

✧ 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 Christ, Juniata **Hospice** + Maxine Weseman **Health Issues** + Betty Krueger + 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: 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. 31	9:00am	Divine Service
		10:15am	Sunday School, Bible Study-opening
Monday	Jan. 1		Office closed
Tuesday	Jan. 2	9:30am	Bible Study
Sunday	Jan. 7	9:00am	Divine Service
		10:15am	Sunday School, Bible Study-opening

The Seed of David Comes to His Temple

A Rod has come forth from the stem of Jesse (Is. 11:1-5)—the Seed of David whose kingdom shall be established forever (2 Sam. 7:1-16). In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son Jesus to redeem us from the judgment of the Law (Gal. 4:1-7). Now He is presented in the temple in fulfillment of the Law and revealed to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:22-40). Christ has enlightened us in baptism, giving us to be adopted as sons of God and heirs of eternal life. Receiving the Holy Sacrament of His body and blood, we are prepared to depart this world in peace, for our eyes have seen the salvation of God in Him.



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Announcements

P: Go In Peace

C: Thanks Be To God!

News and Notes of Interest

Divine Service: 9 AM Sunday, December 31st
10:30 AM Sunday School, Bible Study – opening

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 12/31 Ezlynn O'Shea 1/02 John Parsons,
Amy Russell 1/04 Ron Fullerton 1/05 Keegan Morgan,
Jeff Young 1/06 Arlene Carlson, Ethan Hoins,
Wayne Archer, Lisa Carllson
Wedding Anniversary 12/31 Brian & Jennie Theesen

Of the Father's Love Begotten (LSB # 384) 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**

L.W.M.L. January 8th 10am-3pm Sewing at Peace
4pm Executive Board Meeting

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: 1 Kings 8:6-13, Romans 12:1-5, Luke 2:41-52.

First Sunday after Christmas
Divine Service Setting 3

December 31st
9:00am



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