hotmail.com](mailto:danroehl@hotmail.com) 507-381-2042).

*of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God you are here this morning worshipping your Lord and Savior. Jesus has the same kind of fatherly love for us that His Father has for Him. What a blessing! His love led Him to suffer and die on the cross for us. We have forgiveness and life through Him. Speak to Pastor Bernthal if there is any way we can serve you. Please come again during this Advent season and worship your loving Savior with us and please sign our guest register.



#### **This Week:**

**Today** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Jonah • Bible Class: Galatians 2 • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:10 a.m. Choir/Christmas Eve Practice/Fill Christmas Bags

**Monday** 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

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

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

**Next Monday** 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion Worship

**IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:** Cleaners this week: A. Ude B. Schaefer

Counters today: Randy Dreyer & Joel Albrecht

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 47 S.S. 1 Bible Class 19 Advent 3 23

**OFFERINGS** 12/16 & 19 for Unified Budget: \$3,926 • \$100 CLC Kinship

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** Christmas letter from Pastor & Ruth

## John 1:1-14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The Son came from the Father full of grace and truth, and brought the light of God's salvation into this world of darkness.

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

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

Sermon: **Isaiah 9:6-7**

## WHAT'S IN A NAME!

Everlasting Father—

God's Eternal Love is the Source of our Salvation

*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase*