

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

Mourning + Janice Ulmer **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Zachary Witt + Allen Glathar + Linda Parsons + Mabel Schmidt **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler **Health Issues** + Kay Krueger + Harold Blazer + Paul Fredricks + 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: Dr. Phil Hesterman 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: 2/02 Dale G. 308-641-6658 2/09 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472
 Bus Drivers: 2/02 Harold H. 402-984-9666 2/09 Mike N. 402-469-4838

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Last Week's Attendance 101
Last Week's Offering \$ 1,655.50
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 Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1-14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29-35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1-9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16-21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

From the Catechism: The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Take Home Questions:

Listen for the Old Testament reading. What does Moses bring down to the people? What did Moses look like? Why?

Readings for Next Sunday: Exodus 17:1-7, 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5, Matthew 20:1-16

The Lord's Week

Sunday, February 2nd	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	2:00pm	Youth Group
Monday, February 3rd	6:00pm	Men's Steak Night
Tuesday, February 4th	2:00pm	Communion Perkins 3:00p Villa GSV
Wednesday, February 5th	11a-1pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	6:00pm	Choir & Midweek Classes
Thursday, February 6th	1:30pm	L.W.M.L.
Sunday, February 9th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	2:00-6pm	Serve a Meal at Crossroads



Prelude & Ringing of Bells
 Hymn #414
 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 #413
 Sermon
 Offertory & Offering
 Choir "The Lord Is My Light"
 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 #628 #396 #537 #700
 Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis
 Thanksgiving & Collect
 Salutation & Benedicamus
 Benediction
 Hymn #873
 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!

NOTE: Rev. Brent Smith called to thank Peace Lutheran Church for the donation we sent to Mission Central for TIRZAH KREY.

Valentine's Challenge Let's celebrate the week of Valentine's Day by serving our community! There are sign up sheets in the Narthex to serve at Crossroads or at the United Harvest Mobile food Pantry. There are also list of things that you can do as a family or with your friends on your own.

High School Youth! Join us February 28-29, 8pm-8am for the Winter 2020 Youth Lock-in at Zion Lutheran Church, Hastings. This overnight event, presented by Peace and Zion Lutheran Churches, will feature Dodgeball, Food, Basketball, Movies, Games, Worship, and more! Ingathering for Wellspring Pregnancy Center. For more information contact Pastor Micah Gaunt revgaunt@gmail.com 308.627.7238 or Pastor Paul Warncke pastorwarncke@hotmail.com 402.519.8924

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

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 2/02 Alvin & Doris Reichert 2/06 Clint & Summer Nunnenkamp

PORTALS of PRAYER & HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS available in the Narthex, copies February 2 - 25, 2020. Study Notes for the Christian Layperson in bulletin.

THRIVENT MEMBERS are entitled to Thrivent choice dollars. You can go on line 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 year dollars. Questions, Glen Krueger.

National Lutheran Schools Week. 2-2-20 signals a celebration for nearly 2,000 schools, 22,000 teachers and 200,000 children and their families and communities nationwide who are thankful for the gift of these Christian schools. It also signals the 20th anniversary year for Heartland Lutheran High School in Grand Island. To participate in this birthday celebration and support the mission of Heartland Lutheran High School, donors are encouraged to contact Advancement Director Mr. Karl Bergdolt at 308-385-3900 or advancement@heartlandlutheran.org, and families or individuals seeking more enrollment information are encouraged to contact Chief School Administrator Mr. Timothy Leech at 308-385-3900 or principal@heartlandlutheran.org.

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 "Women, families, and our culture deserve better than abortion." *Melissa Ohden, survivor of a botched abortion - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS...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 topics include: A Post-Christian View of the Body, The Book of Colossians, The Baptismal Rite, The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 2nd
9:00am



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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 2, 2020

Introit (Ps. 84:1-2a, 4, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 77:18b)



Your lightnings lighted | up the world;*
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O | LORD of hosts!*

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of | wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

Collect of the Day

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (Ps. 45:2a, 110:1)

You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;*
grace is poured up- | on your lips.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my | right hand,*
until I make your enemies your | footstool."

Verse (Ps. 96:2-3)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Sing to the Lord; tell of his salvation from | day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among
all the | peoples!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Old Testament:

Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from

heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1–9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."



**“Volunteers
do not
necessarily
have the time;
they just have
the heart.”**

--Unknown

Valentine’s Week Volunteerism Challenge 2020

Individuals and families are encouraged to participate in one of the following volunteer options pre-arranged for you. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex or call the church office at 402-463-9023.

Sunday, February 9, 2020

- 4-7 p.m. Crossroads Homeless Mission, help prepare and serve a meal for the residents. Sit and visit with the residents for a spell, share yourself with others.
- 4-6 p.m. Support Right to Life Soup Supper, 107 N. Denver, Hastings. This fundraiser helps pay for the billboards for life in the area. Take home containers are available beginning at 3 p.m. Donations appreciated.

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

- 6-7 p.m. Children, parents, and any adults are welcome to join in activities with the elderly at Good Samaritan Village. Shannon Blakely is coordinating.

Saturday, February 15, 2020

- 7:30-2:00 p.m. United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry. Choose a time that works for you, but the most needed time is from 11:30-2:00 p.m. Help unload a truck, organize, and distribute food to community families, many with children and/or elderly in the home. Location: PEACE Center, 7th St. & Lincoln Ave. in Hastings.

What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.”

—Aristotle

Spoken by Greek philosopher Aristotle over 2300 years ago, one of the most ancient quotes about volunteering offers proof that giving back to the community is hardly a new concept.

