

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We thank God that you are with us worshiping our Savior-God. We faithfully confess that forgiveness and everlasting life is a free gift for us alone through Jesus' merit. We make it our own through faith, which is also a gift of God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit. You are warmly invited to come worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest book.

HOLY COMMUNION:

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated this morning. We encourage all of our members to attend this meal of forgiveness from our Savior. Since it is a confession of oneness in faith and doctrine, we ask that only members of Peace Thru Christ or of a sister congregation in the CLC come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Jesus appears to Emmaus Disciples

Bible Class: Hebrews 10:19-39
11:20 a.m. Choir

Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation

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

Wednesday Pastoral Study Club
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

11:15 a.m. Choir

11:40 a.m. Fellowship Meal

1:00 p.m. Mission Helper Presentation

LAST WEEK:

Worship 46 B.C. 24 S.S. 6

OFFERINGS 10/27 for Unified Budget: \$1,470

\$50 Benevolence Fund

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church---Birkholz/Heberlein
School: Brandle, Mike

Counters today: Matt Schaser & Chris Gerbitz

Congratulations & the Lord's Blessings to Derek and Jennifer Horejsh who were blessed with a little girl this past Tuesday, Oct. 29th. Eleanor Marie

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Organist: Mrs. Chris Gerbitz

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 124

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p. 15

Opening Hymn: 355

Before Sermon: 380

Offering Hymn: 441 (1-2)

During Communion: 307/347

Closing Hymn: 659

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The Lord speaks to His people Israel in the land of their exile. They were complaining that God was making them suffer for the sins their fathers had committed. In so doing, they were attempting to evade their own personal responsibility for the disaster God had brought upon their nation. God makes it clear to His people that He holds each person responsible for his own actions. It was the sins of this present generation—no less than those of former ones—which had caused God to finally intervene in judgment.

However God also makes it clear that when He does act in this way, it is not because He takes pleasure in the death of the wicked. God's good and gracious will is that all may repent and live.

18 The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, 2 "What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge'? 3 "As I live," says the Lord God, "you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. 4 "Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die.

25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair? 26 When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies. 27 Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. 28 Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair? 30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord God. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live!"

Matthew 21:28-32

It is not only God's acts of judgment which strike people as being unfair, but God's grace to sinners also seems unjust to those who feel no personal need for it. In the parable about the two sons, Jesus vividly portrays to the self-righteous Pharisees their own guilt in rejecting the way of righteousness proclaimed by John the Baptist and found only in Christ. They, need to repent and believe.

28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' 29 He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. 30 Then he came to the

second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

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

Sermon Text: **Philippians 3:7-14**

JESUS: A Priceless Treasure.

I: All that we are, have and can acquire without knowing Jesus is worthless trash.

II: By faith in the Gospel we obtain this Treasure as a free gift of God.

III: While here on earth we continuously strive for the eternal possession of that Treasure

7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Quench My Thirst

FROM THE BOOK: AND THEN, ETERNITY — POEMS FROM A PILGRIM
ON THE NARROW WAY. BY CHAD M. SEYBT

*On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying,
“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as
the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”*

—John 7:37-38—

My heart is parched,
clinging to the palate of my soul.
Inside I'm yearning
for You to ease this burning.



Quench my thirst.
Fill me with Your Word.
Satisfy my soul
until my heart overflows.



Body of dust,
fruitless without Your loving touch.
Inside my heart groans.
Please water the seed You've sown.



Quench my thirst.
Fill me with Your love.
Satisfy my soul
until my heart overflows.



You lovingly invite me
to drink the living waters.
You wash away my sin —
I will never thirst again.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE

CLASS: We will continue our “Important Chapters of the Bible” study this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We are going through important chapters in Genesis. This Wednesday: Genesis 11: The Tower of Babel. Come study God’s Word with us.

CLC NEWS: Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton WI has called Pastor Paul Naumann, Ascension, Tacoma, WA. St. Peter’s, Iron River, MI has called Pastor Norm Greve, Salem, Eagle Lake, MN.

MISSION HELPER

PRESENTATION: Mrs. Becky Haddad will be speaking on her trip to India as part of this past summer’s Mission Helper Trip. The presentation will take place at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, November 10th. A meal will take place after church around 11:40 a.m. Please sign the sheet in the

entry-way if you are planning on staying for the meal.

VOTERS’ MEETING REPORT:

Membership changes: Rodrigo Dommer was received by transfer from Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC. Chad & Leah Ehle and children Grant and Norah were released from membership at their request. They have joined a WELS congregation. Evangelism Committee is exploring the idea of having a Saturday Advent VBS in December. Salt & Light III—a personal evangelism workshop is being planned for Wednesday, Jan. 8th. Pizza supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by the workshop from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Nominating Committee has been set: Mike Brandle, Dan Schafer & Pastor. Worship Facilities Committee will report to the Annual Voters’ Meeting about future projects. Annual Voters’ Meeting set for January 19, 2014 at 11:20 a.m.

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 gift of salvation could be ours. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, read more about our Faith, or call Pastor Bernthal at 608-233-2244 or email him at mbern@juno.com More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org

