

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

Welcome!

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42



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 Grace, Franklin Mourning + Family of Marten Brewer (nephew of Gary and Marge Ockinga) **Hospice** + Maxine Weseman **Health Issues** + Janet Riese + Dick LeBeau + 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 + Rev. Glen Gutz (deliberating a call)

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: 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	Dec. 24	9:00am	Divine Service
		6:00pm	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols w/Childrens' Program
Monday	Dec. 25	9:00am	Christmas Day Divine Service
Tuesday	Dec. 26		office closed
Sunday	Dec. 31	9:00am	Divine Service
		10:15am	Sunday School, Bible Study-opening

John the Baptizer Points Everyone to the Messiah

The coming of God in all His unveiled power at Mount Sinai was terrifying to the people of Israel. The thundering voice of the Lord puts sinners in fear of death (Deut. 18:15-19). God, therefore, raised up a prophet like Moses—the Messiah, the Christ. God came to His people veiled in human flesh. The skies poured down the Righteous One from heaven; the earth opened her womb and brought forth Salvation (Introit) through the blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of the Lord (Luke 1:39-56). The fruit of her womb is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the One whose sandal strap John was not worthy to loose (John 1:19-28). In Jesus we are delivered from fear and anxiety. In Him alone we have the peace of God which surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:4-7).



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Hymn	#347
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Salutation & Benedicamus	
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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.

6 PM Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols,
w/Children's Program

Monday, December 25

9AM Christmas Day Divine Service

8:30 AM Daily Prayer will continue after the week of Christmas starting Tuesday, January 2nd-5th. 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 join us in spirit.

Birthdays 12/27 Christy Robinson 12/28 Archie Augustin, Allen Glathar, Lee Melvin 12/30 Jamie Russ **Baptismal** 12/26 Carolyn McClure, Liza Grotelueschen 12/29 Justin Thurin **Wedding Anniversary** 12/30 Larry & Jessica Hammond

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".

2024 Calendar Update should be handed in by January 3rd by all Boards and Committees to the church office. Your time and effort is very much appreciated. **Church Council**

Wednesday Communion Service. Starting January 10th we will be offering the Divine Service with Communion starting at 5 pm. We will follow an abbreviated spoken liturgy with no hymns. The service will be done around 5:30. We are continuing to discover that Holy Communion is the lifeblood of the church, and the sustenance we need for our journey with Christ. Note that the intent is not to replace but to supplement the Sunday morning service. Likewise, those who are unable to get to church on Sundays, might find Wednesday an option in the week. We are offering this service on a trial basis. Please contact Pr. Gaunt with any questions.

Wednesday Night Schedule

January 10, 2024 5:30 PM Meal

6:15 PM Catechetical Service

Sunday, January 21 Quarterly Voters' Meeting 10:15 AM

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: Isaiah 11:1-5, Galatians 4:1-7, Luke 2:(22-32).

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting 3

December 24th
9:00am



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