

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

Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Larry Hammond + Ronda Johnson + Josh Schroetlin **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler **Health Issues** + Dorothy Staub + Harold Blazer + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + 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: Mar. Jeanne B., Marge O. Apr. Tonda W., Gwendolyn G.
 Ushers: Mar. Ron Fullerton Apr. Walt Irmer
 Elders: 3/01 Dustin R. 402-984-5725 3/08 Kevin H. 402-984-2182
 Bus Drivers: 3/01 Gary O. 402-469-9797 3/08 Mike N. 402-469-4838

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Last Week's Attendance 100
 Last Week's Offering \$ 2,272.00
 Weekly Need \$ 3,475.00

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@fmne.com

Office Hours: 9a-12p-1p-4p Monday-Friday

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

The Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Champion against Satan

Following His Baptism, Jesus is *"led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil"* (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives *"by every word that comes from the mouth of God"* (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18-19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more *"have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many"* (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience *"leads to justification and life for all men"* (Rom. 5:18).

From the Catechism:

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean? **We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.**

Take Home Questions: Who tempts Jesus in the gospel lesson? What does Jesus use to respond to each temptation? What words does God give you in the Divine Service today to help you fight temptation?

Readings for Next Sunday: Genesis 32:22-32, Romans 5:1-5, Matthew 15: 21-28

The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 1st	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	4:00pm	Youth Group
Monday, March 2nd	6:00pm	Men's Steak Night
Tuesday, March 3rd	9:30am	Bible Study
	2:00pm	Perkins Communion GSV Villa 3pm
Wednesday, March 4th	5:30pm	Elders Fellowship Meal
	6:00pm	Choir & Midweek Classes
	7:00pm	Lent Worship
Thursday, March 5th	1:30pm	L.W.M.L.
Sunday, March 9th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Hymn #424

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Service of the Word

Introit insert

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect

First Reading

Gradual

Epistle Reading

Tract

Holy Gospel

Apostles Creed p. 159

Hymn of the Day #656

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory

Service of the Sacrament p.160

Preface & Proper Preface

Sanctus & Prayer

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns #632 #561 #718 #424

Nunc Dimittis & Collect

Benediction

Hymn #655

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!

WEDNESDAY LENT 1

5:30pm Fellowship Meal – served by Elders
6:00pm Choir & Midweek Classes
7:00pm Lent Worship

Identity Theft: What You Need to Know

March 5, 2020 | 7:30 p.m. CT | Online Webinar

Register Online: https://thrivent.zoom.us/webinar/register/1215741744801/WN_fGTaLPgzRI-cbHeke5HFcg

March hosts National Consumer Protection week. Every two seconds, someone becomes a victim of identity fraud. It can put finances and credit ratings at risk – and that's just the beginning. The Thrivent Member Network – Nebraska Region and Thrivent are coming to your computer to help you understand what identity theft is and how to protect yourself. Join us to learn about how identity theft can occur, how to take steps to prevent it, and what to do if your identity is stolen. No products will be sold. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to participate in this webinar.

PORTALS of PRAYER & HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS

available in the Narthex, copies February 26-April 11, 2020.
Study Notes for the Christian Layperson in bulletin.

SANCTIFYING YOUR VOCATIONS WITH THE WORD

OF GOD...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: "Peace" in the Bible, Polygamy in the Old Testament, Gaps in the Genesis Genealogies, The Religious Nones and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 3/01 Kelvin Wolzen 3/02 Norma Bosle, Sandy Reese 3/03 Seth Latta, Kay Krueger 3/04 Scott Hansel 3/05 Zach Witt

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 3/02 Zach Zeisler 3/03 Ruby Carlson 3/04 Mary Black, Amanda Zeisler 3/06 Kayla Reutzler

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 3/07 Mike & Diane Gundlach

LIFEQUOTE "God only has one 'natural' child. He adopted all the rest. (See Galatians 4:4-5.)" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

FIRE 15 (ACLEA) is Saturday, March 7th at the Adams County Fairgrounds. This event includes a dinner, fellowship and of course, a silent auction. Unable to attend send donations to For the Benefit ACLEA, P.O. Box 2122, Hastings, NE 68901

PRO-LIFE & PIE FUNDRAISER - 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, 2020 Eagles Club, Hastings, Guest Speaker Rebecca Kiessling

RED and BLUE, the Heartland Lutheran High School annual banquet and auction, is Saturday, March 28 at Riverside Country Club in Grand Island. Doors open at 4:30 pm, with silent auction and dinner at 6 pm. This year's theme *Fire and Ice*. Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased through the school office Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Call 308-385-3900 or principal@heartlandlutheran.org.

