

## 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

**Wedding Vows** + Cody & Molly Rajdl (Conner) **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Maxine Weseman + Kay Krueger + Allen Glathar + Linda Parsons + Mabel Schmidt + Celeste Neimoth + Al Kress **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + 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: unavailable - LSB CD Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Mr. Tim Yurk  
 Altar Guild: Jan. Mary W., Marge O. Feb. Ruth A., Ethel S.  
 Ushers: Jan. Walt Irmer Feb. Roger Buck, Mike Nissen  
 Elders: 01/19 Roger B. 308-390-3484 01/26 Dale G. 308-641-6658  
 Bus Drivers: 01/19 Gary O. 402-469-9797 01/26 Harold H. 402-984-9666

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

Last Week's Attendance 89  
Last Week's Offering \$ 1,428.00  
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@imne.com Office Hours: 9a-12p-1p-4p Monday-Friday*

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

### Jesus' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that *"the mountains shall drip sweet wine"* (Amos 9:11-15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1-11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The *"back"* of God (Ex. 33:12-23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation's curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22-32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to *"love one another with brotherly affection . . ."* and to *"outdo one another in showing honor"* (Rom. 12:6-16).

#### From the Catechism:

The Introduction  
 Our Father who art in heaven.  
 Our Father in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

**Take Home Questions:** Jesus was at a wedding feast when He changed water into wine as we hear in our Gospel. When do we hear about a feast during the service? What is given in this feast?

**Readings for Next Sunday:** 2 Kings 5:1-15a, Romans 1:8-17 Matthew 8:1-13

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, January 19th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	12:45pm	Stewardship Committee
	1:30pm	Youth Group
Wednesday, January 22nd	2:00pm	Calling & Caring
	6:00pm	Choir & Midweek Classes
		Bible Study Vocation
Sunday, January 26th	9:00am	Divine Service-Install Officers
	10:30am	Sunday School & Deb Johnson Family Budgeting

Prelude & Ringing of Bells  
 Hymn #902  
 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 #644  
 Verses 1, 2, 4, 5  
 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 #524 #700 #770  
 Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis  
 Thanksgiving & Collect  
 Salutation & Benedicamus  
 Benediction  
 Hymn #924  
 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!*

**INSTALLATION of OFFICERS:** Just a reminder that the officers for 2020 for Peace Lutheran Church will be installed during the Divine Service on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on attending if possible to participate in the installation process and remember to pray for each other during the year as we serve our Lord.

**Wednesday, January 22 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:** 01/19 Gary Ockinga  
01/21 Kathy LeBeau 01/22 Carrie Lacy 01/23 Zach Zeisler  
01/24 Alvin Reichert

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 01/19 Gary Ockinga  
01/21 Kathy LeBeau 01/23 Joan Primrose  
01/25 Michael Johnson

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** None for this week

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

**L.W.M.L.** 7:00pm Quarterly Meeting January 27th bus will run  
Welcome all Ladies of Peace, president, Janelle Ham. I would like to encourage you to attend and help plan for the new upcoming year of events, programs, and serving here at Peace Lutheran Church. Hostesses: Diane Gundach, Ronda Johnson

**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** are entitled to Thrivent choice dollars. 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** “As the Church, we are created to stand against evil. We are created to speak truth ... and forgiveness. The truth is that abortion ends the life of a human being, and we should be unwavering in our opposition to it. But that is not the end of the story. We have been given the gift of Christ, and the power of Christ can wash our sins away.” *Rev. Troy Tysdal, Church of the Lutheran Brethren - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY...**  
You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. “Making the Case” Conference Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Mark & Mollie Hemingway, Will Weedon, Albert Mohler, Robert George, Hans Fiene and Bryan Wolfmueller. Early bird registration is \$135 and includes three meals. For more information, visit [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

**LCMS Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Eph. 5:27** - “... so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” Our Lord has cleansed us with His blood; in His sight we are now pure and holy. He has given Himself, laying down His life for us. Now we are His spotless and beautiful bride. By His sacrifice, we are moved to sacrifice. By His cleansing, we find a desire to ourselves be clean and live blamelessly as He is blameless.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19th  
9:00am



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### Old Testament: Amos 9:11-15

<sup>11</sup> “In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, <sup>12</sup>that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name,”<sup>(b)</sup> declares the LORD who does this. <sup>13</sup>“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. <sup>14</sup>I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup>I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them,” says the LORD your God.

