

✧ Called to be Christ's Community of Truth and Mercy ✧  
 ✧ Saved by Grace - Solid in the Word - Here to Serve ✧

## Welcome!

*"God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him. God is in His temple; All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest reverence. He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever! Hymn 907 st.1 LSB*



Holy Communion

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ's true body and true blood. Reception of the Lord's Supper expresses not only fellowship with the Lord, but also fellowship and agreement with the teaching of the pastor and congregation. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that out of care for each person and a desire to be faithful to God's Word we follow the biblical practice of closed communion. **All guests are kindly asked to please speak with Pastor Gaunt before communing at our altar.** Normally, people from churches in fellowship with the LCMS, are welcome to partake. Those not communing, who so desire, may come to the altar to receive a blessing. So that the pastor knows you desire a blessing please cross your arms over your chest. Please pray with us that we might all be truly united in the teaching of our Lord's precious word. (For further study: 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 6:26-29.)

## Prayers of the Church

**Circuit Congregation** Faith, Hastings **Hospice** + Maxine Weseman **Health Issues** + Betty Krueger + Jenny Brogan (Daughter of Jan Hinze) + Duane Hoegren (Katie Hoin's Father) + June Rose + Lisa Novak + Kellie Boutin + Linda Parsons + Don Nissen + Kara Nissen + John Parsons + Dee Janssen **Missions** Wellspring Pregnancy Health Center, David Preus Family, Heartland Lutheran, Zion Classical Academy **Military** + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson + Rev. Glen Gutz (deliberating a call)

## In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Micah R. Gaunt  
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt  
 Altar Guild: January Tonda Wolfe  
 Elders: Dick LeBeau, Derek Zeisler, Dustin Russell  
 Acolyte: Merrick Russell

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.  
 A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Jerry Blazer, Treasurer 402-303-0932

### The Lord's Week

Sunday	Jan. 7	9:00am	Divine Service
		10:15am	Sunday School, Bible Study-opening
Monday-Thursday		8:30am	Daily Prayer Service
Monday	Jan. 8	10a-3pm	Peace - Quilters, bring sack lunch
		4:00pm	L.W.M.L. Executive Board
Tuesday	Jan. 9	9:30am	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Finance Board
		7:00pm	Quarterly Council
Wednesday	Jan. 10	5:00pm	Communion Service
		5:30pm	Meal
		6:16pm	Catechetical Service
Saturday	Jan. 13	9:00am	Mens' Prayer Group
Sunday	Jan. 14	9:00am	Divine Service
		10:15am	Sunday School, Bible Study-opening

### In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners

Our Lord Jesus is baptized "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:13-17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in "Christ Jesus, who became to us... righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:26-31). Jesus is the "chosen" One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1-7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.



Prelude & Ringing of Bells  
 Hymn #401  
 Confession and Absolution p. 184

**Service of the Word**  
 Introit *insert*  
 Gloria Patri p.186  
 Kyrie  
 Hymn of Praise "Gloria in Excelsis"  
 Salutation and Collect  
 First Reading  
 Gradual  
 Epistle Reading  
 Gospel Procession  
 Alleluia & Verse  
 Holy Gospel  
 Nicene Creed  
 Hymn of the Day #407

Sermon **Matthew 3:13-17**  
 Offertory  
 Offering  
 Prayer of the Church

**Service of the Sacrament**  
 Preface & Proper Preface p.194  
 Sanctus & Lord's Prayer  
 The Words of Our Lord  
 Pax Domini & Agnus Dei  
 Distribution & Hymns  
 #624 #594 #590

Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis  
 Thanksgiving & Collect  
 Salutation & Benedicamus  
 Benediction  
 Hymn #405  
 Postlude  
 Announcements  
 P: *Go In Peace*  
 C: **Thanks Be To God!**

## News and Notes of Interest

**Divine Service:** 9 AM Sunday, January 7th  
10:30 AM Sunday School, Bible Study – opening

**Birthdays** 1/07 Mark Thurin 1/09 Elik O'Shea, Annette Steiner 1/10 Diana Troudt 1/11 Haidyn Russell  
1/12 Luke Friedrichsen, Joan Primrose **Baptismal** 1/11 Dan Witt, Mary Wolzen, Heather Young 1/13 Kevin Hart  
**Wedding Anniversary** 1/09 Rick & Sonya Latta

**Of the Father's Love Begotten (LSB # 384)** is the Hymn of the Season during January. You can watch Dr. Hesterman give us a brief background and teaching about the hymn on our YouTube channel. Just type in "[Peace Lutheran Church Hastings Nebraska - YouTube](#)". When you get there look for "Hymn of the Month".

