

## 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 Pastor Gaunt 308-627-7238.

**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 Pastor Gaunt know beforehand!

**All Guests** should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

## Prayers of the Church

**Upcoming Wedding** + Molly Conner & Cody Rajdl **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Maxine Weseman + Kay Krueger + Allen Glathar + Kase and Daniel Klein + Linda Parsons + Mabel Schmidt + Celeste Neimoth + Al Kress **Expecting** + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler **Health Issues** + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Josh Schroetlin + Nickie Shellberg + Morgan Hanson + Kara Nissen + Judy Meier + Maria Gomez + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

## In His Service

Minister: Rev. Micah R. Gaunt  
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Mr. Tim Yurk  
 Altar Guild: Jan. Mary W., Marge O. Feb. Ruth A., Ethel S.  
 Elders: 01/12 Kevin H. 402-984-2182 01/19 Roger B. 308-390-3484  
 Bus Drivers: 01/12 Gary O. 402-469-9797 01/19 Gary O. 402-469-9797

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

Last Week's Attendance 120  
Last Week's Offering \$ 4,077.00  
Weekly Need \$ 3,475.00  
 OTD II Capital Campaign: Remaining Loan Balance as of 12 31 19 is \$.00 balance

*For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.  
 A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.  
 Contact our Treasurer, Jerry Blazer jblazer@lmme.com Office Hours: 9a-12p-1p-4p Monday-Friday*

## 2020 Theme: All In-Being Present in an Age of Distraction

### *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.

#### From the Catechism:

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans, Chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

**Take Home Questions:** Listen for the words "My Son" or "beloved Son" during the service. What other places do we hear these words this week? Who is speaking these words?

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Amos 9:11-15, Romans 12:6-16, John 2:1-11

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, January 12th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Monday, January 13th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
	4:00pm	L.W.M.L. Executive Board
	6:00pm	Men's Steak Night
	7:00pm	Right to Life Board
Tuesday, January 14th	7:00pm	Board-Elders
Wednesday, January 15th	6:00pm	Choir and Midweek Classes
		Bible Study on (Vocation)
Sunday, January 19th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	1:00pm	Stewardship Committee
	4:00pm	Youth Group

Prelude & Ringing of Bells  
 Hymn #401  
 Confession & Absolution p. 184  
**Service of the Word**  
 Introit *insert*  
 Gloria Patri  
 Kyrie  
 Gloria in Excelsis  
 Salutation and Collect  
 First Reading  
 Gradual  
 Epistle Reading  
 Alleluia & Verse  
 Holy Gospel  
 Nicene Creed p. 191  
 Hymn of the Day #406  
 Sermon  
 Offertory & Offering  
 Prayer of the Church  
**Service of the Sacrament** p.194  
 Preface & Proper Preface  
 Sanctus & Lord's Prayer  
 The Words of Our Lord  
 Pax Domini & Agnus Dei  
 Distribution & Hymns #623 #594 #601 #404  
 Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis  
 Thanksgiving & Collect  
 Salutation & Benedicamus  
 Benediction  
 Hymn #405  
 Postlude  
 Announcements  
 P: *Go In Peace*  
 C: **Thanks Be To God!**

# News and Notes of Interest

*Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!*

Thanks be to God for our Members and Supporters over the last 5 years whose generosity have given over 1 million dollars to the Open the Doors of Peace and Open the Doors of Peace II capital campaigns. Through *Faith* and a lot of hard work, Peace opened the doors of the new addition on September 10, 2017 and continues to use the facility for funerals, bible studies, serving meals and many other ways in service to our Lord and Savior. As you read this we would like to inform everyone that the loan balance for the new addition has reached zero as the loan has been paid off. Thank you to all. The Board of Finance

2 Corinthians 9:8-10 <sup>8</sup>And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup>Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

**Wednesday, January 15 Vocation Class 6:00pm**

(6) Week Bible Study on Vocation led by Dustin Russell

**Deb Johnson-Family Budgeting 10:30am**

Sunday, January 26th

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 01/12 Joan Primrose 01/13 Ethan Wolfe, Allison Haller, Janie Hinrichs 01/14 Becky Hesterman

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 01/13 Kevin Hart 01/15 Don Nissen

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 01/15 Willard & Carol Garlock

**PORTALS of PRAYER & HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS** available in the Narthex, copies January 6th - February 1st, 2020. Study Notes for the Christian Layperson in bulletin.

**BLOOD DRIVE** On Friday, January 31st from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm the Heartland Lutheran National Honor Society Students will be hosting a Blood Drive for the Red Cross. Please donate and help them reach their goal of over 30 usable units, which enables student scholarships. Please Contact the HLHS office at 308-385-3900 for a donation time.

**THRIVENT Members** who have health ins, investments, Medicare supplement insurance or a Thrivent loan you most likely are entitled to Thrivent choice dollars. Thrivent is a mutual company and doesn't pay taxes therefore they must give away a large amount to individuals who are eligible or they will just give it away to a charitable organization. You can go on line [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) or phone 800-847-4836 to direct your dollars to Peace Lutheran Church. You must do this between Jan. 10-Mar. 31 for your previous years dollars. Questions, Glen Krueger.

**FIRE BANQUET** - Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Adams Co. Fairgrounds in Hastings. Proceeds go to benefit the two Lutheran schools in Adams County. Doors open 5 pm; the banquet is at 6:30pm live and silent auctions to follow. Tickets are \$60/each or a reserved table of ten for \$800. Zion-Hastings (462-5012), Christ Lutheran(744-4991), Ruhter Auction (463.8565).