Thrivent Choice Dollars -Attention Thrivent Members - Please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollar to Heartland Lutheran High School before they expire on March 31, 2020. Your choice of HLHS in a prior year does not carry over. Last year we received over \$11,000 from Thrivent due to members choosing HLHS. There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars. Go to www.thriventchoice.com or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" when asked. Thank you for choosing HLHS when making your Choice Dollars donation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Director of Advancement: Karl Bergdolt PH: 308-385-3900.

First Sunday in Lent

March 1st
9:00am



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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>
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>	Youth

First Sunday in Lent *Invocabit*

1 March 2020 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15a, c, 16*)

*When he calls to me, I will answer him; **

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him *

and show him my salvation.

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High **

will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, *

my God, in whom I trust."

*Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— **

the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you, *

no plague come near your tent.

*You will tread on the lion and the adder; **

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son *

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, *

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*When he calls to me, I will answer him; **

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him *

and show him my salvation.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 91:11-12*)

He will command his angels concerning you *

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, *

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 17:40-51

"Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine. "And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. "And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. "And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. "The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give you flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." "Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. "This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, "and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand." "When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. "And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. "So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. "Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

"Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I

have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. "We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. "And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. "And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." "Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" "Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. "And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." "Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" "Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

- Jesus, the greatest spiritual warrior, shields himself and all of His Church from the chaotic consequences of a world under Satan's authority.
 - Jesus yells in victory, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written," worship the Lord your God and serve Him alone (Deuteronomy 6:16).
- ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.
- Jesus withstands the devil through the temptation with the Word of God. The spiritual attack was over for the moment.
 - Angels come to minister to Jesus in the wilderness.
 - Jesus' temptation is an example for us as Christians face spiritual battles as members of His Body, the Church.
 - Jesus suffered temptation for all men, even going to the cross for the sins of the world.
 - Jesus conquered Satan in that great, cosmic battle once and for all.
 - Now the devil limps along like a "roaring lion" (1 Peter 5:8), but with a mortal wound. He still has power and a nasty bite to those who come too near to him. He is a 'has-been,' and his overthrow has already been accomplished by the death and resurrection of Christ.
 - Spannenberg offers comforting words in conclusion, "Do we have any comfort in such tribulation? Our comfort in the cross and tribulation is this: just as the angels ministered to Christ after His temptation, they also minister to all those who believe in Him. For it is written, "They are all ministering spirits sent out for service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation" (Heb. 1[:14]); and "The angel of the LORD camps around about those who fear Him, and delivers them" (Ps. 34[:7]). So if the devil attacks us, and we fight valiantly, and stand and attend to our vocation, and do our duty, many angels must minister to us, defend us, and protect us. And if we continue and remain steadfast in the faith, we shall lack nothing. The angels would first come from heaven to be our butlers, cooks, and waiters, and minister to us in every need just as they ministered to Christ. And truly, if they ministered to Christ as our head, they must in the end also watch over us, Christ's members, and bring our souls to Abraham's bosom in eternal life! Amen." (*The Christian Year of Grace*, 109).