**Wednesday Communion Service.** Starting January 10<sup>th</sup> we will be offering the Divine Service with Communion starting at 5 pm. We will follow an abbreviated spoken liturgy with no hymns. The service will be done around 5:30. We are continuing to discover that Holy Communion is the lifeblood of the church, and the sustenance we need for our journey with Christ. Note that the intent is not to replace but to supplement the Sunday morning service. Likewise, those who are unable to get to church on Sundays, might find Wednesday an option in the week. We are offering this service on a trial basis. Please contact Pr. Gaunt with any questions.

**Wednesday Night Meal.** Please note, after the Communion service at 5, you are welcome to join the catechism families for a meal at 5:30.

January 10, 2024 **Wednesday Night Schedule**  
5 PM Communion Service  
5:30 PM Meal  
6:15 PM Catechetical Service

**Stewardship Committee** Monday, January 15, 2024 at 4:30pm

**Sunday, January 21** Quarterly Voters' Meeting 10:15 AM

**Lifeforce** What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father's Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!"

• [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

## The Congregation at Prayer

*Speak aloud as much of this order of prayer as you are able.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The 10 Commandments  
The Apostles Creed  
The Lord's Prayer*

**Other Readings for the Week:** *The Gospel Lesson on Monday, The Gospel Verse on Tuesday, The Epistle Lesson on Wednesday, The Gradual Verse on Thursday, The First Lesson on Friday & The Introit on Saturday.*

**Pray in response to the Catechism and/or Readings for the Week.** *What is God teaching you to **thank** Him for? What sin is He teaching you to **confess**? What is God teaching you to **ask** for? You may also pray this week's Collect, as well as for the prayers of the church (found in the bulletin).*

May the almighty and most merciful God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.

Hymn- #407 "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

Next Week's Readings: Amos 9:11-15, Romans 12:6-16, John 2:1-11.

Week of Sunday, Jan. 7th (Midweek Service Jan. 10th)

Review the entire First Article

Bible Verse

*Who is our only savior?*

I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior.

Isaiah 43:11

Question

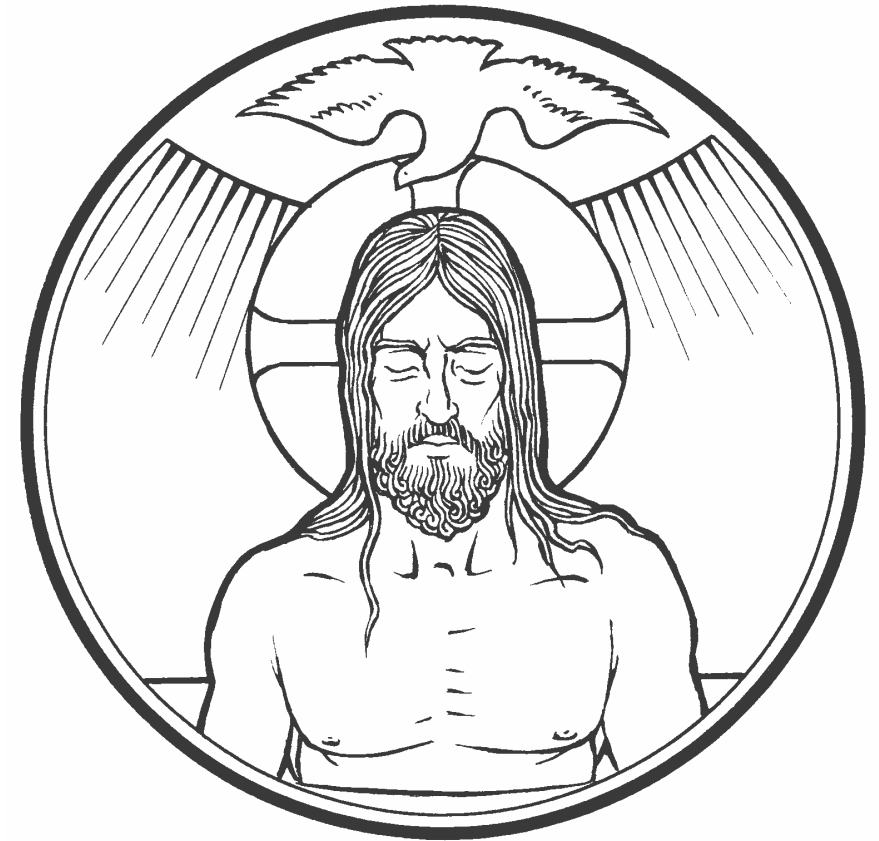
Bible Reading

Discuss the Sunday readings. Look for connections to the First Article.

Luther's Small Catechism for Kids: p. 37-45

The Baptism of Our Lord  
Divine Service Setting 3

January 7th  
9:00am



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