

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Pastor Del Maas, Gift of God, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul, Ponsford, MN has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.
- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Teacher Matt Thurow, Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN. has returned the call to teach grades 4-8 and serve as principal for Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC.
- Paul Tiefel III, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. has been called to serve as principal and upper grade teacher by Messiah, Hales Corners.

NEW TOUR CHOIR CD:

We have on consignment 12 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.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church 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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DECEMBER 6, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Peace Thru Christ
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 1

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p. 15

- Opening Hymn: 61 (read 3)**
- Before Sermon: 94 (read 3)**
- Offering Hymn: 96 (3-4)**
- After Prayers: 715**
- Closing Hymn: 714**

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 2:13-18

Jesus is our Peace! He reconciles both Jew and Gentile to God by His sacrifice on the cross. He continues to preach about that Peace through His messengers to both those near and far.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

John 20:19-23

The resurrected Jesus bestows peace upon His disciples and tells them to go out and in the power of the Holy Spirit proclaim that Good News of peace---sins forgiven.

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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MID-WEEK ADVENT:

This Advent, we gather in the name of Jesus and consider His great story anew. The Jesse Tree is filled with symbols telling the story of Jesus from creation to His second coming. The story of the Bible, Old and New Testaments alike, is the story of Jesus. He is the Seed of Jesse's tree. He is the Root of Jesse's tree. He is the Life of Jesse's tree. And He is the First-fruit of Jesse's tree.

This year's midweek Advent services will be held on December 9 and 16 at 7:00 pm. Last Wednesday we heard that Jesus is the Seed of Jesse's Tree.

- December 9 – "Jesus, the Root of Jesse's Tree" Genesis 22:1-18
Pastor Sauers
- December 16 - "Jesus, the Life of Jesse's Tree" Matthew 3:13-17
Pastor Bernthal

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

December Newsletter and Calendar.

OFFERINGS

11/29 & 12/2 for Unified Budget: \$1,975.00

CBP: \$250 (In loving memory of John Birkholz)

ATTENDANCE:

Facebook/66 YouTube views/5 Church 31

Bible Class 16 Sunday School 6

Facebook/22 YouTube views/0 Mid-week Advent I: 24

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. Matt has really brought this to life with very striking graphics. The first seven lessons are now up. Watch Facebook or YouTube for a new story every week.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper is being celebrated this morning. We encourage all of our members to attend this meal of forgiveness from our Savior. Since it is a confession of oneness in faith and doctrine, we ask that only members of Peace Thru Christ or of a sister congregation in the CLC partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here worshipping with us this morning. Our Lord Jesus is our Peace who earned for us our eternal salvation. 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.



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This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Healing of the Paralytic
Bible Class: "Whom are you reaching?" • 10:00 a.m. Family
Worship/Communion

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Advent II

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

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Ude B. Bernthal
Counters: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

WHOM ARE YOU REACHING?: This is our eighth and last Sunday in this new series, held during Bible Class time, intended to support our efforts to talk about our faith. Come and learn how to share our Savior with the people we see everyday. "Whom Are You Reaching?"

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

Sermon Text:

Luke 2:8-20

Sermon Theme:

Finding Peace in Our Struggles.

I: Peace comes in the midst of our storms.

II: Peace defies our circumstances.

III: Peace is a person.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.