

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 2018

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 2018, 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 and School 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*

More Information and Audio Sermons at www.peacethruchrist.org



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Fourth Sunday in Advent • December 24, 2017

*One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.*

PSALM 145:4



Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 145

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn:	68
Before Sermon:	99
Offering Hymn:	792
After Prayers:	705
After Benediction:	709
Antiphon, Ps. 96,	p. 26 W.S.

Scripture Readings:

II Samuel 7:8-11

God reminds David that He took him from the sheepfold and made him a great king. He also tells David that He would establish an everlasting kingdom for David and the people of Israel, a kingdom characterized by peace. God informs David that he, David, would not build a house for the LORD, but that the LORD would establish a house for him, God's eternal kingdom.

8 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. 10 Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, 11 since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make you a house.

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel announces the birth of the Savior to the virgin Mary, who will be the mother of Jesus. The angel tells Mary that God would give His Son the everlasting throne of His father, David. The first coming of our Savior, which we celebrate during Advent, draws our thoughts to the glorious second coming of our Savior and of His kingdom where we shall live and reign with Jesus forever.

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the

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This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:
Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt

Bible Class: Prophecies of Jesus' Birth

10:00 Family Worship

11:10 a.m. Choir/ Christmas Eve Practice/Christmas Bags filled

6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Monday 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day "The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols"

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Meyer

School: Dreyer/Dumke. Counters today: Randy Dreyer & Joel Albrecht

LAST WEEK: Worship 30 S.S. 0

Bible Class 15 Advent III 33

OFFERINGS 12/17 & 20 for

Unified Budget: \$2,207

Mission Helper: \$100

IN YOUR MAILBOX: Christmas letter from Pastor & Ruth

CHRISTMAS BAGS: We will be packing Christmas bags after church.

PASTOR'S VACATION:

Pastor & Ruth will be gone from Tuesday evening thru Sunday night. Pastor Paul Tiefel will be conducting next Sunday morning's Bible Class and worship service while John Gerbitz & Matt Schaser will conduct our New Year's Eve service.

CLC NEWS

- Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN has called Pastor Neal Radichel to be their co-pastor.

MISSION HELPER HELP:

Kirsten and Nichole Brandle and six young members from our sister congregation, Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners are signing up to go on next summer's trip to Africa to help spread God's Word. They are requesting our prayers on their behalf and also asking that if anyone would like to help defray the cost of their trip to give their offerings to Peace Thru Christ or send them to Messiah Lutheran Church 12145 W. Edgerton Ave. Hales Corners, WI 53130. Please see the letter on the bulletin board in the entry-way for more information.

Isaiah 2:2-5

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. 5 O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible." 38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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

THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA!

I) When did it/When will it arrive?

AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME: Galatians 4:4-5

II) What did it/What will it bring?

PEACE AND PROSPERITY: Isaiah 2:2-5

III) How to prepare Then/Now?

SEEK THE LORD: Isaiah 55:6-7

Galatians 4:4-5

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are with us this morning worshipping our Advent Savior. Even as Jesus came long ago, "In the fullness of time," so also we look forward to His coming again. Are you ready? Are you prepared? We are with a repentant heart over our sins and a heart of faith and trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Come again, and join us in our worship of the Christ. Also, please sign our guest book.

