

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

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.

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.

SPAIN STUDENT TRIP: Last call! Set for May 2020. We are looking for a few more interested travelers of any age to accompany us as we travel around Spain. Unused air seats will be given up January 15. Please contact Paula Stelter askpaula@poinsettiatravel.com or Prof. Joel Gullerud joel.gullerud@ilc.edu quickly if you are interested in this physically active and fun student trip. Thanks so much and we hope you are able to join us. We welcome questions if you are unsure. Paula Stelter askpaula@poinsettiatravel.com <https://poinsettiatravel.mtravel.com>

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church. 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 middletonlutheran.org



Peace Thru Christ Church is a Member of
The Church of the Lutheran Confession. www.clc.org



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Sunday after Christmas • December 29, 2019

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Karen Schaser

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 121

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal p. 5

Opening Hymn: 96

Before Sermon: 137

Offering: 89 (1, 4-5)

After Prayers: 138 (1-5)

Closing Hymn: 97

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 45:20-25

God extends a gracious invitation to the world to find salvation in Him, the only Savior. This is in stark contrast to the idols of this world which have no power to save or to do anything. The LORD'S gracious words are truth and His mighty works are righteousness and salvation.

“Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, You who have escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, Who carry the wood of their carved image, And pray to a god that cannot save. 21 Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the Lord? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me. 22 “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. 23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath. 24 He shall say, ‘Surely in the Lord I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him. 25 In the Lord all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.’ ”

Colossians 3:12-17

Paul exhorts the Colossian Christians to let their exalted position as elect children of God—new creatures in Christ—be reflected in their attitudes and behavior. The only place where they can obtain needed strength for living this new life of blood-bought children of God is in His holy Word. Therefore, let them receive it faithfully, teach it diligently, and sing about it joyfully!

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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IN YOUR MAILBOX:

January Calendar and Newsletter; New Offering Envelopes for 2020

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 Caleb Schaller, Messiah, Eau Claire WI has been called by Trinity, Spokane, WA.
- Pastor Mike Wilke, Gethsemane, MI has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD.

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!

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,

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning. May the joy of the Good News of Jesus' birth fill your hearts and remain in your lives throughout your life. For Christ is not only the "reason for the season," but the Heart of our salvation all year long. 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: Mary and Martha • Bible Class: The People in David's Life and Yours—Joab
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow • 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion Worship

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

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams B. Schaser/Schaser
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Pam Schulz

LAST WEEK: Worship 42 S.S. 1 B. Cl. 16 Chrs. Eve 37 Chrs. Day 44

OFFERINGS

12/22 & 24 & 25 for Unified Budget: \$3,805 • MDF: \$100



Sermon Text:

Luke 2:25-38

Sermon Theme:

THE TRUE SPIRIT AND JOY OF CHRISTMAS!

I: Leads to a Life in Christ.

II: Leads to a Confession of Christ.

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: 29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." 33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." 36 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.