

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!

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor David Ude, Living Hope, Appleton, WI has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Pastor Mike Eichstadt, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN..
- Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called to be principal and upper grade teacher by Faith, Markesan, WI.
- Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called by Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC to be upper grade teacher and principal.

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.

UPDATE ON DESIRAE NAUMANN: According to the last update on CaringBridge, Desirae's condition has taking a sharp decline over the past week, and it appears that her passing is imminent. Please pray for Desirae's comfort as she completes her earthly race. Please also keep Pastor Naumann and their family in your prayers. "Because I live, you will live also," declares our Lord and Savior!

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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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 115

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy p. 15

Opening Hymn: 408

Before Sermon: 133 (3-4);

Offering Hymn: 655

After Communion: 114 (3-4)

Closing Hymn: 97

Scripture Reading Responsive:

Psalm 96 (Selected verses)

P Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

C Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

P Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

C Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

P Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

C For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

P For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

C But the LORD made the heavens.

P Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

C Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

Give to the LORD glory and strength.

P Give to the LORD the glory due His name;

C Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

P Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!

C Tremble before Him, all the earth.

P Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns;

C The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously."

P Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

C Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

P For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.

C He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here on this Second Sunday after Christmas worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May His gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be with you throughout the coming new year and always. You are warmly invited to come worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest book.

THANK YOU: to Dan Schaefer and John Gerbitz for conducting this morning's worship service as well as New Year's Eve's service. The sermon this morning was written by Pastor Luke Bernthal, St. Stephen, Mountain View, CA who was planning to preach today. However, this past week he was in close contact with Pastor & Ruth who later were diagnosed with Covid, so he was not able to do that. We thank him for his words.

This Week:

Today: 10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion

Monday 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Meeting by Zoom

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class by Zoom

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

Next Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council by Zoom

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS: resumes this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. We continue our study of Jesus' "I Am" statements. This week it is Jesus saying "I AM the Resurrection and the Life." Join us by Zoom.

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Meyer B. Schaefer
Counters: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

IN YOUR MAILBOX: 2021 Church Cleaning Schedule, 2021 Offering Envelopes. January Calendar & Newsletter

OFFERINGS 12/27 for Unified Budget: \$1,415.00

ATTENDANCE: Facebook 72 / YouTube views 1 / Church 12
Facebook 43 / YouTube 0 / N.Y. Eve 9

Sermon Text:

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon Theme:

The Father's Business

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem.

And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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.

Luke 2:25-40

We hear of Simeon and Anna in whose hearts the Word of God was richly dwelling. When the Christchild 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.

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. 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. 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, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. 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 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." 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. 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.