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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

INVOCABIT

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Travis Loeslie

Collect of the Day:

O Lord God, You led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 91:1-2, 9-10, 13 (antiphon: Psalm 91:15a, c, 16) — *When he calls (invocabit) to me, I will answer him*

Psalm:

Psalm 32 (antiphon: v. 7) — *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered*

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 3:1-21 — *The temptation and fall of man*

Gradual:

Psalm 91:11-12 — *He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways*

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 — *Receive not the grace of God in vain*

Tract:

Psalm 91:1, 4a, 15a, 16 — *He who abides in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*

MATTHEW 4:1-11 ESV

Author and Date:

Matthew Levi the Apostle wrote this Gospel in c. AD 50. Parallel accounts of Jesus' temptation are found in Mark 1:12-13 and Luke 4:1-13. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record the temptation for the unique purposes of the audiences of their Gospels under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is God. He is sinless. He is not prone to failure or mistakes. Still the temptation of Jesus is a real and deep temptation with drastic consequences. The devil has his moment to lure Jesus to join him and his wicked enmity against God and His people. All of creation and the world's history hangs in the balance, waiting and watching to see who comes out the victor.

⁴ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

- Just as Jesus comes up out of the waters of His baptism in the Jordan, "then" He is led in chapter 4 "by the Spirit into the wilderness." The Spirit leads Jesus to a spiritual showdown with cosmic consequences. He does not choose this battle and cross, but the Spirit chooses it for Him.
- The purpose of the Spirit's leading is this: Jesus will be tempted by Satan, that "sworn foe of God and all Christians." He "...does nothing but attack, and wreak all havoc and heartache on us here, and accuse, defame, and speak all evil of Him above. For he is a murderer from the beginning and a liar [John 8:44]. It is by this lying demon and murderous spirit that Christ chose to be tempted, that we might bear temptation more easily" (Johann Spannenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 108).
- "Why immediately after His Baptism? To show that a Christian's life from Baptism to the grave is nothing other than a daily duel and battle with the devil, the world, and the flesh, and that immediately after Baptism, we are placed by the Holy Spirit into the wild, wanton world and subject to all manner of tribulation." (Johann Spannenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 106).
- Temptation (Greek: *peirazo*; Latin: *tentatio*; German: *Anfechtung* or 'spiritual attack') is a painful reality that is all-too-near for the life of saints in a fallen world.

² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

- Jesus fasted for a divinely long period of time. Fasting is a profitable spiritual preparation against the attack of the devil.
- The devil appeals to Jesus' highest quality: His divinity. "You are the Son of God. You can do turn this into bread. Shouldn't You, of all people, be entitled to a fat, full belly of bread?" This kind of temptation Luther calls the concern or care for the belly (*die Bauchsorge*).

- Amazingly, the devil cites chapter and verse against Jesus. This Adversary wields an unusual, evil power.
 - Jesus' power is in the Word of God. "It is written!" He shields Himself with the powerful words from Deuteronomy 8:3. He wards off the devil's first temptation with the all-powerful Word.
 - Luther: "Therefore this Gospel is sweet consolation and power against the unbelief and infamy of the stomach, to awaken and strengthen the conscience, that we may not be anxious about the nourishment of our bodies, but be assured that he can and will give us our daily bread" (Luther's Church Postil in *Complete Sermons of Martin Luther*, volume 1,2, pg. 136).
- ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
- In the second temptation, the devil brings Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem. Jesus stood on the high point of the temple, some 15 stories down, or about 100 feet.
 - The devil tempts Jesus to test God to provide angels at the perfect moment. Satan's prideful arrogance is so brazen that he calls up chapter and verse against the Son of God Himself. He also knows that the Word of God is his only possible fodder for persuading Jesus to submit to him.
 - The nature of the temptation is ambition for a great name. Jesus had been a lowly, humble carpenter's son from little-known Nazareth. Throw Himself down from the temple, and the great crowds of the holy city would embrace Him as a Messianic rock star. Surely the angels would catch the Son of God!
 - The devil tempts Jesus to embrace the role as a theologian of glory. Instead Jesus continues His humble Messianic office and walk toward the cross long-prophesied for Him.
 - Jesus shields himself with Deuteronomy 6:16.
 - The second temptation is the highest spiritual temptation for Jesus and every spiritual leader. It is a temptation to become one's own God, one's own theologian, to turn the emphasis off of Christ and to the self.
- ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."
- Satan takes Jesus to a high mountain. The devil puts Rome, Greece, Egypt and all the kingdoms of the world on display for Jesus. "Why not have all these worldly kingdoms? No more suffering, no more fear of the coming cross, only You and me and the glory of the world. The only price: fall down and worship me."