

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

EVANGELISM MEETING: Our next Evangelism meeting is scheduled for December 16th after church.

NEEDED:

For Wednesday Mom's Group---CD player and an Outdoor Baby Swing. If you can help out, please contact Ruth Bernthal or Rachel Meyer.

UP-COMING DECEMBER:

ILC CHRISTMAS CONCERT: This annual concert conducted by our Immanuel Lutheran College will be held on Friday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Plan to set aside the evening of Sunday, Dec. 16th to participate in Christmas caroling to the residents of Artisan and Heritage. Come, join us sing praises to our new-born King. Please meet at church by 5:30 p.m.

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS: The Ladies will be meeting for their Christmas gathering at their monthly meeting, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. We encourage all ladies to come.

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.

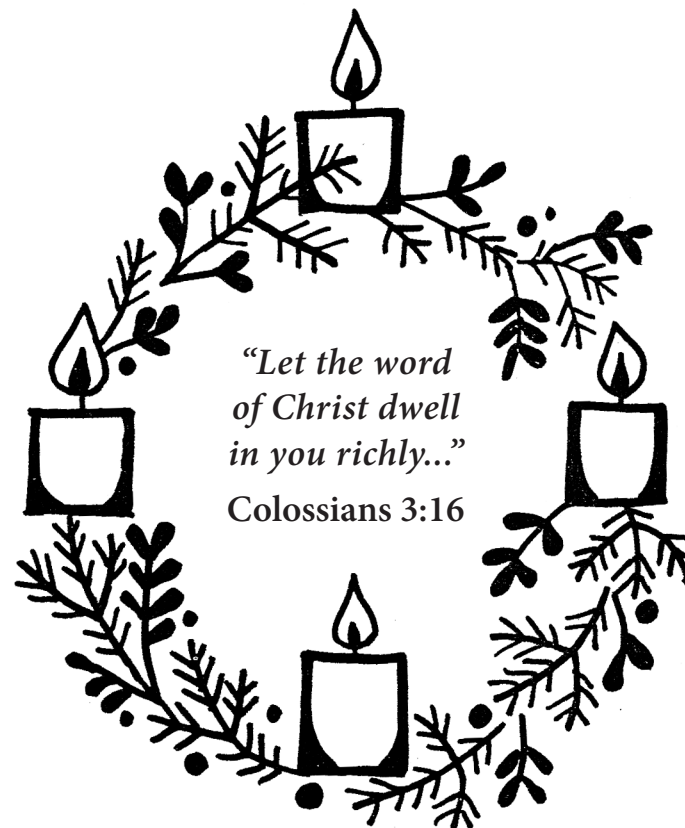
Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School is a confessional Lutheran Church.

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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First Sunday in Advent • December 2, 2018

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Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Ms. Pam Schulz

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 143

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 1

Opening Hymn: 64
Before Sermon: 379
Offering: 568
During Distribution: 755 (Insert)
After Benediction: 74 (1, 4)

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 64:1-8

Isaiah pleads with the LORD to remember that He is the Father of His people Israel, the One who made His covenant of grace with them. In spite of Israel’s failings the prophet asks that the LORD would hold back His anger and judgment and deal with His unworthy children in mercy. Our reading presents an awesome picture of God’s sovereign power and majesty. It crushes us with the description of our sinful nature and it points us to the only place where help can be found, namely, in the Fatherly mercy of the covenant LORD. May we treasure the grace that our God bestows upon us in Christ Jesus, our only hope for life and salvation.

*Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down!
That the mountains might shake at Your presence— 2 As fire burns
brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to
Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When
You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The
mountains shook at Your presence. 4 For since the beginning of the world*

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IMMANUEL CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

As Christmas approaches, there are a few upcoming Immanuel (ILC) events. On Sun., Dec. 9, 3 pm, there will be the piano/ organ recital at the campus fieldhouse. The highlight of the music department will be the Christmas concert at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire on Fri., Dec. 14, 7:30 pm. This will include the flute choir, band, mass choir, and tour choir. The choir portion of the event is considered a sacred worship service as the students sing the Christmas Gospel message. This is always a spiritually edifying concert to help one focus, even in the midst of the busy holiday season, on the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This concert ends the busy Finals Week for the students as they conclude their first semester of the academic year with their various tests and projects. We pray the students will safely arrive at their homes in order to enjoy Christmas break with their families. The students resume classes on Jan. 7.

MIDWEST CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S RETREAT:

This retreat is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. It will be held March 22-24, 2019, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. Registration is \$75 and opens on January 1, 2019. Register at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. Choose the “Midwest Spring Retreat.” Deadline to register is February 22, 2019 (with a late fee of \$25). Hotel reservations (separate from retreat registration) can be made by calling (507) 452-0606, beginning on 2/22/19. Be sure to say it is for the Christian Women’s retreat to get the group rate!

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 507-381-2042).

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IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Gerbitz B. Dreyer/Dumke
Counters today: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

LAST WEEK: Worship 53 S.S. 9 Bible Class 18

OFFERINGS 11/25 for Unified Budget: \$1,557

IN YOUR MAILBOX: December Calendar & Newsletter

CLC NEWS:

- Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA has called Pastor Aaron Ude, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rapid City SD. Pastor Ude has since returned the call.
- Our Redeemer Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called Pastor Edward Starkey, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX.

MID-WEEK ADVENT:

This year's Advent mid-week Series is:
"What's in a Name?" Isaiah 9:6

1. Wonderful Counselor (God's Gracious Counsel in Planning Salvation)—Pastor M. Ude
2. Jesus is our Mighty God (God's Power in Accomplishing our Salvation)---Pastor Rob Sauers
3. Jesus is our Everlasting Father (God's Eternal Love is the Source of Salvation)---Pastor Mark Bernthal
4. Jesus is our Prince of Peace (Peace is the Great Blessing of Christ's Advent)---Pastor David Ude

We pray your Advent worship prepares you for your Christmas celebration and worship of the Christ-Child.

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 or contact Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail.com

Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. 6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. 7 And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. 8 But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.



Mark 13:32-37

Jesus speaks of His second coming, urging His followers to "Take heed, watch, pray," since no one knows when this Day of Judgment will take place. As we look forward to another Church Year of God's grace we also look forward to the end of this world.

32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Sermon:

I Corinthians 1:3-9

God Gives Us A New Year Of Grace!

I: Let us Joyfully Hear His Gospel.

II: Let us Faithfully Use His Gifts.

III: Let us Eagerly Wait for His Coming.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here with us to worship your God as we begin another Advent season and another Church Year. May the Word of our God prepare our hearts for our Savior's return. God's Word will give us confidence to trust in our Heavenly Father's care and see us through both the good and bad times of this future year and all of those yet to come. Speak to Pastor Bernthal if there is any way we can serve you. Please come again and worship your loving Savior with us and please sign our guest register.



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HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper is being celebrated this morning. We encourage all of our members to attend this meal of forgiveness from our Savior. Since it is a confession of oneness in faith and doctrine, we ask that only members of Peace Thru Christ or of a sister congregation in the CLC come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

We welcome into our midst through Adult Baptism and Confirmation, Kyla Hyland. Upon completion of our Biblical instruction course, Kyla has expressed her agreement with our teachings from God's Word and will profess her faith in Jesus and make her covenant vow to the Lord today. We pray her fellowship with us in Christ is richly blessed by the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Naboth's Vineyard
Bible Class: Galatians • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:10 a.m. Choir • 11:30 a.m. Church Council

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship 1 • 8:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday 9:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:10 a.m. Choir