

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

## Welcome!

*"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God" Psalm 84: 1-3*



### 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** Calvary, Rosemont **Health Issues** + Sara Stutzman + Marydae Eigenberg + Bill Fintel + Linda Parsons + Don Nissen + Kara Nissen + Rose Witt + John Parsons + Dee Janssen **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, Dale Grotelueschen  
 Acolyte: Isaac 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.	1	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
			9:00am	Divine Service
			10:30am	Sunday School, Bible Study
Tuesday	Jan.	3	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday	Jan.	4	7:00pm	Joint Epiphany Service at Zion
Saturday	Jan.	7	9:00am	Mens' Prayer Group
Sunday	Jan.	8	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
			9:00am	Divine Service
			10:30am	Sunday School, Bible Study

### The Seed of David Comes to His Temple

A Rod has come forth from the stem of Jesse (Is. 11:1-5)—the Seed of David whose kingdom shall be established forever (2 Sam. 7:1-16). In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son Jesus to redeem us from the judgment of the Law (Gal. 4:1-7). Now He is presented in the temple in fulfillment of the Law and revealed to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:22-40). Christ has enlightened us in baptism, giving us to be adopted as sons of God and heirs of eternal life. Receiving the Holy Sacrament of His body and blood, we are prepared to depart this world in peace, for our eyes have seen the salvation of God in Him



## DIVINE SERVICE

*Setting Three*

Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
Hymn	#524
Confession & Absolution	p.184
<b>Service of the Word</b>	
Introit	<i>insert</i>
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	#900
Sermon	Luke 2:21
Offertory	
Offering	
Prayer of the Church	
<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	
Preface & Proper Preface	p.194
Sanctus & Lord's Prayer	
The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini & Agnus Dei	
Distribution & Hymns	#642 #527 #590
Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis	
Thanksgiving & Collect	
Salutation & Benedicamus	
Benediction	
Hymn	#924
Postlude	
Announcements	
P: <i>Go In Peace</i>	
C: <b>"Thanks Be To God!"</b>	

## News and Notes of Interest

**Divine Service:** Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M.  
10:30 A.M. Sunday School and Bible Study

**Wednesday, Jan. 4** No Midweek at Peace  
7 p.m. Epiphany Service at Zion

**2023 Calendar update reminder** (All Boards) to church office by Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.

**Birthdays** 1/02 John Parsons, Amy Russell 1/04 Ron Fullerton 1/05 Keegan Morgan, Jeff Young 1/06 Arlene Carlson, Ethan Hoins, Wayne Archer, Lisa Carllson 1/07 Mark Thurin **Baptismal** 1/01 Deborah Nagatz

**Lifequote** “[Jesus] will care for you until you stand before His throne. Trust Him. Seek Him. Serve Him. Love Him. He’s your King. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He only has words of love and promise to speak to you. So, when all is equal for you on your deathbed, you can rejoice and say, ‘Come quickly, my King,’ because He has given you the promise, ‘You will be with me in paradise.’” • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Wellspring Christmas Project.** This Advent and Christmas season we are partnering with the other congregations in our circuit and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to support the work of Wellspring Pregnancy Center here in Hastings. Every dollar we collect will be matched by the Million Dollar Life Grant provided by the LCMS Life Ministry. **You may place your donations in the box provided in the narthex.** At Christmas we celebrate the fact that God sanctified human life by giving His Son, born of the virgin Mary. How appropriate to support the work of Wellspring this holiday season! **Our Childrens’ Program and Christmas Eve** offerings will go to support this Project.

**Marriage Retreat.** We are hosting an event aimed to strengthen and foster all marriages. Here’s the plan: The Rev. Dr. Justin Hannemann will lead a seminar **Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-5** at Peace. Follow-up Saturday, participants are invited back to debrief and discuss what they learned. The cost of the seminar is \$25 a couple. Mark your calendars and join us for what promises to be a wonderful opportunity for growth and fellowship! Register by emailing [revgaunt@gmail.com](mailto:revgaunt@gmail.com) or calling the church office at (402) 462-9023.

**Quarterly Council Meeting** January 10th at 8:00pm  
**Quarterly Voters’ Meeting** January 22nd at 10:30am

“**Blessed For Life**” is Lutherans For Life’s theme for **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 22, 2023.**

## 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:** *Why can we be content?*  
Hebrews 13:5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

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

**Catechism: 9th Commandment**

**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- # 900 “Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love”**

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

**Next Week’s Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7, Romans 6:1-11, Luke 3:15-22.**

Circumcision and Name of Jesus January 1st  
Divine Service Setting 3 9:00am



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