

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We will go caroling to Oak Park Place and Walnut Grove and the Riggerts next Sunday. Please meet at the church around 5:20 p.m.

USHERS: Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2012, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by New Year's Eve. Thank you!

WANTED: Any new phone numbers or new e-mail addresses for our 2012 directory. Please give them to Pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT: Our Sunday Advent Sermon Series will be as follows:

OUR KING COMES! LET US PREPARE TO RECEIVE HIM!

1st Sunday: He Comes in Mercy to the Undeserving.

2nd Sunday: He Comes to Comfort the Broken-Hearted.

3rd Sunday: He Comes in Love to Make His Blessings Flow.

4th Sunday: He Comes in Power to Establish His Eternal Reign.

MID-WEEK ADVENT: CHRIST'S OFFICES FORETOLD

This Wednesday---Foretold as KING---
Psalm 110:1-3

New Years Eve Progressive Dinner!

Arrive at 4:24 for Dinner from 4:30--
6:30 Church at 7:00 with dessert and
games to follow Come help us ring in
the New Year.

WHO WE ARE: Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church 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 that gift of salvation could be ours. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Bernthal. We teach that the Holy Spirit works repentance and faith in the hearts of individuals through which one receives the blessings of Christ's redemption. The foundation for such saving faith is the Bible—God's holy, unchangeable, inerrant Word. Since "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God," the Bible is completely reliable, trustworthy and true. It is the only source of our faith and life. More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 98

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymnal pg. 5

Opening Hymn: 750/68

Before Sermon: 62

Choir: "Hark, the Glad Sound!"

After Prayers: 378

Closing Hymn: 705

ADVENT THEME:

OUR KING COMES! LET US PREPARE TO RECEIVE HIM

1: He comes in love to make His blessings flow!

Scripture Readings:

Philippians 4:4-7

Like an Advent wreath with 4 candles and the Christ candle in the middle the Apostle Paul provides 4 blessings of Christian living that center itself in Jesus: JOY, GENTLENESS, PRAYER, PEACE!

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus applies the words of our sermon text, Isaiah 61:1-3, to Himself. He as the Prophet has been called to proclaim the Good News of freedom, release from captivity and healing. He as our High Priest has accomplished this by His perfect sacrifice.

14 Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. 15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. 16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Sermon: read/listen to sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Isaiah 61:1-3**

ISAIAH SHOWS US A CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE:

I: "You have made us what we were not."

II: We have made You what You were not."

1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT • DECEMBER 11, 2011

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We are glad you are with us this morning worshiping our Coming Savior. What a great gift exchange He has given us---our sins for His righteousness; our death for His life; our hell for His heaven. We pray that you have received Jesus, as the Greatest Gift ever given. Come; worship your Coming Savior with us again. Please, also sign our guest register as you leave.

This Week:

Sunday School: David Becomes King/
David & Bathsheba

Bible Class: Colossians 3:18-4:1

Today 11:10 a.m. Choir practice

Monday 7:00 Confirmation/Brandle-
Gerbitz

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Oak
Park Place

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Christmas Gathering

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship III

Thursday 4:00 p.m. Confirmation
McDonald

Friday 7:30 p.m. ILC Christmas Choir
Concert

Next Sunday

8:50 a.m. Program Practice

9:00 a.m. Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Choir

5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

BAPTIZED TODAY: Samuel Sebastian Greve, son of Nathan & Rachel Greve born Nov. 29th. Romans 6:3-4: Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should

walk in newness of life. Galatians 3:27: For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

LAST SUNDAY:

Worship 55 S.S. 10 Bible Class 22
Advent 34

OFFERINGS 12/4 & 7, 2011

for Unified Budget: \$2,881

\$30 ILC Academic Center

IN YOUR MAILBOX: December Calendar
& Newsletter, CLC Financial Update

CHRISTMAS PARTS: Parents, please help your children learn their parts so the practices can run smoothly and not be too time consuming. Our next practice is next Sunday from 8:50-9:45 a.m. Please be on time!

CLC NEWS:

Pastor Del Maas, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call extended to him by Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids, MI

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS: The ladies will be enjoying a night out to celebrate a Christmas Gathering this Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 6:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the entry-way.

CHRISTMAS BAGS: If you would like to donate items for our annual Christmas bags, please bring them by next Sunday.