

**2021 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP TO NEPAL** - With an application deadline quickly approaching and still so much uncertainty concerning international travel, vaccination requirements and availability, and government restrictions on gatherings in Nepal due to the pandemic, the decision has been made to cancel the 2021 trip that was tentatively scheduled for July with the prayer that things will be back to normal enough by this time next year to make plans for 2022. Visiting Missionary Todd Ohlmann

**NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PROFESSOR:** The following nominations have been received to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor John Reim at the end of the 2020-21 academic year: Pastors Paul Krause, Neal Radichel, Rob Sauers, and David Schaller. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 29, 2020 (letters postmarked December 24, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

**CLC PROJECT KINSHIP** - On the Rise! As endeavors to spread the Gospel overseas continue to increase, so do our opportunities to support these endeavors. Of the current 113 overseas seminary students, there are currently five students that do not have stateside sponsors. Please consider becoming a sponsor through the CLC KINSHIP program. The cost for this particular sponsorship is \$35/month (\$420/year). There will also be sponsorship opportunities for the overseas orphan population in the near future, and KINSHIP would welcome folks who are willing to be put on the "wait list" for those sponsorships. These sponsorships require a similar financial commitment. Contact is Dan Roehl (danroehl@hotmail.com or 507-381-2042).

**NEW TOUR CHOIR CD:** We have 6 more on consignment new Tour choir CD's. This CD includes songs from 2016-2109 Tour Choirs. Cost is \$ 12 per CD, or 2 for \$ 20. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you would like to purchase one or more.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 20, 2020



# Peace Thru Christ LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 145

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

**Opening Hymn:** . . . . . 65 (read 3-4)  
**Before Sermon:** . . . . . 129  
**Offering Hymn:** 443:1, 5-8 (read 5-6)  
**After Prayers:** . . . 245:1-5 (read 3-4)  
**Closing Hymn:** . . . . . 89:1, 3, 5  
**Antiphon, Ps. 24** . . . . . Pg. 25 W.S.

## Scripture Readings:

### Psalm 150:1-6

As we approach the celebration of our Savior's birth, let us PRAISE THE LORD!

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp! Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!*

### I John 4:7-19

John discusses God's amazing love to us and our love to others. As those who bear witness to, rely upon, and live in God's love, it is only right and consistent that we love others. Otherwise we obviously do not love God nor have we truly witnessed and believe in God's love for us.

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.*

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

**WANTED:** Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2021 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 2021, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by the New Year. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Looking for appropriate spiritual gifts for your loved ones? Mrs. Peggy Kesterson has written a devotion book entitled, *God Holds My Hand*. "No matter how rough or jagged life gets, we have God right beside us holding our hand. Through this series of devotional studies we will explore from the Bible who this compassionate and faithful God is and how He powerfully transforms our lives." This book is available through Amazon for \$12.

Also available on the mailbox counter are 2 devotional books---**GOD'S PROMISE KEPT VOL. II:** The second book written by Pastor Emeritus Dale Redlin. There is one copy left. 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 2 copies available. Both books are \$15.00 each. Please pay pastor.

**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. A hymn sing will follow the service.

### CLC NEWS:

- Pastor David Ude, Living Hope, Appleton, WI has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Paul Tiefel III, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. has been called to serve as principal and upper grade teacher by Messiah, Hales Corners.

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### This Week:

**Today:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Raising the Young Man of Nain • Bible Class: Grace, Faith, Scripture • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:15 a.m. Christmas Program Practice/Fill Christmas Bags

**Thursday** 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

**Friday** 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Song Service

**Next Sunday:** 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

**IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:** Cleaners this week: A. Gerbitz B. Schaser/Schaser  
Counters: Caleb Gerbitz & Chris Ude

**NEW BIBLE CLASS:** Grace, Faith, Scripture. What does it mean to be a Lutheran Christian? To be a Lutheran Christian means to base all of our teaching and practice on the Bible alone. Our new study presents 12 important biblical principles that are still important to us and all Bible-believing Christians today. Join us as we explore these important and enduring truths Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

NO S.S./Bible Class Next Sunday

### IN YOUR MAILBOX: IN YOUR MAILBOX:

Christmas letter from Pastor & Ruth,  
2021 Church Cleaning Schedule, 2021 Offering Envelopes.

**OFFERINGS** 12/13 & 12/16 for Unified Budget: \$2,31.00

**ATTENDANCE:** Facebook/ 37 YouTube views/6 Church 28  
Bible Class 12 Sunday School 4  
Facebook/33 YouTube views/ 0 Advent III 15

**VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our virtual Sunday School series is now being posted on Facebook and YouTube. Look for it on the PTC Facebook page and like it and share it. Or, search YouTube for PTC Virtual Sunday School. The second of our Christmas lessons are now up. Watch Facebook or YouTube for a new story every week.

**CHRISTMAS BAGS:** If you would like to help pack Christmas bags, please stay after church and meet in the kitchen. Thanks!

*Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.*

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

Sermon Text:

**Matthew 2:1-2**

Sermon Theme:

## Finding Love in Our Differences

**I: Christ is love embodied.**

**II: Love defines and propels us.**

**III: Love empowers us to cross the borders.**

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."*

### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here worshipping with us this morning. Our Lord Jesus is God's love incarnate, wrapped up in flesh. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son to die for us. In these uncertain times it is a blessing to be able to trust in our Savior-God and His promises. You are warmly invited to come worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest book.