

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

THE KINSHIP COMMITTEE: Would like to offer our sincerest thanks for your generous responses to our recent request for sponsors. We praise the Lord for this generous outpouring of support! All of the Direct Sponsorships have now been filled, and we have begun a waiting list for anyone who would like to directly sponsor a seminary student or orphan in the future. Group Sponsorships are still available, in which you, an individual, can contribute to larger pools of support for various groups overseas, such as The Children in Need in Togo and the two schools in Kenya. You can also always donate to the KINSHIP General Fund which is used to support those three groups, the medical needs of orphans, and widows of former pastors. If you are interested in contributing to a Group Sponsorship or the General Fund and have any questions, please contact us at kinship@clclutheran.com. Thank you!

NEW YEAR'S EVE: Our New Year's Eve Service will be held tomorrow 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.

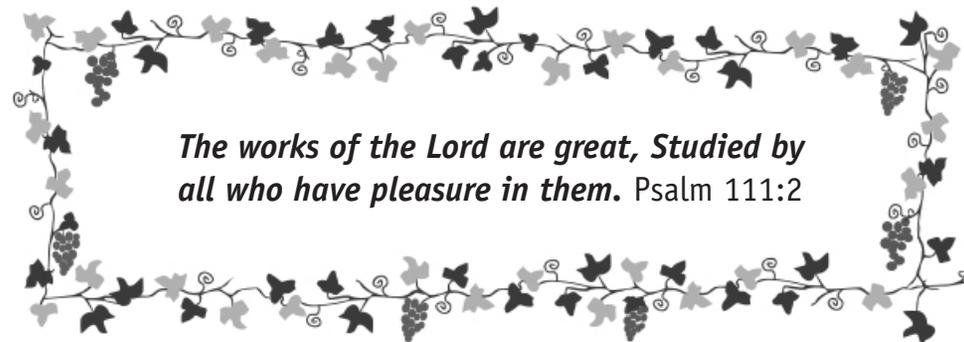
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If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com

More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



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The works of the Lord are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them. Psalm 111:2

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Sunday after Christmas • December 30, 2018

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 111

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn:	540
Before Sermon:	138 (1-5)
Offering:	441 (1-2)
After Prayers:	96
After Benediction:	713
Antiphon Ps. 100	W.S. Pg. 35

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 45:22-25

Our Old Testament reading is an exhortation to all the world to seek salvation in the LORD, who alone is revealed as the only true God. Universal redemption and salvation is found only in Him. The Lord declares: "Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth!"

"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.' "

Luke 2:22-40

Luke tells us about Simeon and Anna, in whose hearts the Word of God was richly dwelling. When the Christ-child was brought to the temple, Simeon praised God for keeping His promise of sending the world a Savior from sin. Anna also gave thanks to God speaking of the Savior to "all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem." The link between these two Scripture readings and our sermon text lies in the fact that salvation, which is promised to all and received through faith in Jesus, leads the believer to peace, wisdom and life!

22 Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." 25 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

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IN YOUR MAILBOX:

January Calendar & Newsletter

NEW ENVELOPES:

Everyone should have a new box of envelopes for 2019 in your mailboxes.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Edward Starkey has accepted the call extended to him by Our Redeemer Lutheran, Red Wing MN.
- Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, and Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI.

2019 MISSION HELPER TRIP:

Applications for the 2019 CLC Mission Helper Trip to India are being accepted. The application deadline is January 7th. Space is limited so it is best to apply early. Apply online and find more information at: www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org or contact Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail.com

MIDWEST CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT:

This retreat sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held March 22-24, 2019, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. Registration is \$75 and opens on January 1, 2019 and will be limited to the first 120 applicants.

Register at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. Choose the "Midwest Spring Retreat." Hotel reservations (separate from retreat registration) can be made by calling (507) 452-0606, with the special block rate for our group available now. Be sure to mention "retreat" to get the block rate. Deadline for both retreat registration and hotel reservations is Friday, February 22, 2019.

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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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God that you are worshiping with us this morning. Our Christmas joy continues as we receive the blessed gifts of peace, wisdom, and life through the Christ-child. Please come again, and join us in our worship of the Christ, our Savior. Please also sign our guest book.



This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Overthrow of Israel---King Hezekiah • Bible Class: Galatians 2
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

Monday 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve 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. Bernthal
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Pam Schulz

LAST WEEK: Worship 28 S.S. 1 Bible Class 18
Christmas Eve 28 Christmas Day 33

OFFERINGS 12/23 & 24 & 25 for Unified Budget: \$2,723
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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. 39 So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. 40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

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

Sermon: **Colossians 3:15-17**

Cherish the Christ-Child's Gifts!

I: His Peace to Rule in our Hearts.

II: His Word to Make us Wise.

III: His Name to Give us Life.

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