### Epistle: Romans 12:6-16

<sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to

show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

### Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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<sup>13</sup>For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

~ Psalm 139: 13-16 ~

As complex as the arguments may get, elective abortion still ends the life of a tiny baby. God has provided guidance to His people to help us know the truth from the lies and to move us to action: **God made each of us:** “Know that the LORD Himself is God; it is He who has made us” (Psalm 100:3)

**God knows us even before we are born:**

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.” (Jer. 1:5, NIV)

**Children are a gift: “Blessed children are a gift of the LORD; the fruit of the womb is a reward.”**

(Psalm, NASV)

**We are called to rescue the helpless:** “Give justice to the poor and the orphan... Rescue the poor and helpless.” (Psalm 82:3-4)

Abortion is the taking of a life but God's forgiveness is still greater than any of our sins.

**God forgives us:** “In Him we have

redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.” (Eph. 1:7)

**God wipes away our sins:** “I, even I, am the one who wipes out your

transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” (Is. 43:25)

In God's eyes, abortion isn't complicated; it is a sin. He offers forgiveness to all and desires us to stand up for those He loves.

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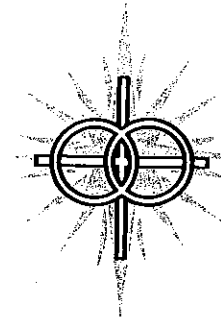
Wellspring Pregnancy and Health center  
223 E. 14th St., Ste. 202, Hastings

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- On top of that, Jesus does this sign at a wedding. He shows that weddings are a time of great joy for God and man alike. Jesus stands to support His institution of marriage. Jesus brings joy and delight to the marriage. This is what He does for the marriages of His people. Jesus sweetens marriage and every cross that comes in it. A Christian marriage is the greatest gift, which Jesus Himself comes to help and support.
- Jesus is the true Bridegroom, who comes to lay down His life for the Bride, the Church. He sacrifices Himself for her. He takes all her filth and wickedness on Himself. He gives her His innocence, and covers all her sins. She is regarded as righteous and holy again. This is the joy and great benefit of faith in Christ. Praise God for such a sign as this! God shows His delight in men and sweetens their crosses in life.



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## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Travis Loeslie

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### Collect of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 66:1-5, 20 (antiphon: Psalm 66:2; 92:1) — *It is good to give thanks to the LORD*

### Psalm:

67 (antiphon: v. 1) — *May God be gracious to us*

### Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 33:12-23 — *Moses intercedes for the people*

### Gradual:

Psalm 107:20-21 — *He sent out His Word and healed them*

### Epistle:

Ephesians 5:22-33 — *Wives and husbands*

### Verse:

Psalm 148:2 — *Alleluia. Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts. Alleluia.*

## John 2:1-11 ESV

### Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit inspired St. John to pen his Gospel. Traditional dating of John is around 90 AD. John's Gospel was written with the end "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31).

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

- This account begins with Jesus, as He attends a wedding at Cana. In Jewish custom, wedding feasts usually lasted a week. Mary was with Jesus, and the disciples were with Jesus as well.
- Jesus is early in His ministry. By attending this wedding, Jesus dignifies the wedding as a God-pleasing event. The couple must have been delighted to have such a guest.

<sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

- The thirsty guests finished off the wine. Surely the bridegroom must have started to get nervous. The wedding party was just getting going and the wine was out! These were no teetotalers, neither were they a bunch of drunks. They were rejoicing in the event of a wedding.
- Mary takes the problem of the lack of wine on herself. She goes to Jesus. Jesus' phrase, "Woman, what does this have to do with me?" sounds harsh, but it is to say something greater. It's not yet Jesus' "hour." His time is not yet.
- Jesus' hour will come when He goes the way of the cross (John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32). There He will answer for the sins of the world. That hour will bring in the salvation of the world. That hour is not yet.

<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

- The water jars remind us that these people were still under the Law. They had to purify themselves by washing for the wedding and for the meal. Jesus uses these water jars to His advantage, showing us here that His attitude toward the Law is to use it to serve the neighbor in love. Just as Jesus is "Lord of the Sabbath," here He does what no other teacher would dare to do: He turns the water of the purification jars into wine. Jesus may have looked like a wine-bibber and a libertine to the legalists. But He is the Lord of the Law and all creation.

<sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."

- The master of the feast was impressed with this wine. Jesus shows that He is the true Creator exerting His omnipotence, transforming the water into wine. Jesus is the Word (*Logos*) whom the Father spoke forth of old to carry out the creation of all things (John 1:1). Jesus does a miracle, wholly in character with Jesus' activity in creation. Jesus serves the good wine!

<sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

- This first "sign" of John's Gospel, it is regarded as His first miracle in His ministry. This is very important for us. Jesus manifests His glory. He shows us that He is divine. It is an epiphany of divine glory. He shows us that His divine and human natures work together in the unity of His person to exert omnipotent force over creation.
- Jesus' disciples believed Him. The miracle confirmed their faith in Jesus. He is truly the Messiah of God. By faith in Him, every disciple of Jesus is justified before God. We can take great comfort in this Gospel.