

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

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PRO-LIFE EVANGELISM: Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Spread the Good News of Jesus' love for all people, even for the unborn.

PRAYER: Dear Triune God, on

this anniversary week of the Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy, we pray---change the hearts of those in our nation who do not respect life from conception to natural death. Truly, You are a pro-life God, for You are the Giver of life, and the life and death of each human belongs in Your hands, not in the hands of man. May none of us abuse the gift of life You have given us, but use our time of grace wisely, including witnessing to others about You as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of our blood-bought souls. Lead all expectant mothers, dear Lord, to "choose life" rather than death for the child You have created in their wombs. All this we pray in our Savior's name and for Your honor and glory. Amen.

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 *middletonlutheran.org*



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Lutheran Church and School**

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First Sunday after Epiphany • January 15, 2017

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 86

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn: 408

Before Sermon: 133

Offering Hymn: 792

After Prayers: 625

Closing Hymn: 655

Antiphon, Ps. 66 Pg. 37 W.S.

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 84:1-12

Oh that that Palmist's desire would be our desire as well. Longing for, yes, even fainting for the house of the Lord where God's Word is read and heard.

How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts! 2 My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. 3 Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young— Even Your altars, O Lord of hosts, My King and my God. 4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. 6 As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion. 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah 9 O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed. 10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. 11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly. 12 O Lord of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Hebrews 2:10-18

The Son of God had to become a human being in order to be our "High Priest" and make the Atoning Sacrifice for us---His own blood shed on the cross. By His death He destroyed the devil who brought death into the world and delivered all those who were in bondage to death.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their

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IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church—Birkholz/Peterson.
School—Dreyer/Dumke
Counters today:
John Birkholz & ?

LAST WEEK:

Worship 47 S.S. 3 Bible Class 16

OFFERINGS 1/8

for Unified Budget: \$2,510
\$100 ILC Student Aid Fund
\$40 School Fund

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

January Calendar & Newsletter,
2017 Cleaning Schedule,
B.O.C.E. Preschool Exploration
Report

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:

We continue our Wednesday night Bible class this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to come, study, learn and enhance your faith-walk with us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET PRESENTATION:

The 2017 budget will be presented to the congregation for input after church.

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:

The Ladies will be meeting this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

VOTERS:

Plan now to attend our Annual Voters' Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 29th after church. Elections will be held and the 2017 budget discussed and accepted. Come, serve your Lord and Savior.

2017 NEW ENVELOPES:

Everyone should have a new box of envelopes for the New Year in your mailboxes.

THANK YOU:

to John Birkholz for constructing the new wooden cross in the altar area. It looks very nice!

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Frank Gantt has accepted the call extended to him by Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA.
- Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission SD, and St. Paul Lutheran, White River SD. has extended a call to Pastor Neal Radichel, Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." 49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. 51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.



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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God you are here this morning to hear God's Word. We pray the Good News of our Savior being about His Fathers' business moves you to come again to hear His Word and serve Him in His kingdom. Please also sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. S.S.: The Death and Burial of Jesus
 Bible Class: Revelation 8-9
 11:15 a.m. Budget Presentation

Tuesday 10:30 Bible Class at Artisan • 7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands

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

salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." 13 And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." 14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

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

Sermon Text: **Luke 2:41-52**

Are We And Our Children about our Father's Business?

I: By faithfully HEARING His Word.

II: By faithfully DOING His Work.

41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to