

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

## Welcome!

*"Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!"* Psalm 65: 4



### 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 **Expectant Mother** + Mikaela Wolfe  
**Health Issues** + Joyce Carroll + June Rose + Lisa Novak (surgery) + 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: Ms. Jeri Erickson Cantor: Mr. David Witt  
 Altar Guild: February Ethel Schukei, Tonda Wolfe  
 Elders: Dustin Russell, Derek Zeisler, Dick LeBeau  
 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	Feb. 5	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
		9:00am	Divine Service
		10:30am	Sunday School, Bible Study
Monday	Feb. 6	6:00pm	Choir Practice
Tuesday	Feb. 7	9:30am	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Board of Finance
		7:00pm	All Boards
Wednesday	Feb. 8	5:30pm	Meal
		6:15pm	Catechesis Service
		7:00pm	Children's Choir
Sunday	Feb. 12	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
		9:00am	Divine Service
		10:30am	Sunday School, Bible Study

### Grace Alone

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1-7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1-16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. "For they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24-10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

Prelude & Ringing of Bells  
 Hymn #826  
 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  
 Tract  
 Gospel Procession  
 Holy Gospel  
 Nicene Creed  
 Hymn of the Day #555  
 st.1, 6-10

Sermon Matthew 20:1-16

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  
 #641 #761 #566

Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis  
 Thanksgiving & Collect  
 Salutation & Benedicamus  
 Benediction

Hymn #643  
 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. Sunday School, Bible Study

**All Boards & Youth Leaders, Please Sign-up** for Lenten Meals starts on February 22nd through March 5:30 pm Confirmation Class w/Pastor (Confirmands only)  
6:00 pm Meal 7:00 pm Lenten Midweek Service

**Birthdays** 2/05 Aaron Nissen 2/07 Jamie O'Shea  
2/08 Hunter Dalland, Linda Parsons, Kathy Stutesman  
2/09 Sawyer Blackwell 2/11 Conrad Reutzel **Baptismal**  
2/07 Jamie O'Shea, Randy Scott, Peggy Saddler **Wedding**  
**Anniversaries** 2/06 Clint & Summer Nunnenkamp  
2/09 Kelvin & Mary Wolzen

**Lifequote** "How sad as we hear of the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade* by the Supreme Court that so many are acting like this is the worst thing that could happen in our world. Stop and think of what they are arguing about. They want the right to kill a baby in their womb. They want the right to do what they want with their body. It is such a selfish, sinful, and demented way of thinking. Yet, as you hear the arguments and as your kids go off to college, you often feel like you as a Christian are such an uncaring person. My friends, we are all sinners. Imagine what Jesus must think of this. He loves every soul!" *lutheransforlife.org*

In my opinion, **The Treasury of Daily Prayer** is the single best resource for prayer and devotion. If you would like to buy a copy, sign up in the narthex. The cost is \$54.99. There is a copy of the book next to the sign-up sheet for you to look at.

**Members** All are invited to join local and statewide pro-life groups to the 4th Annual Pro-Life Coffee on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Riverside Golf Club, in Grand Island. Hear about important pro-life legislation. The program will feature Governor Jim Pillen, Attorney General Mike Hilgers, and Senator Joni Albrecht. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The program runs from 9 to 11 a.m.

**NEEDED:** Clean ice cream buckets with lids for the "Souper Sunday" drive through fundraiser on Sunday, March 19, 2023, for South Central Nebraska Right to Life. Contact Person: Joan Primrose.

'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. Flyers in the narthex.

## 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*

**Catechism: What is the Office of the Keys?**

**Bible Verse:** *What special authority does Jesus give His church?* John 20:22-23 Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

**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.*

**Hymn- # 555 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"**

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

**Next Week's Readings** Isaiah 55:10-13, Hebrews 4:9-13, Luke 8:4-15.

**Prayer Practice This Week - Be Still (Taken from *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools*)**

This week's invitation is to practice being still in God's presence. God is present everywhere. He is always present with you. The purpose of this practice is to be aware of God's gracious presence and to rest in Him. Tyler Staton advises that you pick a consistent time each day that works for you. He also suggests that you create a ritual. For example, after I wake up and get coffee in me, I sit in the same chair. I sit comfortably with my feet on the floor and my hands resting on my lap. I close my eyes and take three deep breaths. Then I pray, "Come, Holy Spirit," or "Lord, Have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy." Next, be quiet. Be still. Wait. (The Lutheran theologian John Kleinig describes a similar practice in his book *Grace Upon Grace*. Staton suggests setting a timer for two minutes so that you don't open keep checking the time. After a month bump it up to four minutes, and so on, until you get to ten minutes. He also writes, "Resist the urge to decide if this practice of silent prayer is 'working.' Don't evaluate if you're 'getting anything out of it.' Simply trust that the practice of a couple centuries' worth of saints, and the practice of Jesus Himself, might have a place in your life too.")

Septuagesima  
Divine Service Setting 3

February 5th  
9:00am



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