

## News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!  
**Divine Service Schedule Change:** Starting Sunday, February 3, 2019 Divine Service will begin at 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

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 2/05 Aaron Nissen 2/06 Cassandra Stack 2/07 Mary Black, Mike Zimmerman, Jamie O'Shea 2/08 Hunter Dalland, Vickie Haubold, Linda Parsons, Kathy Stutesman 2/09 Sawyer Black

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 2/03 Elik O'Shea  
2/07 Jamie O'Shea, Randy Scott, Peggy Saddler

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 2/06 Clint & Summer Nunenkamp 2/09 Alan & Carolyn Fredricks, Kelvin & Mary Wolzen

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS OF PRAYER** available in the Narthex February 10-March 5, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

### SPARE CHANGE • CHANGE HEARTS

Wellspring Pregnancy + Health Center offers pro-life Christ centered pregnancy, parenting and sexual health resources to our community. They are currently raising money to continue their life-saving work. Baby bottles/Envelopes are in the Narthex. Return them to the Church Office by Feb. 10th. Your donations stay here locally to help Wellspring offer pro-life support to the young people in the Hastings area. Joan Primrose

**CARD SHOWER & OPEN HOUSE:** Saturday, February 16, 2019, 1:00-4:00pm for NADEEN'S "80th" BIRTHDAY. More Details & to R.S.V.P. see Narthex table. Nadeen's Family

**FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!** The 14<sup>th</sup> annual FIRE banquet returns on March 2, at the Adams Co. Fairgrounds in Hastings. Doors open at 5 pm; banquet at 6:30 pm with live and silent auctions to follow. Tickets are \$60/person or \$800 for a reserved table of ten. Zion Lutheran (462-5012), Christ Lutheran (744-4991).

*Joyful Response-Electronic Offering Program* for more information please check-out forms on Narthex Table. Jan Hinze

**LIFEQUOTE** "God has given each of us a limited time to be on this earth, a purpose for that time, and people to share that time with. Don't wait for a near-death experience to teach you the lesson of appreciating to the fullest what God has given you. Life is too short." *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**YOU CAN TEACH LAYPEOPLE THEOLOGY...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 Epiphany Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light," The Book of Micah, The Patriarch Jacob, Jesus Calls the First Disciples and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

### LCMS (Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany)

**Matthew 8:25-26** - "And they went and woke him, saying, 'Save us, Lord; we are perishing.' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?' Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm." Faith means trusts. And if you trust your Heavenly Father, what need is there to fear? On the other hand, if you give in to your fears, you'll find that your faith fades to the background. A lot of our unfaithfulness in stewardship comes from fear. How would our generosity change if we trusted the Lord more?

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3rd  
9:00am



## Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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

**Mourning** + Family of Ray Fredricks + Family of Lee Daley **Expecting** + Kayla Reutzel **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Patt Lentfer + Peggy Saddler + Hudson Quandt (Infant) + Rodney Rose + Deb Johnson + Al Kress + Cathy Richards **Health Issues** + LaVona Henkel + 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: Feb. Ethel S., Ruth A. Mar. Jeanne B., Marge O.  
 Ushers: 9:00am Harold & Janelle Ham  
 Elders: 02/03 Kevin H. 402-984-2182 02/10 Roger B. 308-390-3484  
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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 129  
Last Week's Offering \$ 2,262.34  
Weekly Need \$ 2,250.28

OTD II Capital Campaign *Remaining Loan Balance as of 12/31/18* \$ 115,580

*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, February 3rd	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Monday, February 4th	6:00pm	Men's Steak Night
Tuesday, February 5th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, February 6th	5:30pm	Meal 6:00pm Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship 7:30pm Youth
Thursday, February 7th	1:30pm	L.W.M.L.
	7:00pm	Board-Trustees
Sunday, February 10th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class

*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*

## Jesus Is Lord of All Creation

In Jonah we see ourselves. For Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord (Jonah 1:1-17) even as we sinners turn our backs on God and go our own way. This brings the storm of God's judgment. But in Jonah we also see Christ. For even as he was in the great fish for three days and three nights, so also Christ Jesus was buried in the depths of death for us and raised on the third day. The Lord of creation, who rules over the wind and the wave (Matt. 8:23-27), saved us from the fury of divine wrath by taking the judgment in His own body. His love is the fulfillment of the Law (Rom. 13:8-10). Though our faith be weak in the face of peril, yet we are kept in safety on the ship of the Church; for the Son of God is with us. Though the whole creation groans with us under the curse, yet by Jesus' speaking, there is a great calm. For we know that our present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory to be revealed in us (Rom. 8:18-23).



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# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2019



**Introit** (Ps. 107:1, 8, 24-25; antiphon: Ps. 107:28-29)



Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.  
He made the | storm be still,\*  
and the waves of the | sea were hushed.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!  
Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,\*  
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!  
They saw the deeds | of the LORD,\*  
his wondrous works | in the deep.  
For he commanded and raised the | stormy wind,\*  
which lifted up the waves | of the sea.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.  
He made the | storm be still,\*  
and the waves of the | sea were hushed.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual (Ps. 102:15-16)

Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,\*  
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.  
For the LORD builds up | Zion,\*  
he appears in his | glory.

