

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!
Divine Service Schedule Change: Divine Service 9:00 A.M. followed by coffee and dessert time at 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Bible Study will follow beginning at 10:30 A.M. Elders

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MIDWEEK FAMILY NIGHT

May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers as we gather around God's Word, That we may grow together in fear and love of our Lord.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 3/03 Seth Latta, Kay Krueger
3/04 Scott Hansel 3/05 Zach Witt 3/08 Erin Erb, Blaine Ruppert
3/09 Maria Martinez, Justin Thurin

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 3/03 Ruby Carlson 3/04
Mary Black, Amanda Zeisler 3/06 Kayla Reutzler 3/09 Cassandra
Stack

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 3/07 Mike & Diane Gundlach

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS OF PRAYER
available in the Narthex March 6–April 20, 2019. Please check
in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian
Layperson.

PEACE KEYS: Trustees are trying to find out who has Church,
Garage, Parsonage, or Lincoln ST. keys only to better identify
who has a key, and it is not our intent to ask you to turn your key
in unless you want to. Glen Krueger, Trustee Chairman will be
in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday Services.

BENEFIT: Support Donna's Fight Saturday, March 9, 2019
from 11am to 3 pm at Zion Lutheran in Hastings, 465 S. Marian
Road, jenniferkothe1993@gmail.com or Cindy 402-984-1366.

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL: "Preparing Students for real
life success & for eternity!" Join us for RALLY NIGHT at Zion
Lutheran School! Tuesday, March 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Meet
our Teachers, Free Nacho Bar! www.zionhastings.org or call
402-462-5012 465 South Marian Road, Hastings, NE

LIFEQUOTE: "The next time you are burdened with guilt and wondering if God can really forgive you again, look to the cross of Jesus. There He proved His love by giving up His life to pay for your sin. Witness the supreme proof of your forgiveness, which God provided in the resurrection. There He removes all doubts about who He is and what He did for us. We have absolute certainty that we are forgiven and bound for heaven because of Jesus. It's the truth!" *Rev. Jonathan M. Kruschel, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Season of Lent, Divorce, Sex Abuse Among Southern Baptists, Jesus Clearing the Temple and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS Quinquagesima

Luke 18:35 - "As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging." Who is not a beggar? All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this can leave us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts. And this thankful acknowledgment of all the Lord's gifts is also what forms the basis of our generous giving.

Quinquagesima

March 3rd
9:00am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact an Elder.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with any of our Elders before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with an Elder prior to the service check with our Head Elder, Roger Buck, during the week, see bottom of page for contact information.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Patt Lentfer + Peggy Saddler + Hudson Quandt (Infant) + Rodney Rose + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Diane Gundlach + Carol Krause + Lindsay Brettman + Margret Herbert + Jean Thom + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Angel Adz + Kathy Sneed + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplin, U.S. Navy, Retired
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
Altar Guild: Mar. Jeanne B., Marge O. Apr. Tonda W., Jackie R.
Ushers: 9:00am Ron F., Roger B. Apr. Craig W.
Elders: 03/03 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472 03/10 Roger B. 308-390-3484
Bus Drivers: 03/03 Harold H. 402-684-9666 03/10 Wes. C. 402-984-4650

For emergencies during the Vacancy please contact Head Elder, Roger Buck at 308-390-3484 or email at personemlz@charter.net.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Last Week's Attendance 111
Last Week's Offering \$ No Service
Weekly Need \$ 2,250.28

OTD II Capital Campaign *Remaining Loan Balance as of 1/31/2019* \$ 113,993

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.

A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.

Questions? Contact our Bookkeeper, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com

The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 3rd	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Voters' Meeting
Monday, March 4th	6:00pm	Men's Steak Night
Tuesday, March 5th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, March 6th	11:00am	Senior Bible Study/11:30a Lunch
	Ash Wednesday: 5:30pm	Meal - Elders
	6:00pm	Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship 7:30pm Youth
Thursday, March 7th	1:30pm	L.W.M.L.
	7:00pm	Board of Trustees
Sunday, March 10th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Study

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

Faith Alone

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31-43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him "Son of David." Indeed, Jesus is the Lord's anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1-13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1-13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3-7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

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Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

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" See Jesus Clearly "

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The Words of our Lord

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Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis

Thanksgiving & Collect

Salutation & Benedicamus

Benediction

Hymn #538

Postlude

Quinquagesima

3 March 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT (Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3)



*Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,**

a strong fortress to | save me!

*For you are my rock and my | fortress;**

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

*In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;**

in your righteousness de- | liver me!

*Into your hand I commit my | spirit;**

you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

*Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;**

my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.

*Make your face shine on your | servant;**

save me in your | steadfast love!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (Ps. 77:14-15)

*You are the God who works | wonders;**

you have made known your might among the | peoples.

