

✧ Called to be Christ's Community of Truth and Mercy ✧

✧ Saved by Grace - Solid in the Word - Here to Serve ✧

## Welcome!

*"...Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5: 19-21*



### 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** Grace, Franklin **Expectant Mother** + Mikaela Wolfe **Birth** + Pax Simianer (Grandson of the Hesterman's) **Mourning** + Family of Marydae Eigenberg **Health Issues** + Lisa Novak (surgery) + Bryan Young (Jeff Young's brother) + Pat Flodman (Friend of Janet Riese) + Maureen Sisk and Sean Sisk (Mother and Stepfather of Rose Witt) + LaVern Metzger (Becky Hesterman's Father) + Sara Stutzman + Bill Fintel + Linda Parsons + Don Nissen + Kara Nissen + John Parsons + Dee Janssen **Missions** Wellspring Pregnancy Health Center, David Preus Family, Heartland Lutheran, Zion Classical Academy **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

## In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Micah R. Gaunt

Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt

Altar Guild: January Mary Wolzen

Elders: Dustin Russell, Derek Zeisler, Dick LeBeau

Acolyte: Elder

## 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.	22	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
			9:00am	Divine Service
			10:30am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Tuesday	Jan.	24	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday	Jan.	25	2:00pm	Calling and Caring
			5:30pm	Meal
			6:00pm	Parent Meeting
			6:15pm	Catechesis Service
			7:00pm	Children's Choir
Sunday	Jan.	29	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
			9:00am	Divine Service
			10:30am	Sunday School, Bible Study

### Jesus Came for Gentiles, Too

The Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile (Rom. 1:8-17). Even in the Old Testament, the Gentiles were beneficiaries of God's saving power. Though unimpressed at first with the Word of God, a Syrian commander is persuaded to receive that Word, and in the water he is cleansed and brought to faith in the God of Israel (2 Kings 5:1-15a). Evil is overcome by good (Rom 12:16-21). So also in the New Testament, a Roman centurion demonstrates great and humble faith in the Lord (Matt. 8:1-13). All he needs is the Word of Christ, for he trusts that Jesus' Word of healing has authority to accomplish what it says. And indeed it does. The centurion's faith is praised by our Lord above that of any Israelite. For the last shall be first, and the first last. Apart from faith in Christ, there is no salvation—not even for a Jew—but only weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Hymn #825

Confession & 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

Holy Gospel

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day #401

Sermon Matthew 8:1-13

Offertory

Offering

Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

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Sanctus & Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns

#636 #732 #551

Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving & Collect

Salutation & Benedicamus

Benediction

Hymn #528

Postlude

Announcements

P: *Go In Peace*

C: **Thanks Be To God!**

## News and Notes of Interest

**Divine Service:** Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M.  
10:30 A.M. Quarterly Voters' Meeting

**"Blessed For Life"** is Lutherans For Life's theme for **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 22, 2023.** Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Wellspring Pregnancy + Health Center in Hastings and our LCMS Matching Grant funds.

**Welcome Today Mary Hall or Wellspring Representative** will be available to speak briefly after the worship service,

**Birthdays** 1/23 Zach Zeisler 1/27 Kay Davis **Baptismal**  
1/23 Joan Primrose 1/25 Mike Johnson 1/26 Jamie Russ  
1/27 Becky Hesterman **Wedding Anniversaries** None

**Lifequote** "When someone struggles with overwhelming guilt of a past sin, like abortion, repentance and reconciliation are the only source of relief. There is hope! 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness'" (1 John 1:9). Through all our days, the Lord never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is a patient God, waiting and wanting all to come to repentance and be saved." *lutheransforlife.org*

**I'm inviting you to read Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools: An Invitation to the Wonder and Mystery of Prayer** by Tyler Staton during the season of Lent. Starting on Transfiguration I will reference an excerpt for discussion each Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please let me know. Pastor Gaunt

**6pm Parent Meeting** We will have a brief parent meeting on Wednesday, January 25 to talk about what's coming up this year.

