

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

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.

WANTED:

Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2019 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 2019, 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



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

Second Sunday in Advent • December 9, 2018

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 42

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn: 328

Before Sermon: 63

Choir: "Come, Emmanuel, Come"

After Prayers: 645

After Benediction: 62

Antiphon

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah speaks of the Savior who is to come as the "Rod" and "Branch" that will come from the "stem of Jesse." And when this Savior comes, what peace He will bring! Even natural enemies like the wolf and the lamb, the calf and the lion, the cow and the bear will live together in peace and harmony. This is a picture of Christ's gracious rule in the hearts of His own, the believer. Because they know the Lord Jesus and are filled with His love, they live in peace and harmony with one another.

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. 6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. 10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

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MIDWEST CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT:

This retreat sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held March 22-24, 2019, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. Registration is \$75 and opens on January 1, 2019 and will be limited to the first 120 applicants.

Register at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. Choose the "Midwest Spring Retreat." Hotel reservations (separate from retreat registration) can be made by calling (507) 452-0606, with the special block rate for our group available now. Be sure to mention "retreat" to get the block rate. Deadline for both retreat registration and hotel reservations is Friday, February 22, 2019.

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).

EVANGELISM MEETING:

Our next Evangelism meeting is scheduled for next Sunday after church.

THANKS:

To the member who donated a CD player for our Mom's Play Group and to the member who will be donating an Outdoor Baby Swing.

UP-COMING DECEMBER:

ILC CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

This annual concert conducted by our Immanuel Lutheran College will be held this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING:

Plan to set aside next Sunday evening 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.

MID-WEEK ADVENT:

This year's Advent mid-week Series is: **"What's in a Name?"**
Isaiah 9:6. This Wednesday we hear about:

Jesus is our Prince of Peace (Peace is the Great Blessing of Christ's Advent)---Pastor David Ude

Dec. 19: Jesus is our Mighty God (God's Power in Accomplishing our Salvation)---Pastor Rob Sauers

Dec. 23: Jesus is our Everlasting Father (God's Eternal Love is the Source of Salvation)---Pastor Mark Bernthal

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

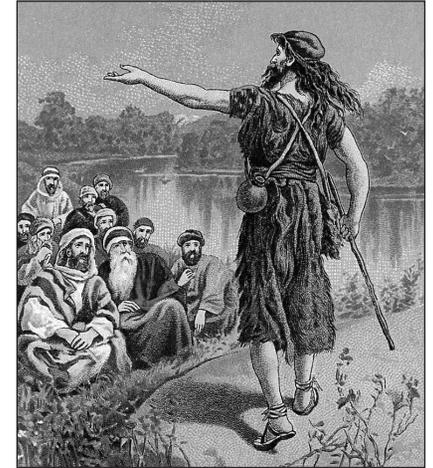
2019 MISSION HELPER TRIP: Applications for the 2019 CLC Mission Helper Trip to India are being accepted. The application deadline is January 7th. Space is limited so it is best to apply early. Apply online and find more information at: www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org or contact Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail.com

IMMANUEL CHRISTMAS EVENTS: As Christmas approaches, there are a few upcoming Immanuel (ILC) events. Today at 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.

Matthew 3:1-12

John prepares the way for the coming Savior by preaching repentance. John warns the Pharisees and Sadducees against a lifeless formalism in their worship---simply going through the motions without the heart of faith. He tells them they cannot depend on their ancestry to Abraham for their salvation. It takes faith in the Promised Savior whom Abraham believed would come.

3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'" 4 Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him 6 and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9 and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. 10 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."



Sermon:

Romans 15:4-13

May The Christchild Bring Us True Unity!

I: A Unity which gives all Glory to God.

II: A Unity which Reaches out to others.

III: A Unity which fills us with Spiritual Blessings.

4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." 10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" 11 And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" 12 And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." 13 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.



PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here with us to worship our God with us. May the forgiveness of sins and life that the Christ child brings to us fill our hearts with peace and joy as we prepare for His birth. Speak to Pastor Bernthal if there is any way we can serve you. Please come again during this Advent season and worship your loving Savior with us and please sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:
Elijah & Elisha • Bible Class:
Galatians • 10:00 a.m. Family
Worship • 11:10 a.m. Choir

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

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship 2 • 8:15 p.m. Choir

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

Friday 7:30 p.m. ILC Christmas Concert

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:10 a.m. Choir • 11:35 a.m.
Evangelism Meeting • 5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Birkholz/Peterson B. Schaser/Schaser
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

LAST WEEK: Worship 35 S.S. 1 Bible Class 18 Advent 1 25

OFFERINGS 12/2 & 5 for Unified Budget: \$2,463

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.