*You with your arm redeemed your | people,**

the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

TRACT (Ps. 100:1-3)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

Know that the Lord, | he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:3-7

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
"Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you."
⁶Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁷then shall the lame man leap like a
deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for
joy.
For waters break forth in the
wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of
water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie
down,
the grass shall become reeds and
rushes.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

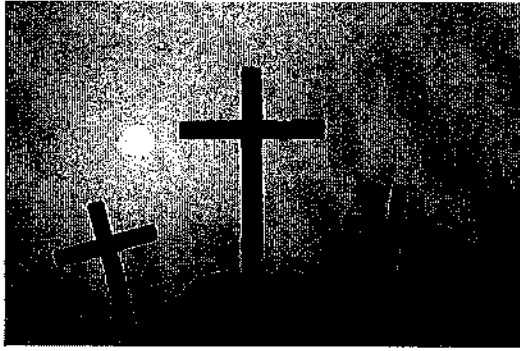
¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of
angels, but have not love, I am a noisy
gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have
prophetic powers, and understand all
mysteries and all knowledge, and if I
have all faith, so as to remove
mountains, but have not love, I am
nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I
deliver up my body to be burned, but
have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is
patient and kind; love does not envy or
boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does
not insist on its own way; it is not
irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice
at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the
truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all
things, hopes all things, endures all
things. ⁸Love never ends. As for
prophecies, they will pass away; as for
tongues, they will cease; as for
knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we

know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but
when the perfect comes, the partial will
pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke
like a child, I thought like a child, I
reasoned like a child. When I became a
man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we
see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.
Now I know in part; then I shall know
fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So
now faith, hope, and love abide, these
three; but the greatest of these is love.

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:31-43

³¹Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them,
"See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and
everything that is written about the Son of
Man by the prophets will be accomplished.
³²For he will be delivered over to the
Gentiles and will be mocked and
shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³And
after flogging him, they will kill him, and on
the third day he will rise." ³⁴But they
understood none of these things. This
saying was hidden from them, and they did
not grasp what was said. ³⁵As he drew near
to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the
roadside begging. ³⁶And hearing a crowd
going by, he inquired what this meant.
³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is
passing by." ³⁸And he cried out, "Jesus, Son
of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹And those
who were in front rebuked him, telling him
to be silent. But he cried out all the more,
"Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰And
Jesus stopped and commanded him to be
brought to him. And when he came near,
he asked him, "What do you want me to
do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me
recover my sight." ⁴¹And Jesus said to him,
"Recover your sight; your faith has made
you well." ⁴²And immediately he recovered
his sight and followed him, glorifying God.
And all the people, when they saw it, gave
praise to God.

Wednesdays in Lent



<i>Ash Wed</i>	<i>3/06</i>	<i>Supper by Elders</i>
<i>Lent 1</i>	<i>3/13</i>	<i>Supper by Senior Youth</i>
<i>Lent 2</i>	<i>3/20</i>	<i>Supper by Church Council</i>
<i>Lent 3</i>	<i>3/27</i>	<i>Supper by L. W. M. L.</i>
<i>Lent 4</i>	<i>4/03</i>	<i>Supper by Finance, Endowment</i>
<i>Lent 5</i>	<i>3/21</i>	<i>Supper by Trustees</i>

Supper served from 5:30 – 6:30pm
Family Night Classes & Choir 6:00pm-6:50pm
Lent Service 7:00pm



Share the Joy of Easter

LWML is arranging for Easter Lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The lilies will symbolize the Resurrection of Our Lord as it is joyfully proclaimed on Easter.

Donation for a lily is \$9.00, checks payable to Peace LWML. Give this form and payment to Janelle Ham 722 S Hastings, Hastings, NE 68901 or the Church Office by Sunday, April 7th.

Again this year we ordered 20 Easter Lilies. If you wish to pick up an Easter Lily on Sunday, April 28th please let us know by circling --- yes.

Please give the following information for the bulletin:

Given in Memory _____

Given In Honor _____

Given By _____

- When we pray the Kyrie during the Divine Service or privately we can think of Jesus asking us this same question: "What do you want Me to do for you?" We don't pray the Kyrie idly, with nothing in particular in mind, but we trust that the same Lord who stopped this entire procession so that He could inquire of a blind beggar stops before us poor beggars and inclines his ear to us as well.

He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight."

- "Lord" – The relation of a begging subject to a merciful and almighty King.
 - "Let me recover my sight" – Perhaps more literally, "Let me see again." We pray the same thing going into Lent. "Let me see again. Jesus, let me see again your cross and passion, your precious death and burial (Luke 22:47–23:56). Let me see again your blood of the new covenant, shed for me for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 22:20; Matthew 26:26-28). Let me see again your love that is patient and kind (1 Corinthians 13). Let me see again how you give up your body (Luke 22:19)."
- ⁴² And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well."
- Literally, "See again, your faith has saved you." What's important here isn't that his faith made him physically see again. It won't be long and his eyes will sleep the sleep of death. What's important is that his faith saved him, that his eyes will open again on the Last Day and behold the same Lord who stands before him when his eyes open in this account. It is this faith that we desire: saving faith that sees Jesus.
- ⁴³ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.
- "Followed him" – He continued in the procession that led to Jerusalem, that led to the cross, that led to the death of Christ.
 - "Glorifying God" is what beggars do: "This one here, he did this for me." This is the briefest definition of what it means to glorify or praise God: simply recount what he has done.

