

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Tonight at 5:30 p.m. We will be caroling to the residents of Artisan and Heritage and also stopping at Duane Riggert's apartment. Come, join us sing praises to our new-born King.

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.

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!

**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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*Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done
marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm
have gained Him the victory.*

PSALM 98:1



Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 98

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn:	647
Before Sermon:	275
Choir: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"	
After Prayers:	95
After Benediction:	78
Antiphon, Ps. 8,	p. 27 W.S.

Scripture Readings:

Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah prophecies of the very place the promised Messiah would be born. These words also describe His work as that of a Shepherd.

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." 3 Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. 4 And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the Lord, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;

Hebrews 10:5-10

The letter to the Hebrews clearly points to Christ's sacrifice of His body as the chief purpose of His coming into this world. His atoning sacrifice was completely sufficient to take away the sins of all people. By this sacrifice the Savior acted in loving obedience to His Fathers' will.

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.'" 8 Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church—Birkholz/Peterson
School: Bernthal. Counters today:
John Birkholz & John Gerbitz

LAST WEEK: Worship 34 S.S.
0 Bible Class 17 Advent II 31

OFFERINGS 12/10 & 13 for
Unified Budget: \$3,096

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

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: Christmas
letter from Pastor & Ruth

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.

CLC NEWS

- Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer has returned the call extended to him by Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN to be their co-pastor.

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:

Will be celebrating their Christmas gathering and having a baby shower for Lauren Albrecht this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. 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 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.

His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, 55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

During this Advent "coming" season of our Savior, we thank the Lord for your coming to His house to worship with us and to hear His Word. May this message of God's Word prepare our hearts for Christ's coming so that we like Elizabeth and Mary will have humble, repentant yet happy hearts centered in Jesus Christ. Come, again to worship your Savior with us. Also, please sign our guest book.



This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:

Joseph in Egypt

Bible Class: Revelation 22

10:00 Family Worship

11:10 a.m. Choir

5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class
at Artisan • 7:00 p.m. Hannah's
Helping Hands

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Advent Worship III

8:15 p.m. Choir

Organist: Gail Schaefer

Thursday 10:45 .am. Bible Class
at Heritage

Next Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:10 a.m. Choir/ Christmas Eve

Practice/Christmas Bags filled

6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Next Monday

10:00 a.m. Christmas
Day "The Festival of
Nine Lessons and
Carols"



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

Sermon Text: **Luke 1:39-55**

ELIZABETH AND MARY SHOW US HOW TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

I: With a HUMBLE HEART of FAITH

Elizabeth believes Mary to be the mother
of the Messiah.

II: With a HAPPY HEART of JOY

Mary gives all glory to God for the wonderful things
done for her.

III: With a REPENTANT HEART of RIGHTEOUSNESS

Mary praises God for His acts of mercy that He has
done for all believers.

39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." 46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. 50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with