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NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT:

The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2020. He has requested that he not be considered for another term. We thank him for his faithful service in this key administrative function at our campus. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight February 15, 2020 (extended deadline, letters postmarked February 1, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com. James Burkhardt--Secretary, Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran College.

KNOW GOD THROUGH LOVE

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 www.peacethruchrist.org



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Third Sunday in Advent • December 15, 2019



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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 4

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5 Red Hymnal

Opening Hymn:	59
Before Sermon:	710
Choir: "Hark the Glad Sound, the Savior Comes."	
After Prayers:	99
Closing Hymn:	657

Scripture Readings:

Galatians 4:1-7

God had prepared everything for the birth of His Son. He planned it. He brought it about by His almighty power at the exact time of His choosing.

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3 Even so we, when we

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WANTED: Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2020 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 2020, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by the New Year. Thank you!

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Ben Libby has returned the call to Trinity, Spokane, WA.
- The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions has called Pastor John Hein to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI.
- Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr., Messiah, Eau Claire has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.
- Pastor Jim Albrecht, St. John's, Okabena, MN has been called by Berea, Sioux Falls, SD.
- Pastor Andrew Schaller has returned the call extended to him by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as the CLC's third foreign missionary.
- Pastor Norm Greve has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.
- Principal Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their upper grade teacher/principal.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS:

Looking for appropriate spiritual gifts for your loved ones? There are 2 devotional books available---GOD'S PROMISE KEPT VOL. II: The second book written by Pastor Emeritus Dale Redlin. There are only 2 copies left in the entry-way. And CHRIST: No Other Foundation written by Pastor Emeritus Dan Fleischer. This is a book of poems, devotions, and articles addressing the Church and Society in light of Holy Scripture. There are 3 copies available. Both books are \$15.00 each. Please pay pastor.

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IN YOUR MAILBOX:

CLC Mission Opportunities Prayer List: December 2019. Committee on Domestic Fields: Catechism Evangelism Insert. November CLC Financial Report.

MID-WEEK ADVENT: This past Wednesday 24 members attended our second mid-week Advent service and heard about "A Birth of Impossible Laughter." Come this Wednesday to worship our "coming" Lord and Savior. Our Mid-week Advent Series is entitled: Three Impossible Births.

Dec 18 – A Birth of Impossible Deliverance (Pastor Rob Sauers)

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

ILC CHRISTMAS CONCERT: This annual concert conducted by Immanuel Lutheran College will be held this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire.

CHRISTMAS BAGS: If you would like to donate items for the Christmas bags, please bring them by next Sunday. The bags will be packed after church next Sunday. We plan on making 10-12 bags.

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Meyer B. Bernthal
Counters today: John Birkholz & Chris Ude

LAST WEEK:

Worship 35 S.S. 1 Bible Class 14
Advent II 24

OFFERINGS

12/8 & 11 for Unified Budget: \$2,450

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.



were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Luke 1:26-38

We read these words in our Wednesday night mid-week service and what a wonderful message of joy to all. The angel Gabriel announces the birth of the Savior to Mary. The angel tells Mary that God would give to her Son the throne of His father, David. This message is the fulfillment of our sermon text this morning. What a simple child-like faith we see in Mary—the maidservant of the Lord. "Let it be to me according to Your Word." May we prepare for Christmas with such simple hearts of faith, not cluttered with the extra trimmings of this world, but concentrating on the simple, yet profound and amazing message!

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One

who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible." 38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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

Sermon Text: **II Samuel 7:8-11, 16**

Sermon Theme:

LET CHRISTMAS REMIND US OF OUR REAL HOME!

**I: A Home graciously prepared by our
Heavenly Father.**

**II: A Home established through the sending
of His Son.**

III: A Home of everlasting Peace and Rest.

8 Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. 10 Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, 11 since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make you a house.

16 "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank the Lord for your coming to His house to worship Him with us this morning. May this morning's message of our real home prepared for us by our Savior help to prepare your hearts for a most joyous Christmas celebration. A celebration that worships God's great gift to mankind—His Son. Jesus is God in human flesh, born to be our Savior. Without this saving knowledge and faith, the celebration of the birth of Jesus is empty and useless. Please come and worship your Advent Savior with us again and please sign our guest register as you leave.



This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Food for Thousands

Bible Class: The People in David's Life and Yours—
Friends for Hard Times • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:15 a.m. Choir • 11:35 a.m. Church Council
5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow

Wednesday 9:30-11:30 a.m. Children's Play Group
7:00 p.m. Advent Worship III • 8:15 p.m. Choir

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

Friday 7:30 p.m. ILC Christmas Concert at Messiah, Eau Claire

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class • 10:00 a.m. Family
Worship 11:15 a.m. Choir/Fill Christmas bags

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Tonight! Come, join us sing praises to our
new-born King. Please meet at church by 5:30 p.m.