

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

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.

• Pastor Mark Tiefel has returned the call extended to him by the Tri-parish, including Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission SD, and St. Paul Lutheran, White River SD.

CLC Missionary Commissioning

- On Monday, January 2nd, a service was held at Messiah, Eau Claire for the commissioning of Pastor Todd Ohlmann as visiting missionary for the CLC. He was installed by President Michael Eichstadt. The service can be viewed online at Messiah's website, www.eauclairemessiah.com (click in the "Online Worship" button). Please continue to pray for Rev. Ohlmann and his family, as well as for all our missionaries and the people whom they serve with the Word of God.

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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Sunday after Epiphany • January 8, 2017

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 96

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn: 127

Before Sermon: 126

Offering Hymn: 442 (1-2)

After Prayers: 718

Closing Hymn: 129

Antiphon, Ps. 8 Pg. 27 W.S.

EPIPHANY

“to make known, to show forth, to appear.”

Jesus is the Light of the world who shines into the hearts of His believers. Epiphany is sometimes called “the Gentile Christmas.” He came to save everyone, whether Jew or Gentile. Rejoice, Jesus has come to save YOU!

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah’s wake-up call to sinners asleep under the influence of sin’s gloomy darkness is “Arise and shine!” The Wise Men are the obvious, but surely not the only fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy. To this day, this prophecy is fulfilled whenever and wherever the light of the Good News of salvation penetrates a Gentile heart, shatters its unbelief and creates faith.

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.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are thankful you are with us this morning worshiping our Savior-God. May the Epiphany message of Jesus shown to the world as Lord and Savior of all of mankind lead you to worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register.

This Week

Today:

9:00 a.m. S.S.: The Crucifixion
Bible Class: Revelation 8-9
3:00 p.m. Installation, Faith, Markesan

Tuesday 10:30 Bible Class at Artisan

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class

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

Friday 3:30 p.m. Meyer/Schaser Wedding

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:
Church—Albrecht.
School—Bernthal
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Schaser

LAST WEEK: New Year’s Eve 29
New Year’s Day 39

OFFERINGS 12/31-1/1 for Unified Budget: \$2,002
\$100 ILC Student Aid Fund

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

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

INSTALLATION: Pastor Matthew Ude will be installed in a special service at Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI at 3 p.m. this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: We will resume 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 next Sunday after church.

HANNAH’S HELPING HANDS: The Ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Sermon Text: **Ephesians 3:1-13**

WHAT A PRIVILEGE TO BE YOUR PASTOR!

I: To Marvel with you at God's Mystery.

II: To Share with you Christ's unsearchable Riches and the manifold Wisdom of God.

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 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

Here we see the Epiphany (the “showing forth”) of the Savior to the first New Testament Gentile believers. God be praised, He has shown to us Gentiles the guiding star of His Word, which proclaims Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of all.

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.