

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

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS:**

Two devotional books written by CLC pastors are available for yourself or for Christmas gifts for others. The first is by Retired Pastor Daniel Fleischer entitled, *Standing on the Wall*—A witness of faith in a dying world. Cost is \$15. We have two copies available. More can be ordered by signing the sheet on the registration table in the entry-way. Please give the money to Tim Schaser.

The second is a book of poetry by Pastor Chad Seybt of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY. This devotional poetry book is entitled *And Then, Eternity: Poems from a Pilgrim on the Narrow Way*. The book also includes an appendix that gives the story behind each of the Biblically based poems. The cost of the book is \$5 (plus shipping),

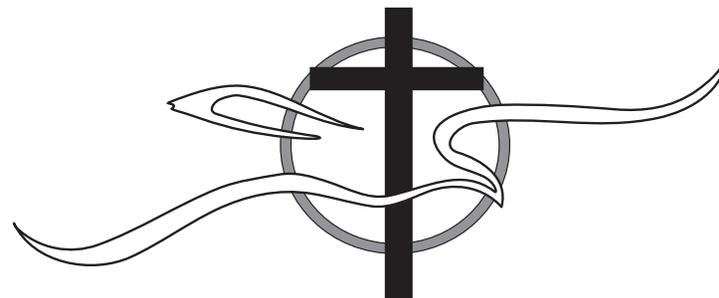
and may be ordered directly through Pastor Seybt via email at [cmseybster@yahoo.com](mailto:cmseybster@yahoo.com).

**Job Opportunities at Immanuel Lutheran College/High School, Eau Claire, Wisconsin**

**Immanuel Girls Dormitory Supervisor and Immanuel Food Services Manager/Head Cook:**

The Board of Regents has announced that applications are now being sought for two positions at Immanuel: Girls Dormitory Supervisor and Food Services Manager/Head Cook. For a job description and application, for either position please contact President Steven Sippert [steve.sippert@ilc.edu](mailto:steve.sippert@ilc.edu) 715.836.6620 Applications are due by January 11, 2015.

**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](mailto:mbern@juno.com) More Information and Audio Sermons at [middletonlutheran.org](http://middletonlutheran.org)



# Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School

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**Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 98**

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

**Worship Supplement, p.12**

**Opening Hymn: . . . . . 704**

**Before Sermon: . . . . . 272**

**Offering Hymn: . . . . . 786 (1, 4, 6)**

**After Prayers: . . . . . 351**

**Closing Hymn: . . . . . 48**

**Antiphon, Ps. 38 . . . . . WS pg. 39**

## Scripture Readings:

### Isaiah 61:1-3

These words of Isaiah are the words of the Servant of the LORD. Jesus gave His own commentary on these words in Luke 4 and showed that these words were a prophesy about Him. In fact, He is the Speaker. He is the Suffering servant of the Lord. Even as Christ is the center of this text, He is the center of the Christmas season. He comes to bring the greatest news from God and He comes to fill the greatest need of mankind.

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."*

### I Thessalonians 5:16-24

As we live in preparation for Christ's return, the Lord through Paul encourages us to rejoice, pray and to give thanks always and in everything. He admonishes us to grow in the Spirit and His Word, testing everything and holding only to that which is good. The motive and power to live in this way till Jesus returns is God's Gospel of peace that sanctifies us and keeps us.

*16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil. 23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.*

Third Sunday in Advent — December 14, 2014

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### CLC NEWS:

- Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI. has called Pastor Frank Gantt, Pastor of St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD.
- Pastor Wayne Eichstadt has returned the call extended to him from Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood (Seattle area) WA.

**MID-WEEK ADVENT:** Our last Advent service is this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Our Advent series is: Behold, Your God! Behold and Shine---Isaiah 60:1ff (Pastor David Ude)

**ILC CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The 2014 ILC Christmas Concert is scheduled for this Friday, at 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire.

**WANTED:** Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2015

church directory. Please give them to pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

**USHERS:** Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2015, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by New Year's Eve. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS PARTS:

Parents, your children have received their Christmas parts. Please meet after church today to decide on practice times. Please also help them learn their parts so the practices can run smoothly and not be too time consuming.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Next Sunday, at 5:30 p.m. We will go to Artisan, Heritage and Duane Riggert. Please meet around 5:20.

*Behold, Your God!*



**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!** We praise God that you are here this morning worshiping with us. May the Lord lead you to be a voice crying out in the wilderness of this sinful world. A voice that humbly points to Jesus as the One and only Savior of mankind. We all have been given a mission here on earth to fulfill. It is to proclaim the living Jesus to a dead world. If you'd like to learn more about Jesus and His kingdom work please speak with Pastor Bernthal. Come worship your Savior-God with us again and please also sign our guest register.

**This Week:**

9:00 a.m. S.S.: The Giving of the Law

**Bible Class:**

Spending Time in Luther's Catechism---5th Commandment

11:10 a.m. Choir/Christmas Practice

11:35 a.m. Farewell Brunch—Schmidt/Tardola

12:10 p.m. Church Council

**Monday**

7:00 p.m. B.O.C.E.

**Tuesday**

10:30-11:30 a.m. Bible Classes at Artisan

6:30 p.m. Hannah's Christmas Gathering

**Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Advent Worship III

**Friday**

10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

7:30 p.m. 2014 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 Practice

5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

**LAST WEEK:**

**Worship** 42 B.C. 26 S.S. 3  
Communion 40 Advent II 43

**OFFERINGS** 12/7 & 10 for  
Unified Budget: \$3,212

**IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:**

Cleaners this week:  
Church---Birkholz/Heberlein  
School---Abbas/Schaefer  
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Deb Schmidt

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** December Calendar & Newsletter, Mission Newsletter.

**HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:**

The ladies will be enjoying a night out to celebrate a Christmas Gathering this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Sermon Text: **John 1:6-8;19-28**

## A VOICE STILL CRIES IN THE WILDERNESS

**I: A Faithful Voice.**

**II: A Humble Voice.**

**II: A Voice with a Mission.**

*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.*