

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

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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Fourth Sunday in Advent • December 22, 2019

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Sarah Ude

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 5

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn:	98
Before Sermon:	375
Offering:	89 (1, 4-5)
After Prayers:	245
Closing Hymn:	70
Antiphon, Ps. 96	Pg. 26 W.S.

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 2:4-10

When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive with Christ. We were totally undeserving of this. It is God's free gift of grace which will lead us to express our appreciation by doing the good works God prepared for us to do. Works motivated by God's love for us in Jesus.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

John 1:1-14

The Holy Spirit through John's Gospel gives us the truth about Jesus, the baby born in Bethlehem. He is not just a little baby. He is the very Son of God, who existed even before the beginning of time; who created this world and who has now become a human being in order to save us and all people. He is also the Light that makes known the Fathers' love and salvation to us all.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 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. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him,

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CLC NEWS:

- 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 returned the call extended to him by Bethel, Morris, MN.
- Pastor Jim Albrecht, St. John's, Okabena, MN has been called by Berea, Sioux Falls, SD.
- Principal Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has returned the call extended to him by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their upper grade teacher/principal.
- Mr. Jay Sydow has returned the call to be high school math and science teacher extended to him by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN.

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.

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 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!

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank you for joining us today and pray that you continue to meditate on this Son, the Christ-child this week. May the message this morning help prepare your hearts for the most joyous and blessed Christmas celebration---one that is centered in and focused on Jesus Christ---the Son of God in human flesh and blood, born to be our Savior. Please come and worship your Savior-God with us again and please sign our guest register as you leave.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Jesus Walks on the Sea
Bible Class: The People in David's Life and Yours—Joab
10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:15 a.m. Choir/Fill Christmas bags

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Song Service

Next Sunday:

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

Next Tuesday 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion Worship

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

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Ude B. Dreyer/Dumke
Counters today: Randy Dreyer & Mike Brandle

LAST WEEK: Worship 34 S.S. 1 Bible Class 15 Advent III 32

OFFERINGS 12/15 & 18 for Unified Budget: \$2,402

NEW BIBLE CLASS: If you are interested in attending a Bible Study for ages 20's-30's please sign the sheet on the board in the narthex.

and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

Sermon Text: **John 3:14-21**

Sermon Theme:

THE GREATEST GIFT OF DIVINE LOVE TO THIS WORLD: God's Son! I: The Redemption of All Mankind through the Lifting up of this Son. II: The Salvation of Mankind through Faith in this Son.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."