

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

### DOCTRINAL DISCUSSIONS:

Doctrinal discussions continue between the CLC, the ELS, and WELS. Representatives from the 3 synods met in Waukesha on November 13 to continue formal doctrinal discussions. The group made final edits on a joint statement on the biblical doctrine of fellowship. This statement had been adopted by the group as a draft in an earlier meeting and had been shared with the doctrinal committees of all three synods. Comments from those committees were considered in the writing of the latest draft. The revised statement will be shared again with the doctrinal committees for additional input. The group also spent a portion of the meeting addressing how the biblical doctrine of fellowship is applied in various situations. One significant area of discussion is how the

biblical fellowship principles impact participation in various organizations that may have religious elements in their governing documents or in how the organizations function. Another subject for discussion was the biblical doctrine of the role of men and women in the church, in marriage, and in society. Discussion of these matters will continue at the next meeting, planned for early in 2016. The talks have been constructive and positive, with all involved fully committed to a faithful understanding and application of God's Word.

### MATT SCHASER GAME NIGHT:

Matt is hosting a game night on December 8th between 6:00pm and 9:00pm at the Wisconsin Brewery Company in Verona WI. come on by and play games with Matt! Bring fun board games to play For more information call Matt at **608-886-7776**.

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**First Sunday in Advent — November 29, 2015**

**Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 143**

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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<b>Before Sermon:</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Offering Hymn:</b>	<b>442 (1-2)</b>
<b>After Prayers:</b>	<b>498</b>
<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	<b>780</b>
<b>Antiphon?</b>	

### Scripture Readings:

## Ephesians 2:1-10

*2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of*

disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

## Matthew 22:1-14

22 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' 5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. 7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' 10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

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### ILC CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

The 2015 ILC Christmas Concert is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 18th at 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. The Commissioning of CLC Foreign Missionary Peter Evensen will take place at 4:00 pm on Friday, December 18th (a few hours prior to the ILC Christmas Concert) at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

**WANTED:** Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2016 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 2016, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by New Year's Eve. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS PARTS:** Parents, your children have received their Christmas parts. Please help them learn their parts so the practices can run smoothly and not be too time consuming. We will meet next Sunday after church to decide on the times for the 2 Saturday practices, Dec. 12 & 19.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS:** There are some Advent Devotion booklets available entitled "Hope." These are devotions selected from the online devotions written by some CLC pastors and put into booklet form by Pastor David Pfeiffer. Enhance your Advent season by taking a booklet and reading it with your family.

### CLC NEWS:

- Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, has called Pastor Michael Gurath, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ.
- The Commissioning of CLC Foreign Missionary Peter Evensen will take place at 4:00 pm on Friday, December 18th (a few hours prior to the ILC Christmas Concert) at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.
- 2016 Mission Helper Trip to India – Applications are currently being accepted until January 8th, 2016. More information and an online application can be found at: [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/2016-india](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/2016-india) Also, bulletin inserts, posters, and other resources can be downloaded at: <http://mht.lutheranmissions.org/resources>

**This Week:**

Today 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Return  
From Captivity—Rebuilding the  
Temple Bible Class: Psalm 2  
11:15 a.m. Choir

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

**Wednesday** 7:00 p.m. Advent 1

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

**Saturday** 10:00 a.m. Christmas  
Decorating at Church

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. S.S./  
Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Family  
Worship/Communion  
11:15 a.m. Choir  
11:30 Church Council

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 38 S.S. 4  
B.C. 21

**OFFERINGS** 11/22 for Unified  
Budget: \$1,664

**MID-WEEK ADVENT:** Our mid-  
week Advent services begin  
this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
This year's Advent mid-week  
Series is: O Come! • Dec. 2nd  
O King of Nations (Pastor Mike  
Schierenbeck) • Dec. 9th O  
Adonai (Pastor David Ude)  
• Dec. 16th O Key of David  
(Pastor Bernthal)

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

**IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:**

Cleaners this week:  
Church---Gerbitz  
School---Schaser  
Counters today: Pam Schulz

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH**

**DECORATIONS:** We plan to put  
up the Christmas tree and do  
church decorations this Saturday  
beginning around 10:00 a.m.  
Please come and help.

**READERS NEEDED:** Pastor is  
looking for 2-3 more men to  
help read Scripture lessons  
for our Christmas Day worship  
service. If you are interested,  
please contact Pastor.

**DUANE'S DOWNSIZING:**

Duane has a kneeling chair  
that can be of help to persons  
with back problems that may  
be alleviated by keeping the  
back straight, not slumped. It is  
available to anyone who would  
like to take it. It can be seen in  
the fellowship hall.

**HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:**

The ladies will be enjoying  
a night out to celebrate a  
Christmas Gathering on Tuesday,  
Dec. 15th at 6:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:**

Sunday, Dec. 20th at 5:30 p.m.  
We will go to Artisan, Heritage  
and Duane Riggert. Please meet  
around 5:30.

Sermon Text: Jonah 4

**God's Compassion is for ALL**

**1. For His Weak Servants**

**2. For All Who Do Not yet Know Him**

*4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. 2 So he prayed to the Lord, and said, "Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!" 4 Then the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" 5 So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city. 6 And the Lord God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant. 7 But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered. 8 And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "It is right for me to be angry, even to death!" 10 But the Lord said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?"*

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**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!** We praise  
God that you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior.  
Please sign our guest book.

**THANK YOU:** to seminary student Stefan Sonnenfeld for bringing us  
the Word of God this morning. We pray for Stefan's safe travel back  
to school and for the Lord's blessings on his school year. Pastor &  
Ruth, the Lord willing, will be returning this evening.