Summary: As with the last two weeks, this last Sunday in the pre-Lent season teaches us to despair of ourselves and rely on the grace of Jesus. We are beggars before a merciful King. The Alleluias are about to disappear, but the Kyrie never does. Jesus' ears remain constantly open to our cries. We receive our wages according to his desire to give, we receive the Word according to his reckless love, and we cry to him as beggars who have nothing, but expect to gain all good things from his nail-pierced hand.



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QUINQUAGESIMA

50 days before Easter

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Andrew Richard

Collect of the Day:

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit:

Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16 (antiphon: v. 2b-3) – *An extended Kyrie*

Psalm:

146 (antiphon: v. 2) – *"The LORD opens the eyes of the blind."*

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 35:3-7 – *Jesus fulfills this prophecy in today's Gospel reading*

Gradual:

Psalm 77:14-15 – *God works wonders, the foremost being redemption*

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 – *The love of Christ never fails and never ends*

Tract:

Psalm 100:1-3 – *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

LUKE 18:31-43 ESV

Author and Date:

Written by St. Luke who compiled eyewitness testimony of the ministry of Jesus, likely writing between AD 58-60 while he kept company with St. Paul during Paul's imprisonment in Caesarea. Luke 18:31-43 has parallels in Matthew 20:17-19, 29-34 and Mark 10:32-34, 46-52. Between the two parts of today's account, Matthew and Mark both include the request of James and John to sit at Jesus' right and left in his kingdom. Jesus replies, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). The healing of the blind man illustrates Jesus' service to mankind as he prepares to serve in an even greater way by offering his life as our ransom.

³¹ And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

- Verses 31-34 detail the "going out" of the master of the house two weeks ago and the sower last week. This is what Jesus came out to do.
- This is the third time Jesus has foretold His death, the first time in Luke 9:21-22, the second in Luke 9:43-45. This third one is the most detailed.
- The prophecy from Isaiah 35, "written about the Son of Man," will begin to be fulfilled on the way with the healing of the blind man (35:5). The remainder of that prophecy will be fulfilled at the cross where the "haunt of jackals" (35:7) on Golgotha is transformed into the restoration of paradise to mankind.

³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise."

- Jesus details with incredible detail and accuracy what is going to happen to Him.

³⁴ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

- The disciples were blind to what Jesus was saying (to pick up the language from the next section of the text). They would certainly see everything happen to Jesus, but they wouldn't understand it rightly until Luke 24:45 when Jesus appears to His disciples on the day of His resurrection: "Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

³⁵ As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.

- Jericho is about 15 miles east-northeast of Jerusalem. This is the procession that will turn into Jesus' procession into Jerusalem in Luke 19:28ff.
- We can see parallels between the disciples and the blind beggar. They don't see for themselves, but have to ask things of others. We should also see ourselves in the blind beggar. We have nothing before Jesus. Our great sin is failing to realize this.

We become confident of ourselves, like a blind man who thinks he has 20/20 vision, like a beggar who thinks he's a millionaire. The final step as we approach Lent is seeing ourselves for what we are: blind beggars who need to see Jesus.

³⁶ And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

- The people announce Jesus as heralds going before the King.

³⁸ And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

- The beggar erupts with begging, praying the Kyrie very loudly.
- "In the ancient world, the king would sometimes visit a village or city. Anticipating his coming, villagers would line the road waiting for him to appear, and as he entered the city they would cry, 'Lord, have mercy!' Amid their shouts, one could also hear petitions from the crowd for gifts that reflected the king's mercy, such as food, protection, lower taxes, and always and most important, peace. Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem is an excellent example of this. In the Eastern Church, Christians adopted the practice of petitioning for gifts with cries of mercy as the clergy entered the church during the procession to the altar at the beginning of the service. This secular practice was adopted for their King — the King of the Universe — for He was coming to them in His Word to bring the gifts of His presence." (Arthur Just, *Heaven on Earth*, 189)

³⁹ And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

- This is what the devil tries to do. He tries to make you silent before Jesus: "He doesn't care, he doesn't want to hear it, he doesn't want to be bothered by you." And this is because prayer is detrimental to the devil's schemes, as it says in the Large Catechism, "What do you think has accomplished such great results in the past, parrying the counsels and plots of our enemies and checking their murderous and seditious designs by which the devil expected to crush us, and the gospel as well, except that the prayers of a few godly people intervened like an iron wall on our side?... Now they may confidently laugh and make their snide comments. But by prayer alone we shall be a match both for them and for the devil, if only we persevere and do not become weary" (III.31).
- The opposition to the blind beggar's prayer doesn't silence him, but makes him cry out louder still. This is what faith does: it clings to what it knows of Jesus and ignores everything else. "With the inward eyes of his heart this blind man saw inside of Christ more than all the Jews did with their outward eyes" (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 102).

⁴⁰ And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?"

- "Jesus stopped" — Literally "Jesus stood." This is significant because Jesus just told His disciples He has an urgent date with death and yet takes the time to pause for our lowly human needs. This gives us confidence that our Lord is never too busy or preoccupied to hear our petitions and begging.