## Old Testament: Jonah 1:1–17

<sup>1</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." <sup>3</sup>But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup>Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup>So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish." <sup>7</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup>Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." <sup>10</sup>Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. <sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup>He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you."

<sup>13</sup>Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could

not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." <sup>15</sup>So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows. <sup>17</sup>And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

## Epistle: Romans 13:8–10

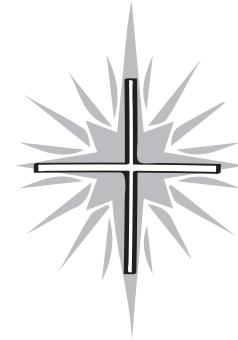
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:23–27

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup>And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup>And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." <sup>26</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup>And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

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- Mark 4:36 points to other boats with Jesus’ boat.
- Here is not an asking in ignorance but one of wonder and faith.
- God allows storms/trials to come upon us but He also rescues us in them so we can all the clearly see His protection. Jesus’ kingdom—His Church—is strengthened and grows by sorrow and trial as by these the Lord gets us to turn our attention away from us and toward Him. He uses them to perfect our faith and scold our weakness.
- May we ponder the mighty workings of our Lord for us!



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Gerhard Grabenhofer

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## Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 107:1, 8, 24-25 (antiphon: Psalm 107:28-29) — *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

## Psalm:

96 (antiphon: v. 2) — *God is to be praised for His greatness by His Church and all creation*

## Old Testament Reading:

Jonah 1:1-17 — *Jonah flees from the Lord and in the midst of a great storm is thrown into the sea and swallowed by a great fish*

## Gradual:

Psalm 102:15-16 — *The Gentiles, too, will fear the Lord and be brought into His Church!*

## Epistle:

Romans 8:18-23 — *Together with us, creation awaits our final redemption*

## Verse:

Psalm 97:1—*Alleluia. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Alleluia.*



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## Matthew 8:23-27 ESV

### Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused St. Matthew Levi the Apostle and Evangelist to write this gospel around AD 50. After much preaching and healing of many, in fulfillment of prophecy (8:17), Jesus reveals Himself as the God over nature.

**23 And when [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him.**

- The boat was prepared according to God's command. What is interesting is that although the boat looked like and actually was carrying Jesus, the God-man, it was really Jesus carrying the boat because He is the true God who is in control over all things. One aspect of this account is to show that Jesus is the true God, the Lord over creation. The Epiphany theme comes through so clearly—the Baby born at Christmas is indeed the true God, the King of Creation.

**24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.**

- Here is a tie in with today's collect: "We are set in the midst of so many and great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our fallen nature we cannot at any time stand upright. Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations."
- Where did the storm come from? Some would say the devil to try to destroy Jesus and the New Testament Church of the Twelve. Others, pointing to Psalm 107:25 ("For [the LORD] commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea."), would say that the Lord sent the sudden storm to show forth Jesus' glory and divinity. In either case all of nature is in an uproar seemingly collaborating to destroy the boat and its passengers. Perhaps what we have is both: the devil trying to destroy the boat and its passengers, and God allowing it in order to show the glory of Jesus. He allowed it for His good and gracious purposes.
- By this seismic action of the sea, the faith of the disciples was revealed and brought to light. It's easy to talk and think big, but faith is shone and shines in times of trial.
- It was a strenuous day for Jesus (8:1-22). He was exhausted from traveling and preaching and as true man, Jesus needed His rest.
- As true God, Jesus was still ruling all things, the universe, even though His divine majesty was concealed under His sleeping humanity.

- But here was an example of Jesus' perfect trust in His heavenly Father's protection (Matthew 27:43). This is a picture of that perfect rest of faith that we have in Him (Matthew 11:28).

- Luther points out: "When Christ is in the ship, it will not remain calm and the storms will rage." (cited in Georg Stoeckhard, *Die biblische Geschichte des Neuen Testaments*, 71) But our comfort is that Jesus is with us, even though He may seemingly be sleeping.

**25 And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing."**

- Here we see the picture of each of us Christians—faith is often mixed with unbelief. Their unbelief is seen in their panic, when they only saw the storm and not Jesus; but their faith is beautifully seen in that in danger, Jesus is their only thought. They recognize that He alone can help.
- Neither the disciples nor we have God's promise to keep us from trial that leads to death. However, we have the promise that God will not leave us in the hour of death. That means that whatever may come upon us, we have no reason to fear because God will only send/ allow what serves our spiritual and eternal good (Romans 8:28).

**26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.**

- Jesus doesn't reject them, but He admonishes them and the weakness of that faith. They had faith, but it was weak and Jesus would use this occasion—and every trial we face—to strengthen and deepen that faith. Even though a weak, stumbling faith is still faith and receives all of God's gifts and blessings in Jesus, how much better when that faith is strengthened and purified!
- Jesus is happy to dispel every fear. He hears every prayer prayed in faith—even in a weak faith.
- Jesus, the God-man, shows who He is. By virtue of the divine power and majesty shared with His human nature, a human voice controlled nature.
- That calm was instantaneous and complete. Jesus uses His divine omnipotence for our good and salvation.
- With nature obeying the voice of Jesus, we have a foreshadowing of the new creation we will enjoy.