

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

LAST WEEK:

Worship 43 S.S. 7 Bible Class 23
Advent II 53

OFFERINGS 12/9 & 12/12 for Unified
Budget: \$2,024

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church—Ehle
School---Ohlmann/Schaefer
Counters today & Wednesday:
John Gerbitz & Nathan Peterson

ADVENT: Our last mid-week Advent
service will be this Wednesday at
7:00 p.m. Our Advent series is:
Advent Ambassadors: Delivering a
Message of Coming Judgment and
Eternal Deliverance---2 Chronicles
32:16-19; Matthew 3:11-12

IN YOUR MAILBOX: Church Cleaning
Schedule for 2013, Christmas letter
from Pastor

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Tonight we
will go caroling to Oak Park Place,
Walnut Grove and to Duane Riggert.
Please meet at the church around
5:20 p.m.

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS: The
ladies will be enjoying a night out to
celebrate a Christmas Gathering this
Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. There is a sign-
up sheet in the entry-way.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Thomas Schuetze,
Coloma MI. has returned the call
extended to him by Rock of Ages
Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. The
Board of Missions has called Pastor
Mike Wilke, Gethsemane, Saginaw,
MI. to India and Africa. Miss Anita
Meyer, Fond du Lac WI, has received
the call to teach lower grades
at Holy Trinity Lutheran, West
Columbia, SC.

SNOWBLOWERS NEEDED: With the
winter months approaching, we will
be in need of members who would
like to help with the snow blowing of
the parking lot. If you would like to
help on occasion, please speak with
either Randy Dreyer or Pastor.

CHRISTMAS PRACTICE:

Our last practice will be next Sunday
after church.

USHERS: Any male communicant
member who is not presently serving
as an usher but who would like to
help serve in 2013, 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 2013
directory. Please give them to Pastor
before the New Year. Thanks!



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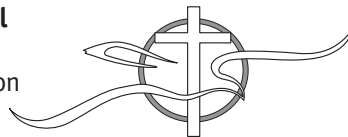
Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 98

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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; More Information
and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



Scripture Readings:

Philippians 4:4-7

Why should we rejoice? The Apostle Paul says, "The Lord is at hand."

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.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

John points away from himself to the coming Savior. John is not the Light of the world. He is merely an ambassador to point to the Light, to reveal to a world of darkness, the Light of life, Jesus, the Christ.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord,"' as the prophet Isaiah said." 24 Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. 25 And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. 27 It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose." 28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

Sermon Text: **Zephaniah 3:14-17**

Sermon Theme:

IT'S TIME TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS!

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The Lord has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more. 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. 17 The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

I: Rejoice in His great power to save.

II: For the Lord has conquered every enemy.

III: The Lord rejoices over us in love.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School Welcomes You:

We rejoice in your worshipping our Savior-God with us this morning. May the great gift of our Savior move us to sing songs of thanks and praise to our heavenly Father. Christmas is indeed a time to sing carols in glory and honor to our new-born King and in praise to the Father for His gift of His Son. We invite you to come worship your Savior with us again and learn more about your loving God. Also, please sign our guest register as you leave.

This Week:

Before Church

S.S.: Healing of the Paralytic

Bible Class: A Reference Chart of Teaching Differences

11:10 a.m. Choir

11:25 a.m. Church Council

5:20 Christmas Caroling

Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation—
Brandle/Gerbitz

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

6:30 Ladies' Christmas Gathering

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Advent
Worship III • 8:10 p.m. Choir

Friday 7:30 p.m. ILC Christmas
Concert

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:10 a.m. Choir/Christmas Program
Practice

Next Monday

6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve
Service

Next Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Song
Service

I: Rejoice in His great power to save.

"All my heart this night rejoices

as I hear far and near sweetest angel voices. 'Christ is born,' their
choirs are singing till the air everywhere now with joy is ringing."

77:1

Joy to the world,

the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare
Him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing

87:1

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart, and soul, and voice; now
ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath
ope'd the heavenly door, and man is bless`ed evermore. Christ was
born for this! Christ was born for this!

On Christmas night all Christians sing

to hear the news the angels bring; On Christmas night all Christians
sing to hear the news the angels bring; News of great joy, news of
great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

707:1

II: For the Lord has conquered every enemy.

Rejoice, rejoice, this happy morn,

a Savior unto us is born, the Christ, the Lord of Glory.
His lowly birth in Bethlehem the angels from on high proclaim and sing
redemption's story. My soul, extol God's great favor, bless Him ever for
salvation, give Him praise and adoration.

79:1

Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n
with healing in His wings. Mild He leaves His throne on high, born that
man no more may die; born to raise the sons of earth' born to give
them second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King!"

94:3

Good Christian men, rejoice,

with heart, and soul, and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus
Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain His
everlasting hall. Christ was born to Save! Christ was born to Save!

III: The Lord rejoices over us in love.

God loves me dearly,

grants me salvation; God loves me dearly, loves even me. Therefore I'll say
again God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

I was in bondage, sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working to make me free. Therefore I'll say again God loves
me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;
He sent forth Jesus and set me free. Therefore I'll say again God loves me
dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed. Therefore I'll say again God loves me
dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

709:1-4

