

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

NEW ENVELOPES:

Everyone should have a new box of envelopes for 2019 in your mailboxes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:

We conclude our study of the Minor Prophets with Malachi. Come, study and learn with us. 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET PRESENTATION:

The 2019 budget will be presented to the congregation for input next Sunday after church.

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:

The Ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELISM MEETING:

Our first Evangelism meeting for 2019 will be held on Sunday, Jan 20th after church.

VOTERS:

Plan now to attend our Annual Voters' Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 27th after church. Elections will be held and the 2019 budget discussed and accepted. Come, serve your Lord and Savior.

CLC NEWS:

- Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, and Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI.

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



Epiphany Sunday • January 6, 2019

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 96

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 1

Opening Hymn: 717

Before Sermon: 128

Offering: 443 (1, 4, 6, 8)

During Distribution: 130/132

After Benediction: 642 (1 & 3)

Antiphon Ps. 8 W.S. Pg. 27

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 3:1-13

The Apostle Paul speaks of himself as the Apostle for the Gentiles, having been called by God to reveal to them His gracious plan of salvation...proclaiming "that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the Gospel."

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— 2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. 8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are thankful you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior-King. May this Epiphany message of Jesus—the Light of the World, the Savior of mankind—lead you to worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest book.

This Week:

- Today**
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Babylonian Captivity
 Bible Class: Galatians 3
 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
 11:20 a.m. Church Council

- 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
 11:15 a.m. • Budget Presentation

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:
 Cleaners this week: A. Albrecht B. Dreyer/Dumke
 Counters today: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

LAST WEEK:
 Worship 29 S.S. 1 Bible Class 17 New Year's Eve 18

OFFERINGS 12/30 & 31
 for Unified Budget: \$1,447 • \$100 CLC Kinship

IN YOUR MAILBOX:
 January Calendar & Newsletter

Sermon: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

THE GUIDING LIGHT

I: Notice How That Light Has Shined Upon You Personally.

II: Now Be Active In Letting Your Light Shine Out To Others.

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

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.

of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. 13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Matthew 2:1-12

Made wise for salvation through faith in the Christ-child, these Wise-Men came to worship and honor their Savior and King. Let us follow in their footsteps and bring Jesus our gifts of love and devotion.

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.