

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Aaron Ude, Good Shepherd, SD has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.
- Recently colloquized Terry Stringer, a member of St., Stephen, Heyward, CA has been called and has accepted the call by Trinity, Spokane, WA to serve as “Assistant Vacancy Pastor” in a one year call. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt is the vacancy pastor.
- Pastor Michael Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has been called 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 has been called to teach grades 4-8 and serve as principal for Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC.

TREE DECORATING: Today after church. Please, stay and help us put up the Christmas Tree and decorate the church.

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

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More Information and Audio Sermons at www.peacethruchrist.org

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 97

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p.5

- Opening Hymn: 62 (read 3)**
- Before Sermon: 777 (read 3)**
- Offering Hymn: 439 (1-2, 6)**
- After Prayers: 58 (1, 4-5, 7, 9)
(read 5, 7)**
- Closing Hymn: 65 (4-5)**

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Isaiah begs the LORD to remember that He is the Father of His people Israel, the one who made His covenant of grace with them. In spite of Israel’s straying away from Him, the prophet asks the LORD to hold back His anger and deal with His unworthy children in mercy.

Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down!

That the mountains might shake at Your presence— As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand. 9 Do not be furious, O Lord, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look—we all are Your people!

Romans 5:1-11

Paul reminds us of the great sacrifice which Jesus made for us on the cross. He calls to mind the fact that Jesus died for all sinful people and that through Christ we have a new status before God. As believers we also have the privilege to suffer for our faith at times.

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more

WHOM ARE YOU REACHING?: This is our seventh 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?”

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, as the Church will sing with the angels on Christmas Day, “To God on high be glory and peace on earth to men” (TLH 76).

This year’s midweek Advent services will be held on December 2, 9, and 16 at 7:00 pm. Here is an outline of this year’s services:

- **December 2** - “Jesus, the Seed of Jesse’s Tree” Genesis 1:27; 3:8–15 Pastor Bernthal
- **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

NEEDED: We are in need of a volunteer to help count the Sunday offering once a month to replace our departed brother in Christ, John Birkholz. If you are interested, please contact pastor.

OFFERINGS 11/15 for Unified Budget: \$ 2,175.00

ATTENDANCE: Sunday: Facebook/39 YouTube views/3 in church 25 Bible Class 17 Sunday School 1

Thanksgiving: Facebook/ 25 YouTube views/ 3 in Church 25

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 five lessons are now up. Watch Facebook or YouTube for a new story every week.

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; 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. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are here worshipping with us this morning. Our hope and confidence is in our Lord Jesus Christ 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. If you'd like to learn more about Jesus and His kingdom work please speak with Pastor Bernthal. You are warmly invited to come worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest book.



This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Pool of Bethesda

Bible Class: "Whom are you reaching?"

10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Advent

11:15 a.m. Christmas Decorating

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Advent 1

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD: Cleaners this week: A. Meyer B. Schaefer • Counters: Ruth Bernthal & Pam Schulz

then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

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

Sermon Text:

Luke 2:22-38

Sermon Theme:

Finding Hope in Our Uncertainties.

I: Keeping Hope Alive.

II: Hope sees Beyond.

III: God is with us—Here, Now, and Always.

IV: Hope Inspires us to Carry On.

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 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." 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