

Pre-Service Preparation: Psalm 115

NEW ENVELOPES: Everyone should have a new box of envelopes for the New Year (2019) in your mailboxes.

IN YOUR MAILBOX: January Calendar and Newsletter

THE KINSHIP COMMITTEE: Would like to offer our sincerest thanks for your generous responses to our recent request for sponsors. We praise the Lord for this generous outpouring of support! All of the *Direct* Sponsorships have now been filled, and we have begun a waiting list for anyone who would like to directly sponsor a seminary student or orphan in the future. *Group* Sponsorships are still available, in which you, an individual, can contribute to larger pools of support for various groups overseas, such as The Children in Need in Togo and the two schools in Kenya. You can also always donate to the KINSHIP General Fund which is used to support those three groups, the medical needs of orphans, and widows of former pastors. If you are interested in contributing to a Group Sponsorship or the General Fund and have any questions, please contact us at kinship@clclutheran.com. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR: During the new year I will:

Like Enoch, walk in daily fellowship with my Heavenly Father.

Like Job, be patient and faithful in all circumstances.

Like Abraham, trust my God implicitly.

Like Moses, suffer rather than enjoy the pleasure of sin for a time.

Like Joseph, turn by back on all evil advances.

Like Gideon, go forward following the Lord even when my friends are few.

Like David, lift up my eyes to the hills from which my help comes.

Like Andrew, strive to lead my brother to Christ.

Like Paul, forget those things which are behind and press forward.

May the Holy Spirit through the Word lead me to do these things during 2017 and beyond.

New Year's Eve

December 31, 2018

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church

3232 West Point Rd.

Middleton, Wisconsin

Member: Church of the Lutheran Confession

PASTOR: Mark H. Bernthal (233-2244)

Counting Our Days...

All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with You. (Ps. 139:16-18)

P: Almighty God, we rejoice in the promise You provide us as we gather around Your Word tonight. Look with favor upon us for Jesus' sake. Be our Light in all times and places. May Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we may reflect Your glory in all that we say and do. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: (Sung): And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: (Sung): Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: eternally. Amen. Hallelujah!

Epiphany

HYMN 127 (1-4): "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Lent

HYMN 153 (1-3): "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Easter

HYMN 206 (1-2, 9): "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

Ascension/Pentecost

HYMN 225 (1-3): "Come, Holy Spirit, Come"

Confession of Faith:

I believe that the Word--that is, the Son of God--took on man's nature in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary. So there are two natures, divine and human, inseparably conjoined in the unity of His person, one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried, that He might reconcile the Father to us and be a sacrifice not only for original guilt but also for all actual sins of men. He also descended

into hell, and on the third day truly rose again. Afterward He ascended into heaven to sit on the right hand of the Father, forever to reign and have dominion over all creatures, and sanctify those who believe in Him by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and quicken them and defend them against the devil and the power of sin. The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead. Amen.

(Augsburg Confession: Article III)

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO OUR LORD

Mission Festival/Reformation

HYMN 523 (1-4): “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?”

Thanksgiving

HYMN 793 (1, 3): “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Advent/Christmas

HYMN 93 (1 & 4) “O Lord, We Welcome Thee”

Summary

HYMN 110 (1-2, 4, 6--read): “Across the Sky the Shades of Night”

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION: P. 47-48

COMMUNION LITURGY: P. 27ff

COMMUNION HYMN 311 : "Jesus Christ, our Blessed Savior"

NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 552 (1, 2, 7, 8): “Abide with Me!”

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN SING----

May the blessings of our Lord that we have so wonderfully enjoyed in the past year rest upon us all during the coming New Year.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper is being celebrated this evening. 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 Church 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.

TODAY IS OURS: The book of yesterday is closed. Tomorrow's page has not yet 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 promise.
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