

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord, bless His name;

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

3 Declare His glory among the nations,

His wonders among all peoples.

4 For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised;

He is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

But the Lord made the heavens.

6 Honor and majesty are before Him;

Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

7 Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,

Give to the Lord glory and strength.

8 Give to the Lord the glory due His name;

Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

9 Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Tremble before Him, all the earth.

10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns;

The world also is firmly established,

It shall not be moved;

He shall judge the peoples righteously."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.

Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the Lord.

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

He shall judge the world with righteousness,

And the peoples with His truth.

Psalm 96

Peace Thru Christ

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 96

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy P. 15

Opening Hymn: 127

Before Sermon: 91 (1-6)

Offering Hymn: 441 (1-2)

During Distribution: 311

Closing Hymn: 91 (7-9)

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 3:1-12

The Apostle Paul speaks of himself as the Apostle for the Gentiles, having been called by God to reveal to them His gracious plan of salvation...proclaiming "that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the Gospel."

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—

2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. 8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Matthew 2:1-12

Made wise for salvation through faith in the Christ-Child, these Wise Men came to worship and honor their Savior and King. Let us follow in their footsteps and bring Jesus our gifts of love and devotion.

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he

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CLC NEWS:

- Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI. has called Pastor Frank Gantt, pastor of St. Luke's, Lemmon SD.
- Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA, has called Pastor Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas TX.
- Pastor Emeritus Paul Fleischer has accepted the call to serve Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX, through Easter Sunday. They have also called Pastor Frank Gantt, pastor of St. Luke's, Lemmon SD to be their full-time pastor.

NEW ENVELOPES: Everyone should have a new box of envelopes for the new year in your mailboxes.

CAMPBELL LABELS: Don't forget to keep those Campbell labels for school supplies. We received a

check for \$65 at the end of the year. Thanks for saving!

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Monday, Jan. 12th at 6:30 p.m.

B.O.C.E. meets on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS: The Ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET PRESENTATION: The 2015 budget will be presented to the congregation for input on Sunday, Jan. 18th before the Voter's vote on it at the Annual Voters' meeting Sunday, Jan. 25th.

VOTERS: Plan now to attend our Annual Voters' Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25th after church. Elections will be held and the 2015 budget discussed and accepted. Come, serve your 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 about our congregation, read more about our Faith, or call Pastor Bernthal at 608-233-2244 or email him at mbern@juno.com More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

May the Epiphany message of Jesus Christ manifested to the world as Savior of all mankind also strengthen you and bring you to worship your Savior with us again. As you leave today, please sign our guest register.

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 come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. S.S.: The Twelve Spies
Bible Class: Spending Time in Luther's Catechism—7th Commandment
11:10 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

Monday

8:00 a.m. Peace Thru Christ School Begins

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Artisan Bible Class
EPIPHANY

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Thursday

10:45 a.m. Heritage Bible Class

Next Sunday

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

LAST WEEK:

Worship 53 B.C. 22 S.S. 6
New Year's Eve 38

OFFERINGS 12/28 & 31 for
Unified Budget: \$1,947

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church—Albrecht/Franson
School—Schaser
Counters today: Matt Schaser &
Chris Gerbitz

IN YOUR MAILBOX: Church
Cleaning schedule for 2015,
January Calendar & Newsletter.

sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

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

Sermon Text: **Genesis 12:1-4**

The Way God Dealt With Abraham Is Typical Of The Way God Deals With Us:

I: God called Abraham with His Word.

**II: God dealt with Abraham, not in terms of demands,
but primarily in terms of promises.**

**III: God made Abraham a blessing to all the world
through Christ.**

12 Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

