

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements**

to go on next summer’s trip to Africa to help spread God’s Word. They are requesting our prayers on their behalf and also asking that if anyone would like to help defray the cost of their trip to give their offerings to Peace Thru Christ or send them to Messiah Lutheran Church 12145 W. Edgerton Ave. Hales Corners, WI 53130. Please see the letter on the bulletin board in the entry-way for more information.

**UP-COMING DECEMBER:**

**ILC CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** This annual concert conducted by our Immanuel Lutheran College will be held on Friday, Dec. 15th at 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Plan to set aside the evening of Sunday, Dec. 17th to participate in Christmas caroling to the residents of Artisan and Heritage which now includes Duane Riggert. Come, join us sing praises to our new-born King. Please meet at church by 5:30 p.m.

**HANNAH’S HELPING HANDS:** The Ladies will be meeting for their Christmas gathering and have a baby shower for Lauren

Albrecht at their monthly meeting, Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. Lauren is registered at Target. We encourage all ladies to come.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE:** Our New Year’s Eve Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated. Close out the old year and welcome the new with worship and praise to our Triune God and partaking of our Lord’s Supper and a hymn sing afterward.

**NEEDED:** Pastor needs at least 7 more men to help read for Christmas Day as we will once again celebrate Christmas with “The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.” Please see Pastor if you can help read.

**WANTED:** Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2018 church directory. Please give them to pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

**NEEDED--USHERS:** Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2018, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year’s list is typed out. Please do so by the New Year. Thank you!

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**Second Sunday in Advent • December 10, 2017**

**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 91**

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

**Worship Supplement, p. 12**

**Opening Hymn: . . . . . 56**

**Before Sermon: . . . . . 62**

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**Antiphon, Ps. 24 . . . . . p. 25 W.S.**

**Scripture Readings:**

### Isaiah 35:1-10

In this chapter the Lord pictures the parched wilderness bursting into bloom at the coming of the glory of the LORD. This thrilling description of the miraculous transformation of all things is a

spiritual picture of the working of the miracle of the Gospel as Jesus declares in our sermon text later this morning.

*The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; 2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellency of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, The excellency of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you." 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes. 8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

## James 5:7-10

Even as the Old Testament believer eagerly looked forward to the coming of the Messiah, likewise, we too should live in eager anticipation of the Messiah's second coming. James says balance your anxious expectation with calm and humble patience.

*7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold,*

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**OFFERINGS** 12/3 & 6 for Unified Budget: \$2,193

Preschool Supplies: \$130

**MID-WEEK ADVENT:** We continue our Advent services Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. This year's series theme is: Christmas In Revelation: He Who Was and Is and Is to Come.

Dec. 13th—Revelation 5:1-

14 Judah's Lion Who Opens

the Scriptures: Mark Bernthal

Dec. 20th Revelation 19:11-

16 The King who Judges

and Makes War: Matt Ude

We pray your Advent Worship prepares you for your Christmas celebration and worship of the Christ-Child.

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** December Calendar & Newsletter

### CLC NEWS

- Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN has called Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity, Spokane, WA to be their co-pastor.

### IMMANUEL CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

As Christmas approaches, there are a few upcoming Immanuel (ILC) events. Today at 3 pm, there will be the piano/organ recital at the campus fieldhouse. The highlight of the music department will be the Christmas

concert at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire this Friday at 7:30 pm. This will include the flute choir, band, mass choir, and tour choir. The choir portion of the event is considered a sacred worship service as the students sing the Christmas Gospel message. This is always a spiritually edifying concert to help one focus, even in the midst of the busy holiday season, on the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This concert ends the busy Finals Week for the students as they conclude their first semester of the academic year with their various tests and projects. We pray the students will safely arrive at their homes in order to enjoy Christmas break with their families. The students resume classes on Jan. 8.

**HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:** Will be celebrating their Christmas gathering and having a baby shower for Lauren Albrecht at their monthly meeting on Dec. 19 at 7:00 .pm. Lauren is registered at Target. We encourage all ladies to attend.

**MISSION HELPER HELP:** Kirsten and Nichole Brandle and six young members from our sister congregation, Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners are signing up

who is not offended because of Me.” 7 As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. 9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. 10 For this is he of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’ 11 “Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

the Judge is standing at the door! 10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

## Mark 1:1-8

Once again we hear of John the Baptist’s calling and message. His calling— to prepare the way for the Lord! His message—proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the Prophets: “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.” 3 “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.’” 4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 5 Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. 8 I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*

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#### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

A warm welcome to all in our Savior’s name. May our eager expectation for Christmas be a desire to welcome Jesus, the Christ into our hearts through godly repentance, sincere devotion and a heartfelt obedience to His Word! His great sacrifice of Himself gave us life. Joy to the world! Please sign our guest book and come worship your Advent Savior with us again

#### This Week:

**Today** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:  
Joseph Sold into Slavery

Bible Class: Revelation 21  
10:00 Family Worship  
11:10 a.m. Choir

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

**Wednesday**  
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship II  
8:15 p.m. Choir  
Organist: Karen Schaser

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

**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  
11:30 a.m. Evangelism Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

#### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:  
Church—Gerbitz  
School: Schaefer.  
Counters today:  
Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 33 S.S. 1  
Bible Class 17 Advent I 35

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.peacethruchrist.org](http://www.peacethruchrist.org)

Sermon Text: **Matthew 11:2-11**

## EXPECTATIONS THAT CAN CAUSE US TO STUMBLE

**1) Expecting Christ’s actions to fit our ideas.**

**II: Expecting easy treatment from God’s Law.**

*2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples 3 and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” 4 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he*