

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

**Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire is sponsoring an Evangelism Workshop.** It will be held on Sunday, February 26, beginning at 2:30 pm. We will be hearing and discussing how the truths which were brought to light once more in the Lutheran Reformation are the same truths that save today. We'll be focusing on practical ways to share the message of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, founded on Scripture alone. There will be three presenters, as well as small-group discussion time. The workshop will be followed

by a chili supper at 5:30 pm. The sponsors would appreciate hearing from those who are coming, for planning purposes. Please contact Dave Schrader at [dave41schr@yahoo.com](mailto:dave41schr@yahoo.com) or 715-797-6787.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** March 1st. Communion Service is at 7:00 p.m. Theme: "Who GAINS from the Cross?"

1. Thief - Luke 23:39-42 - Can You Steal Heaven At the Last Moment? No, But the Cross Can Steal 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](mailto:mbern@juno.com)

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



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## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School

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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany • February 19, 2017

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 27

### THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

Opening Hymn: . . . . . 23  
Before Sermon: . . . . . 756  
Offering Hymn: . . . . . 441 (1-2)  
After Prayers: . . . . . 760  
Closing Hymn: . . . . . 349 (1-2, 6-7)

## Scripture Readings:

### II Corinthians 3:1-6

The Apostle Paul speaks of the glory of the Gospel ministry. This glory is seen in the RESULTS of that ministry—that Corinthians have been brought to saving faith in Christ. This glory is also seen in its SOURCE—namely, that “our sufficiency is from God” for “the Spirit gives life.”

*3 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? 2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart. 4 And we have such trust through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

### Mark 2:18-22

Jesus' answer to the unbelieving Jews concerning fasting is that He is the Bridegroom whose presence excluded all sadness and brings about joy. He also is not “a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment”—not something new to their religion but He is the “new wine” prophesied of in the past that calls for a new heart of faith.

*18 The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?” 19 And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. 20 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. 21 No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. 22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.”*

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### CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Edward Starkey has returned the call extended to him by St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD.
- The Tri-parish of Grace, Valentine NE, Peace, Mission, and St. Paul's, White River SD have called Pastor Paul D. Nolting, co-pastor of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN.
- Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI, has called Pastor Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas TX.
- Pastor David Baker, pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, is taking a month's leave of absence, due to an unknown illness and unexpected fatigue. Pastor Emeritus Paul Fleischer is serving in the interim.

### USHERS:

The new usher's list for 2017 can be found on the bulletin board in the entry-way as well as in every usher's mailbox. Thank you for your willing service to the Lord in this area.

### DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Please make the following corrections to your directory.

Delete home phone of John/Chris Gerbitz 608-868-2847. Change address of Rachel Gerbitz to 1909 University Ave. 53726 and Elinor Gbedey to 518 McCormick Ave. If you find any other changes needed, please contact Pastor.

### CLC WOMEN'S RETREAT:

Registration is now open on our website:

1. Visit the website at <http://LadiesRetreat.CLClutheran.net>
  - Details of the retreat can be found by clicking either the words or the picture of the Spring Winona Retreat
  - To register, click the button, Winona Registration, to register.
2. Registration closes on March 21 - Hotel and food costs are locked down within weeks of the retreat dates. Your timely registration is really important for planning.

Coordinators: Chris Gerbitz (608)-314-5227 and Kris Sullivan - (605)-201-3618

Webmaster: Beth Kranz - (715)-471-0790

In need of a roommate? Becca Lillo (262)-271-6129

We hope to see you April 21-23!

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### This Week:

**Today:** 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Pentecost  
Bible Class: Revelation 11  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:15 a.m. Choir/Church Council

### Tuesday

Board of Doctrine meeting at ILC  
7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands

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

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

**Friday** Pastor's Study Club—Batavia, IL

### Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:15 a.m. Choir

### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Gerbitz.

School---Dreyer/Dumke

Counters today:

John Birkholz & John Gerbitz

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 38 S.S. 3  
Bible Class 20

**OFFERINGS** 2/12 for Unified  
Budget: \$1,445

**BOARD OF DOCTRINE:** A special Bd. of Doctrine meeting has been called to discuss the Joint Statement that will be considered at the CLC General Pastoral Conference this summer. Pastor Bernthal is on the Bd. so he will be at ILC this Tuesday and Wednesday. Lord willing, we will still have WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS at 7:00 p.m. where we will conclude our study of the Minor Prophet Hosea. Come, study and learn with us.

### HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:

Can the ladies that normally come to Hannah's meetings please meet briefly after church.

### PASTOR GONE:

Pastor Bernthal will be preaching for the Messiah, Eau Claire Mission Festival next Sat./ Sunday and also help conduct the Mission Seminar Sunday afternoon. Lord willing, he will return Sunday evening. Seminary student Steffen Sonnenfeld will conduct Bible Class and the Worship service.

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

Sermon Text:

**Hosea 2:14-16, 19-20**

**Lord, keep us faithful to  
our marriage vow with you!**

**I: Be reminding us of Your grace.**

**II: By reminding us of Your blessings.**

*14 "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Will bring her into the wilderness, And speak comfort to her. 15 I will give her her vineyards from there, And the Valley of Achor as a door of hope; She shall sing there, As in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt. 16 "And it shall be, in that day," Says the Lord, "That you will call Me 'My Husband,' And no longer call Me 'My Master,'*

*19 "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy; 20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the Lord.*

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are with us this morning to worship your Savior. Jesus is our Bridegroom. He has betrothed (promised) Himself to us. He promises to forgive and bless us. These promises and blessings move us to remain faithful to Him. We invite you to come again to hear more of the comforting word of our Bridegroom who remains faithful throughout all time on into eternity. Please, also sign our guest register before you leave.

