

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

## Welcome!

*"Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."* Hebrews 12: 28



### 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** St. Paul, Minden **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, Derek Zeisler, Dick LeBeau  
 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.	8	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
			9:00am	Divine Service
			10:30am	Sunday School, Bible Study
Monday	Jan.	9	10a-3pm	Sewing at Zion bring a sack lunch
			6:30pm	Right to Life Board
Tuesday	Jan.	10	9:30am	Bible Study
			6:00pm	Board of Finance
			7:00pm	All Boards
			8:00pm	Quarterly Council
Wednesday	Jan.	11	5:30pm	Meal
			6:15pm	Catechesis Service
			7:00pm	Children's Choir
Saturday	Jan.	14	1p-5pm	Marriage Retreat
Sunday	Jan.	15	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
			9:00am	Divine Service
			10:30am	Sunday School, Bible Study

### 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.



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## News and Notes of Interest

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

**Birthdays** 1/09 Elik O'Shea, Annette Steiner 1/10 Diana Troutt 1/11 Haidyn Russell 1/12 Luke Friedrichsen, Joan Primrose 1/13 Ethan Wolfe, Allison Haller, Janie Hinrichs 1/14 Becky Hesterman **Baptismal** 1/11 Dan Witt, Mary Wolzen, Heather Young 1/13 Kevin Hart  
**Wedding Anniversaries** 1/9 Rick & Sonya Latta

**Lifequote** When an abortion is performed, we proclaim that we know better than God. We disregard His wisdom, for He taught us that we should never kill innocent human beings. We proclaim that we do not want or need a gift from God. And in doing so, we seek to make ourselves more powerful than God. We seek to make ourselves God." • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**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.

**L.W.M.L. Ladies of Peace:** Come to our meeting at 4:30 on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> to begin the year. Stay or come at 5:30 for snack and to hear of Liza Grotelueschen's trip to the Holy Land.

**Installation.** The Rev'd Darren Olson will be installed as pastor to Christ Lutheran Church, Juniata on Sunday, January 15th, at 3 pm. All circuit congregations are invited to celebrate with the saints at Christ.

**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.**

2023 theme is based on Psalm 41 (with an emphasis on verse 2): Blessed with the gift of life. Blessed by God for one's entire life. Blessed to be a blessing to others Start saving your change for the Baby Bottle Fundraiser earmarked for Wellspring Pregnancy + Health Center here in Hastings. The money collected will count towards our LCMS Matching Grant funds.

## 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:** *How did God make us rich?*  
2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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

**Catechism: 10th Commandment 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- # 406 "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"**

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

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

**Baptism of Our Lord  
Divine Service Setting 3**

**January 8th  
9:00am**



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