

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

Welcome!

"...Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5: 19-21



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 Trinity, Campbell Hospice + Maxine Weseman
Newborn Birth of Calvin to Allison Haller **Health Issues** + Jenny Brogan (Daughter of Jan Hinze) + Duane Hoegren (Katie Hoin's Father) + June Rose + Lisa Novak + Kellie Boutin + Linda Parsons + Don Nissen + Kara Nissen + John Parsons + Dee Janssen **Missions** Wellspring Pregnancy Health Center, David Preus Family, Heartland Lutheran, Zion Classical Academy
Military + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Micah R. Gaunt
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt
 Altar Guild: December Tonda Wolfe
 Elders: Dick LeBeau, Derek Zeisler, Dustin Russell
 Acolyte: Arnold Gaunt

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	Dec. 17	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer (<i>West wing</i>)
		9:00am	Divine Service
		10:15am	Sunday School, Bible Study-opening
Monday-Friday	18-22	8:30am	Prayer Service
Monday	Dec. 18	11:00am	Senior Bible Study -Village Diner
Tuesday	Dec. 19	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday	Dec. 20	2:00pm	Calling + Caring
		5:30pm	Meal - L.W.M.L.
		6:00pm	Choir
		7:00pm	Advent Worship III
Saturday	Dec. 23	10:00am	Children's Program Practice
Sunday	Dec. 24	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer (<i>West wing</i>)
		9:00am	Divine Service
		6:00pm	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols w/Childrens' Program

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way for the Lord

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord . . ." (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah's coming through repentance, for "all flesh is grass" (Isa. 40:6). Now He asks from prison, "Are you the one who is to come . . .?" (Matt. 11:2). Jesus' works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord's hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The "stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ's overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God's people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.



Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
Hymn	#344
Confession & Absolution	p. 184
Service of the Word	
Introit	<i>insert</i>
Gloria Patri	p.186
Kyrie	
Salutation and Collect	
First Reading	
Gradual	
Epistle Reading	
Alleluia & Verse	
Holy Gospel	
Nicene Creed	
Hymn of the Day	#345
Sermon	Matthew 11:2-10
Offertory	
Offering (choir)	
"The Moon with Borrowed Light"	
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	#622 #338 #354
Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis	
Thanksgiving & Collect	
Salutation & Benedicamus	
Benediction	
Hymn	#346
Postlude	
Announcements	
<i>P: Go In Peace</i>	
C: "Thanks Be To God!"	

News and Notes of Interest

Divine Service: Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M.
10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study-opening

Daily Prayer. During the season of Advent, Pr. Gaunt will be leading a prayer service **Monday - Friday at 8:30 am.** This is an informal service, though we will use one of the prayer offices from the hymnal. The intent is to watch and pray as we wait for Christ's appearing - lifting our hearts to God on behalf of our families, the church, and the world. We hope that if you can't join us in presence, you can join us in spirit.

Human Care- Christmas Gifts— Here's how you can help! We will have collection boxes in the Narthex starting 12/3. Please donate your new gifts by: Sunday December 17th. The groups provided a list of items that would help most: CASA Undergarments for boys and girls all sizes, Socks, Mittens/Gloves/Hats/Scarfs by December 17th..

Christmas Gifts for Children & Veterans can always use gift cards for food, stores for supplies. See the list on the table for further gift ideas. Gift cards should be handed to Susan Thompson or Elders by December 17th. Thanks!.

Last Week Birthdays 12/15 Gerald Hoins 12/16 Brooklyn Boutin, Susan Fullerton & **Baptismal** 12/15 Elijah Russell **Birthdays** 12/17 Mary Wolzen 12/20 Arielle Kathman 12/21 Dan Witt 12/23 Dick LeBeau **Baptismal** 12/17 Adalynn Swier 12/20 Lyla Russell 12/21 Brock, Hayden & Jessica Hammond, Peyton Blakley

Savior of the Nations, Come (LSB # 332) is the Hymn of the Season during December. You can watch Dr. Hesterman give us a brief background and teaching about the hymn on our YouTube channel. Just type in "[Peace Lutheran Church Hastings Nebraska - YouTube](#)". When you get there look for "Hymn of the Month".

