

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements**

The students resume classes on Jan. 7.

**ADVENT SEASON:** The Advent season begins next Sunday. We will be having mid-week Advent services Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19. We will have a pulpit exchange with Pastors’ Rob Sauers, David Ude and Matt Ude.

**EVANGELISM MEETING:** Our next Evangelism meeting is scheduled for December 16th after church.

**NEEDED:** For Wednesday Mom’s Group—CD player and an Outdoor Baby Swing. If you can help out, please contact Ruth Bernthal or

**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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**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 97**

## **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Worship Supplement, p. 12**

<b>Opening Hymn:</b>	<b>514</b>
<b>Before Sermon:</b>	<b>606</b>
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>69 (4, 6)</b>
<b>After Prayers:</b>	<b>338</b>
<b>After Benediction:</b>	<b>343 (7)</b>

## Scripture Readings:

### Colossians 1:13-20

Paul tells us that our King, Jesus, delivers us from the kingdom of darkness and of Satan. He brings us into His Kingdom of peace earned for us by His blood. Our King rules over all creation, all powers and over all principalities as “the Head of the body, the Church.”

*He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.*

### Luke 12:32-40

We can be sure that Jesus is coming again. But we cannot be sure when this coming will be. To be prepared with repentant, faith-filled hearts at all times for His coming is what Jesus encourages us to do.

*32 “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 “Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to*

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**CHRISTMAS TREE/CHURCH DECORATIONS:** Please stay after church and help.

**CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM SEMINAR:** Total of 27 attended: 14 members and 13 visitors. We will be getting a DVD of Missionary Koenig’s presentation which anyone can view. When it arrives it will be available for private use. Thanks to all who came and who donated finger-food snacks. Missionary Koenig spoke at 10 places with a total of 385 attendees, 67 of them visitors.

### CLC NEWS:

- Pastor John Hein has returned the call extended to him by Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA.
- Pastor Mike Wilke has returned the call extended to him by Our Redeemer’s Lutheran, Red Wing MN.
- Pastor Doug Libby has returned the call extended to him by Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN.

**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](http://www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org) or contact Todd Ohlmann at [thohlmann@gmail.com](mailto:thohlmann@gmail.com)

**IMMANUEL CHRISTMAS EVENTS:** As Christmas approaches, there are a few upcoming Immanuel (ILC) events. On Sun., Dec. 9, 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.

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are thankful to have you here worshipping your Savior with us this morning. May your delight be in your Lord Jesus who has lived and died for you. He is coming again to take us to be with Him forever. Are you prepared? We are eager to share this word of salvation with you, especially as we see the end drawing near. Speak to Pastor Bernthal if there is any way we can serve you. Please come again and worship your loving Savior with us and please sign our guest register.



#### **This Week:**

**Today** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Elijah in the Wilderness  
Bible Class: Galatians • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:10 a.m. Choir/Christmas Decorating

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

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

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

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion • 11:10 a.m. Choir

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:** We continue our study of Zechariah.  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Come, study and learn with us.

#### **IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:**

Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams B. Schaefer  
Counters today: Randy Dreyer & Joel Albrecht

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 48 S.S. 1 Bible Class 14 Thanks Eve 35

**OFFERINGS** 11/18 & 21 for Unified Budget: \$3,465  
\$50 Benevolence Fund

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** December Calendar & Newsletter

*you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. 38 And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 40 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."*

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

Sermon:

**Malachi 3:13-18**

### **Sermon Theme: IS GOD FAIR?**

I: The Faithless say "No!"

II: The Faithful even sometimes have doubts.

III: Judgment Day will answer the question once and for all.

*"Your words have been harsh against Me," Says the Lord, "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?' 14 You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the Lord of hosts? 15 So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.' " 16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the Lord And who meditate on His name. 17 "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.*