

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

NEW ENVELOPES: Everyone should have a new box of envelopes for the new year in your mailboxes.

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!

NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNION: Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. Let us close out the old year and welcome the new in a God-pleasing way by singing our praises of thanks to our Savior for past blessings and by receiving from Him the assurance of sins forgiven through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



Luke 2:25-32

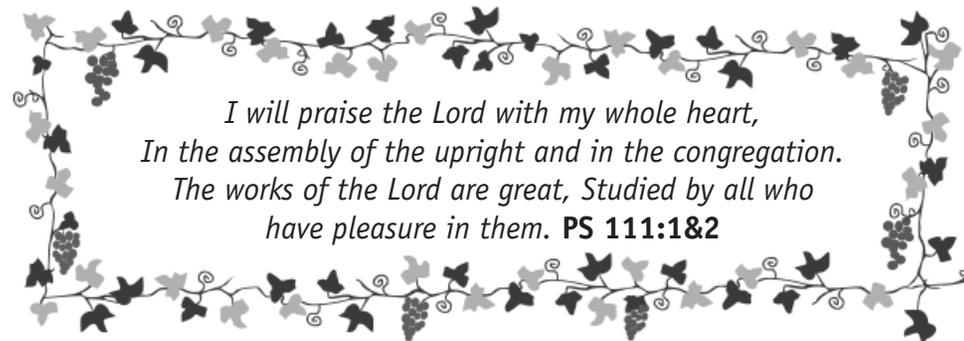
Simeon Sees God's Salvation

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's

Christ. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: 29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."



Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation call Pastor Bernthal at 608-233-2244 or email him at mbern@juno.com More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



*I will praise the Lord with my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.
The works of the Lord are great, Studied by all who
have pleasure in them. PS 111:1&2*

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 111

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal. P.5

Opening Hymn: 776

Before Sermon: 106 (1-3)

Offering Hymn: 89 (1, 3, 5)

After Prayers: 106 (4-7)

Closing Hymn: 97

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 63:7-9 Isaiah stresses the kindness and loving mercy of the LORD which was seen many times by the people of old. This same kindness and loving mercy gave birth to the miracle of Christmas. Distressed when He saw the distress of His people, the LORD Himself became our Savior and Redeemer.

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord And the praises of the Lord, According to all that the Lord has bestowed on us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. 8 For He said, "Surely they are My people, Children who will not lie." So He became their Savior. 9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old.

Galatians 4:4-7 The Apostle Paul reminds us that because God sent His Son, both Jew and Gentile have a miraculous redemption. The believer in Christ is a son and heir in God's family.

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. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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

Sermon Text: **Hosea 11:1**

GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US AGAIN AND AGAIN!

We see that in the distant past, in the present and for the future.

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We pray your Christmas celebration centered on the Christ-child and the Peace that He brings to lost mankind. As you leave today, please sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Worship in the Tabernacle

Bible Class: Spending Time in Luther's Catechism—6th Commandment

11:10 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meet

Mon-Fri. NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion Worship/Hymn Sing

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

11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

LAST WEEK: Worship 67 B.C. 28 S.S. 2 Christmas Eve 57 Christmas Day 47

OFFERINGS 12/21&24&25 for Unified Budget: \$3,845 Tuition \$200

IN YOUR MAILBOX: Church Cleaning schedule for 2015, January Calendar & Newsletter.

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!

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Gbedey/Lentz School - Dreyer / Dumke Counterstoday:

RandyDreyer & Joel Albrecht

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. They have also called Pastor Frank Gantt, pastor of St. Luke's, Lemmon SD to be their full-time pastor.