Lifequote "I don't know what exactly you expect this Christmas. But I can tell you to set your expectations high as you listen to God's Advent call. Listen to His promises. Look in the manger. And you'll find hope and unity now and into eternity." • [lutheransforlife.org](#)

Sunday, December 24th

9AM Divine Service -Fourth Sunday in Advent
6PM Christmas Eve Lessons, Carols w/childrens' program

Monday, December 25

9AM Christmas Day Divine Service

Christmas Prayer Habit (December 1st - 31st)

Preliminaries

Set aside time for prayer. When will you pray each day? Where will you pray? Where will you keep your bible, hymnal, bulletin, etc.? Guard this time against the devil, the world, and your flesh, but not against the needs of your neighbor.

Fundamental Practice - Pray Scripture

Pray Psalm 27 out loud every day.

Pray from the Divine Service. *What did you hear in Sunday's readings, sermon, liturgy, or hymns? Pray about it all week long. Is there something to **thank God for?** **confess?** **ask for?***

Read a chapter of Proverbs each day. (There are 31 chapters.) *What verse(s) stood out? Is there a verse worth memorizing? Talk to God about what you hear. As you have time throughout the day, re-read the verse, ponder, and pray.*

Looking for more?

Sing/Pray/Memorize

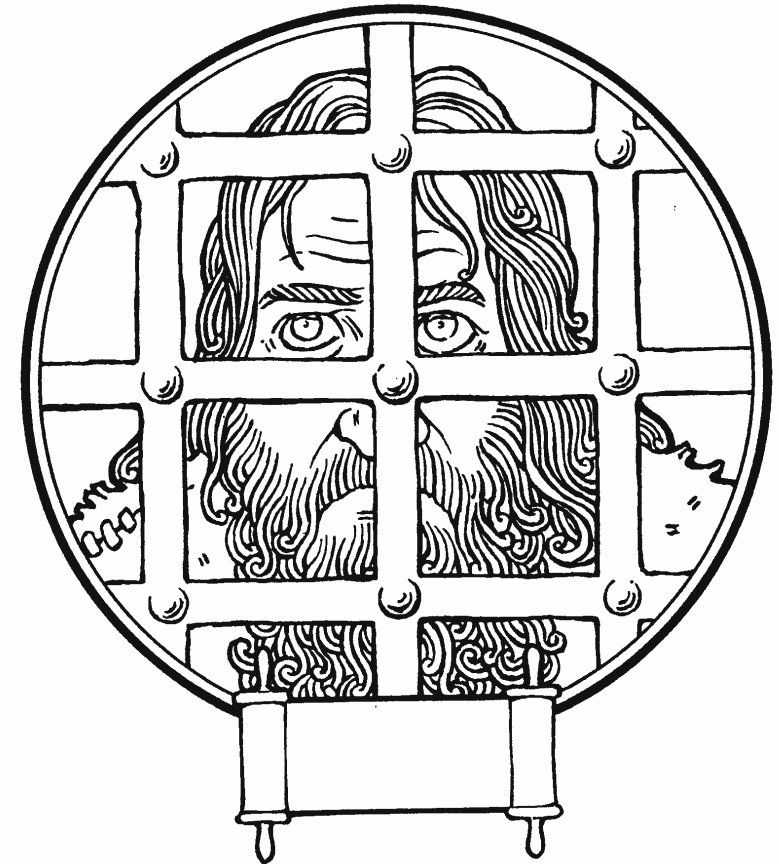
Hymn #332 *Savior of the Nations Come.*

Pray the 10 Commandments, Creed, and Lord's Prayer while remembering the needs of your neighbor.

Next Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-19,
Philippians 4:4-7, John 1:19-28.

Third Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting 3

December 17th
9:00am



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