**LIFEQUOTE** "But the value of children as treasured human beings demonstrated in the ministry of Jesus reflects a God who cherishes the least, the last, and the most vulnerable ... As the Christmas season gives way to Epiphany, Christians around the world are invited to worship the Child Jesus Who was worshipped by kings. And all are invited to wonder and consider the mystery of a faith that proclaims the weakness of God and the foolishness of God to be strength and wisdom. The one who said, 'Suffer the little children and do not hinder them from coming to me' is the God revealed in a Child." *Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**LUTHERAN TALK & MUSIC 24/7**...You can listen to Lutheran talk and Lutheran music anytime, anywhere in 2020 with the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app. Download the app for iPhone, Android and Kindle at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or at the App Store.

**LCMS Baptism of Our Lord**

**Matt. 3:15** - "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'" The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.

Baptism of Our Lord

January 12th  
9:00am



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## **FREE MOVIE for Everyone!**

### Two Showings

Sunday, January 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Hastings Museum Theatre

1330 B, Burlington Avenue, Hastings, NE

All Abby Johnson wanted to do was help women. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood and one of the Youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, until the day she saw something that changed everything.

Free Popcorn with Student ID

Seating is limited.

Doors open 15 minutes prior to showtime.

Due to the movie's rating, parents must be present with any minor, age 16 and under. Younger teenagers should see this movie also.

# The Baptism of Our Lord

12 January 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 89:1, 26-28; antiphon: Lit. Text, Ps. 89:20*)



*Behold the Lord, the rul- / er, has come, \**

*and the kingdom and the power and the glory are / in his hand.*

*I have found David, my | servant; \**

*with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.*

*I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever; \**

*with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- / ations.*

*He shall cry to me, "You are my | Father, \**

*my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation."*

*And I will make him the | firstborn, \**

*the highest of the kings | of the earth.*

*My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever, \**

*and my covenant will stand | firm for him.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

GRADUAL (*Ps. 72:18-19*)

*Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel, \**

*who alone does | wondrous things.*

*Blessèd be his glorious name for- | ever; \**

*may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and | Amen!*

VERSE (*Ps. 143:10*)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*

*Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

### Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

### Epistle:

#### 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

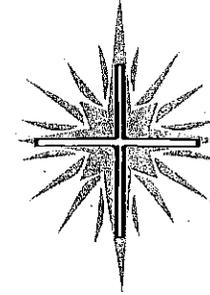
<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose

what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

### Holy Gospel:

#### Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. C. Brian Bucklew

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**Collect of the Day:**

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Introit:**

Psalm 89:1, 26-28 (antiphon: liturgical text; Psalm 89:20) — *The LORD, the ruler, has come*

**Psalm:**

Psalm 85 (antiphon: v. 9) — *Salvation is near to those who fear Him*

**Old Testament Reading:**

Isaiah 42:1-7 — *The Lord's Chosen Servant*

**Gradual:**

Psalm 72:18-19 — *Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel*

**Epistle:**

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 — *Christ Jesus became to us wisdom from God*

**Verse:**

Psalm 143:10 — *Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.*



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## Matthew 3:13-17 ESV

### Author and Date:

Matthew Levi the apostle around AD 50. This is the Baptism of Jesus, who is revealed to be the Son of God, and who prepares the waters of Baptism for us. (Matthew 28:19; Titus 3:5-8).

**13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him**

- This is the same river Jordan that was miraculously parted by the Lord in Joshua 3-4, where the Lord through Elijah and Elisha miraculously divided its waters (2 Kings 2:8, 13-14), and where Naaman the leper was miraculously cleansed of his leprosy (2 Kings 5:14).
- Now people were being baptized here by John, confessing their sins (Mark 1:5). John was proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). The forgiveness of sins by God's Word and water is an even greater healing than that of Naaman the leper. Why then is Jesus, the sinless Son of God, coming to be baptized?

**14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"**

- John is confessing that he is unworthy to baptize Jesus, because John is a sinner but Jesus is the sinless Son of God. John knows he is not worthy to even untie the strap Jesus' sandal, much less to baptize him (John 1:27).

**15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.**

- Here is the answer from Jesus' own mouth on why He is baptized: to fulfill all righteousness. "In other words, in order that poor sinners might come to righteousness and be saved, [Jesus says to John, you must now baptize me. For I have for the sake of sinners become a sinner and must fulfill that which God imposed upon sinners, in order that they might become righteous through me." (Martin Luther, *House Postils: Epiphany: Third Sermon* – 1534). "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

- St. John Chrysostom says of this verse: "I am come to do away the curse that is appointed for the transgression of the law. I must therefore first fulfill it all, and having delivered you from its condemnation, in this way bring it to an end. It becometh me therefore to fulfill the whole law, by the same rule that it becometh me to do away the curse that is written against you in the law: this being the very purpose of my assuming flesh and coming hither." (*Homily XII, Matt. III., 13.*)

**16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;**

- This verse is beautifully explained in the Collect of the Day: "Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit."
- The one who came down from heaven has the heavens opened to Him. He is anointed by the Holy Spirit resting on Him. This is fitting, for He is the Christ (Christ means the "Anointed One"), conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary

**17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."**

- The entire Trinity is present and at work in Holy Baptism. The Father is pleased on account of Christ who is with the waters of baptism. The Holy Spirit comes upon the baptized. Jesus is not merely setting an example in being baptized. Jesus is sanctifying the waters of baptism with His very body. He is the Word with the water (Ephesians 5:26). He is the Word made flesh (John 1:14).
- Heaven is opened to the baptized. Jesus' baptism not only shows, but ensures that "baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word." (*Small Catechism, Baptism*)