**10 a.m. Nebraska Walk for Life** Saturday, January 28, 2023 Program at the State Capitol north steps, 15<sup>th</sup> & K Streets.

'FIRE' Share the love of Jesus that burns in your hearts, with our youth! The 18th annual FIRE Banquet takes place on March 4th, 2023 at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings. Proceeds go to benefit the two Lutheran schools in Adams County. Doors open at 5pm; the banquet is at 6:30 with the live and silent auctions to follow. Flyers in the narthex.

**All Boards & Youth Leaders, Please Sign-up** for Lenten Meals in March (narthex).

**New Schedule during Lent**

5:30 pm Confirmation Class w/Pastor (Confirmands only)

6:00 pm Meal

7:00 pm Lenten Midweek Service

## 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.**

**Verse of the Week:** *What do we deserve because of our sin and what gift do we receive instead?*

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*The 10 Commandments*

*The Apostles Creed*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Catechism: Review all of the Commandments and the Close with Explanation**

**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.*

**For Meditation:** What has the Holy Spirit been teaching you lately in His word? Where has He given you a word of correction? Where has He given you a word of comfort? What is something the Holy Spirit is leading you to pray about?

*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).*

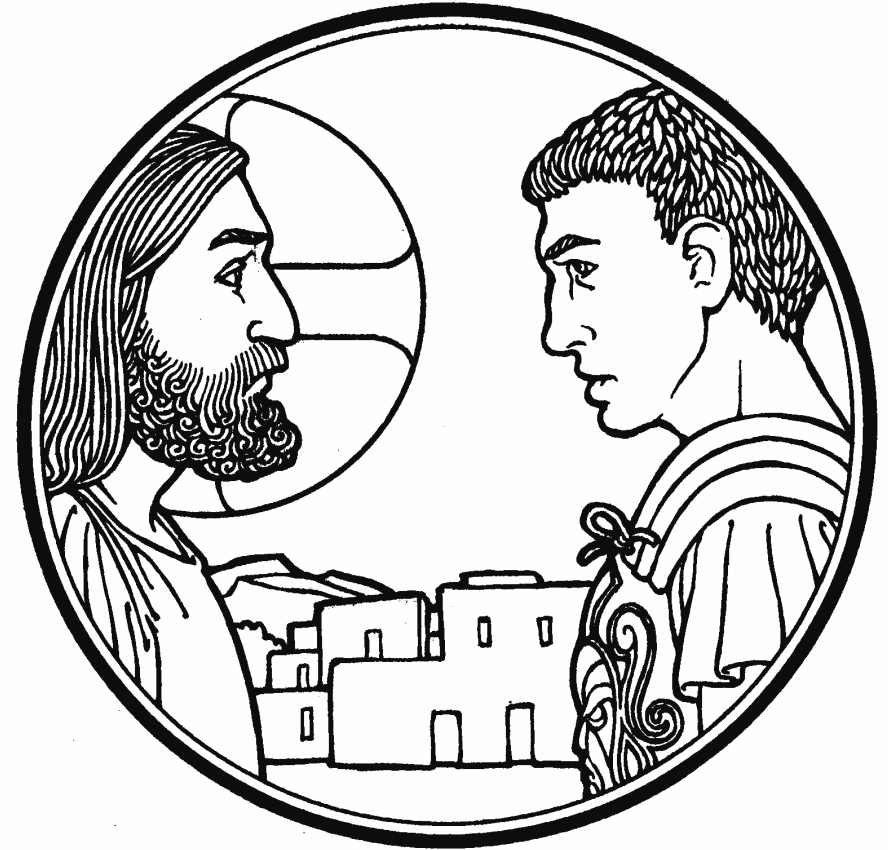
**Hymn- # 401 "From God the Father, Virgin-Born"**

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

**Next Week's Readings: Exodus 34:29-35, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9.**

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
Divine Service Setting 3

January 22nd  
9:00am



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