

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

**NEW YEAR'S EVE:** Our New Year's Eve Service will be held tonight 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.

**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. Thank you!

**NEW YEAR THOUGHTS:** Today is ours. The book of yesterday is closed. Tomorrow's page has not been opened. Over yesterday God has placed the cloak of His forgiving mercy. Over tomorrow He has written words of gracious promise. Yesterday's mercy and tomorrow's promise should inspire today's trust and confidence. Write then, the story of today. Dip your pen in the blue of God's heavenly love and write in the gold of His shining promises in Christ. --selected--

### 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](mailto:mbern@juno.com)

More Information and Audio Sermons at [www.peacethruchrist.org](http://www.peacethruchrist.org)



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**Sunday after Christmas • December 31, 2017**

*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.*

*His work is honorable and glorious,*

*And His righteousness endures forever.*

*He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;*

*The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.*

*He has given food to those who fear Him;*

*He will ever be mindful of His covenant.*

*He has declared to His people the power of His works,*

*In giving them the heritage of the nations.*

PSALM III:1-6





Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 111

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal p. 5

**Opening Hymn:** . . . . . **98**

**Before Sermon:** . . . . . **712**

**Offering:** . . . . . **442 (1-2)**

**After Prayers:** . . . . . **103**

**After Benediction:** . . . . . **87 (1 & 4)**

## Scripture Readings:

### Isaiah 45:22-25

*“Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. 23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath. 24 He shall say, ‘Surely in the Lord I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him. 25 In the Lord all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.’”*

### Luke 2:22-40

*22 Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), 24 and to*

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### This Week:

**Today** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:  
Joseph’s Brothers Come to Egypt  
Bible Class: Review of Revelation  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
7:00 p.m. New Year’s Eve  
Communion/Hymn Sing

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

**Wednesday** 7:00 p.m. Bible  
Class

**Thursday** 10:45 a.m. Bible Class  
at Heritage

**Next Sunday**  
9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/  
Communion/Epiphany  
11:10 a.m. Church Council

**IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:**  
Cleaners this week:  
Church—Gbedey/Franson  
School: Schaser/Schaser.  
Counters today: Pam Schulz & ?

**LAST WEEK:**  
Worship 39 S.S. 0 Bible Class 15  
Christ. Eve 39 Christ. Day 44

**OFFERINGS** 12/24-25 for Unified  
Budget: \$4,302  
ILC SAF: \$200  
Property Improvement: \$1,010.31

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** January  
Calendar & Newsletter, 2018  
Cleaning Schedule

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE  
CLASS:** We continue our study  
of the Minor Prophets with the  
prophet Nahum. Come, study and  
learn with us. 7:00 p.m.

### CLC NEWS

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

**NEW ENVELOPES:** Everyone  
should have a new box of  
envelopes for 2018 in your  
mailboxes.

**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.

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

## **Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 3:16**

# **The Holy Spirit unwraps God's Christmas present to reveal:**

**1) The Son of Mary is also the Son of God**

**2) His Birth is the first of several steps to obtain your salvation**

*16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.*

*offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." 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." 33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." 36 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. 39 So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. 40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.*

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### **PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!**

We are glad you are with us this morning worshipping our new-born King and Savior, Jesus. Come, again to worship your Savior with us. Also, please sign our guest book.



**THANK YOU:** to Pastor Paul Tiefel, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire for bringing us the Word this morning. We pray for safe travels as Pastor Tiefel returns home and a blessed new year on his work in the ministry in God's kingdom in the Eau Claire area. Pastor Bernthal and Ruth, Lord willing, should be returning home sometime later this evening.