With so many people less fortunate than those of us who can afford to travel, and with funding for social services being brutally slashed, volunteering is becoming increasingly important these days. There are many ways volunteers can help make a difference. The greatest thing about volunteering may be the benefits it offers to individual recipients, their communities, and the volunteers themselves as they strive to make the world a better place.

We hope that choosing a volunteer project will inspire you to give back by donating your time, energy, and resources to the causes you're most passionate about.

Source: DiscoverCorps.com



Wednesdays in Lent

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Service at 7pm
Supper served from 5:30 – 6:30pm

<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>READINGS</u>	<u>MEALS</u>
2/26 Ash Wed.	Matthew 6: 5-21 <i>The Lord's Prayer: The Battle Cry of Faith</i>	L.W.M.I
3/4 Lent 1	John 17: 6-19 <i>Hallowed Be Thy Name</i>	Elders
3/11 Lent 2	Luke 11: 5-13 <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	Youth
3/18 Lent 3	John 6: 40 <i>Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven</i>	Alvidrez & Education
3/25 Lent 4	Matthew 6: 31-33 <i>Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread</i>	Council
4/01 Lent 5	Matthew 6:14-15 <i>Forgive Us Our Trespasses As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us</i>	Open

⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

- Isaiah says after beholding the Lord sitting upon His throne, "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.'" (Isaiah 6:6-7). But Peter, James, and John do not have a seraphim come to them, but the Son of God Himself, touching them, raising them and casting away all fear. Jesus is what the burning coal on the altar for Isaiah foreshadowed. He is the one who takes the guilt of our sin away, atoning for our sins.

⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

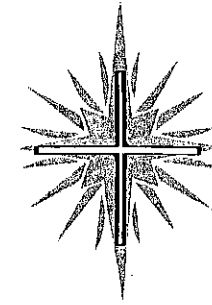
- Jesus alone remains. The disciples trust is not to be in Moses, or Elijah, but in Jesus. He is their true intercessor before the Father.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

- The disciples did not fully understand Jesus' riding on a donkey into Jerusalem, as a fulfillment of the Zechariah prophecy of the Christ. Likewise, they would not understand transfiguration until Jesus rose from the dead (John 12:16). They were not ready to speak of this vision until after the resurrection. But Peter would speak of transfiguration vision after the resurrection, as seen in the epistle lesson in 2 Peter 1:16-21.



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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. C. Brian Bucklew

Collect of the Day:

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit:

Psalm 84:1-2a, 4, 1-11 (antiphon: Psalm 77:18b) — *His lightnings lighted up the world*

Psalm:

Psalm 85 (antiphon: v. 9) — *Salvation is near to those who fear Him*

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 34:29-35 — *Moses' veiled face*

Gradual:

Psalm 45:2a; 110:1 — *You are the most handsome of the sons of men*

Epistle:

2 Peter 1:16-21 — *We were eyewitnesses of his majesty*

Verse:

Psalm 96:2-3 — *Sing to the LORD; tell of his salvation from day to day*

Matthew 17:1-9 ESV

Author and Date:

Matthew Levi the apostle around AD 50. This is the Transfiguration of our Lord, who is revealed to be the Son of God, and who foreshadows our adoption by grace. By faith in Christ we are granted to become partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:3). On account of Christ, the Father has qualified the Christian to share in the inheritance of the saints of light (Colossians 1:11).

¹ And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

- Jesus has just taught six days earlier about His coming (Matthew 16:27-28). The transfiguration is a foreshadowing of Christ's coming on the last day in glory. Even here on the mountain of transfiguration Peter, James, and John see the Son of Man (Jesus) coming in His kingdom. "Before we taste of death, we see Thy kingdom come; we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home." (LSB 414 "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here")

² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

- Jesus is the radiance of the glory of the Father of lights and the exact imprint of his nature (Hebrews 1:3, James 1:17). He is one substance with the Father of lights. Jesus is "God of God, *Light of Light*, very God of very God", as we confess in the Nicene Creed.

³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

- Moses and Elijah appear to Peter, James and John. How are they recognized? This is a miraculous work of God. Moses and Elijah are the testimony of the Law and the Prophets, and their talking with Jesus bears witness that Jesus is the Christ. All the Law and the Prophets bear witness to Christ (Luke 24:27).
- They talk with Jesus. Luke 9:31 tells us that they speak to Christ about His departure, His *exodus*, as it says in the Greek. The Moses that led the Israelites in the exodus out of Egypt by the blood of the Passover Lamb is now speaking to the Lamb of God. Elijah who was taken up into heaven is now speaking to Christ who would ascend into heaven.

⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

- Peter speaks first as he was often known to do, but in ignorance as he was often known to do. He wants to tent or tabernacle the great men he beholds. Peter wishes to show them hospitality and to have them stay. But this was not the time for speaking, but for listening.
- Peter is still obviously confused, for he proposes to tent all three; Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. But the true tent / tabernacle of God is in the Body of Christ. This is where Moses, Elijah and himself are to have there dwelling in the presence of God. Christ is the tent made without hands (Hebrews 9:11).

⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

- Overshadowed = tabernacled / tented. Peter proposed to tabernacle / tent Christ, Moses, and Elijah, but now the majestic cloud of the Lord's presence tabernacles / tents Peter, James and John. This is like the glory cloud of God's presence that we see in Exodus 40:34.
- The Father speaks something similar to what was said by Him at Jesus' baptism. He is well pleased with His Son. But He adds this: "Listen to him." Our baptism into Christ connects us to the transfiguring work of Christ. In baptism we are clothed with this Christ who is clothed in light (Galatians 3:27).

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

- Peter, James and John know that they are not worthy to be in God's holy presence. They fall on their faces and are terrified because God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29). Even the seraphim with six wings cover their faces before the Lord and Isaiah says when seeing the Lord sitting upon His throne: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." (Isaiah 6:5)