

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 + Josh Schroetlin **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler
Health Issues + Alfred Irmer + Ronda Johnson + Dorothy Staub + Harold Blazer
Cancer + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell
Military + Kara Nissen + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston
 + 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: 3/15 Dale G. 308-641-6658 3/22 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472
 Bus Drivers: 3/15 Wes C. 402-984-4650 3/22 Gary O. 402-469-9797

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Last Week's Attendance 110
 Last Week's Offering \$ 2,132.00
 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

Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1-15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14-28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16-24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1-9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

From the Catechism:

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Take Home Questions: Look at the picture on the cover. Where do we hear about this in the service? Why did the artist show the picture that way? What does it mean?

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 49:8-13, Acts 2:41-47, John 6:1-15

The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 15th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	1:30pm	Right to Life -Prayer (Youth Group Event)
Tuesday, March 17th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, March 18th	5:30pm	Fellowship Meal served Alvidrez-Education
	6:00pm	Choir
		Midweek Classes
	7:00pm	Lent Worship
Sunday, March 22nd	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Hymn #697

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Service of the Word

Introit *insert*

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect

First Reading

Gradual

Epistle Reading

Tract

Holy Gospel

Hymn of the Day #659

Sermon

Apostles Creed p. 159

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 #635 #594 #716 #806

Nunc Dimittis & Collect

Benediction

Hymn #663

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'S IN LENT

5:30pm Fellowship Meal-served by PLC Groups
6:00pm Choir & Midweek Classes
7:00pm Lent Worship

BENEVOLENCE FUND: During the season of Lent please consider in your giving to Benevolence (box north wall in the Narthex). With your continued support, Peace Lutheran Church will be able to meet those needs.

TODAY: CANCELLED PRO-LIFE & PIE FUNDRAISER

PORTALS of PRAYER & HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS

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

LIFEQUOTE "Everyone is warped. Everybody is broken ... Our church communities should be places that uphold God's high standards but also places that extend welcome and warmth to people who know they need a Savior. No loathing, no hate, no bitterness, no selective indignation, no fear." *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Community Volunteer Opportunity: Saturday, March 21, 2020,
8a.m -2 p.m. for as long as you want to volunteer. Register at the table inside gym. United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, at the Peace Center, 7th St. and Lincoln Ave., Hastings.

L.W.M.L. Spring Workshop, Hastings Zone

Saturday, March 28, 2020. Registration Fee \$5.00 per person
9:30am at Peace Lutheran Church, 906 N. California, Hastings, NE. Ingathering: Items for Crossroads. Welcome All Ladies!

Tickets to *Fire and Ice*, the Heartland Lutheran High School Red and Blue annual dinner and auction fundraiser on Saturday March 28 at Riverside Golf Club, Grand Island, are almost sold out! To purchase tickets trego.net/qmlink/heartlandlutheranhs or school office by Friday March 20.

HEBREWS BIBLE STUDY...LCMS Pastor Will Weedon's Bible study continues on the Book of Hebrews. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15 minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 3/15 Modesta De La Cruz
3/16 Mary Keogh, Dale Bauman 3/17 Marian Kerr 3/18 Hailey Dalland, Wanda Portenier 3/19 Tammi Blazer

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 3/16 Gary Hromadka
3/17 Evelyn Gaunt, Conrad Reutzel 3/18 Mary Fredricks
3/19 Ron Fullerton 3/20 Dick LeBeau, Modesta De La Cruz
3/21 Archie Augustin

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: 3/16 Jerry & Tammi Blazer,
3/20 Rev. Bryan & Debra Gies

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL 2021 - Beginning next school year, Zion Lutheran School will become Zion Classical Academy! All preschool-8th grade families are invited to attend our Enrollment Night on Thursday, April 2nd from 6:30-7:30 p.m. You will have the opportunity to learn about our challenging new curriculum, meet our teachers, and tour our facilities. There will be free refreshments and a drawing to win a FREE half-year of tuition! All faiths are welcome. Contact Zion at 402-462-5012 for more details. Zion is located at 465 S. Marian Road in Hastings.

VOLUNTEER'S: If you would like to help wipe down surfaces after church, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We will put a schedule out shortly.

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15th
9:00am



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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Time of Personal Prayer

Before the service you may wish to use the time to intercede for the needs of your family, church, and community which are known to you. Pray for the pastor and the people who will participate in holy things. You may also use the petitions of the Lord's Prayer as the basis for further intercession.

Hallowed by Thy name

- That we would approach God with reverence
- That God's word would be proclaimed in its truth and purity
- That hearers would have the ears to hear the word.
- That God's word would lead us in holy living
- That God's word would empower us to confess Christ in the world
- For our church body and for the church throughout the world

Thy kingdom come

- The church's preparation for Christ's second coming
- That our altar would be a place where God's truth is proclaimed and where faith is nourished by the Word and Sacraments
- For those outside the church, for the wayward and erring
- For missionaries and church leaders
- For unity in the church

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

- For families, children, marriages, and the nurture of children in the gospel
- For those who have strayed from the word of God
- That God would keep us firm in His word and faith

Give us this day our daily bread

- Needs of the community and world
- Good government that rules in accordance with God's will
- Sick and sorrowful

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

- For our enemies
- For an end to discord and strife
- That peace may be fostered among us

Lead us not into temptation

- Lead us to overcome the temptations of the devil, world, and our sinful flesh
- For remembrance of the brevity of life and for faithfulness to the end
- For the gift of a clean conscience among us
- For those struggling with sin

Deliver us from evil

- For the persecuted
- For those who suffer: aged, sick, dying, bereaved, lonely; those who suffer mental illness, addiction, spiritual affliction
- For the poor, hungry, prisoners and refugees
- Remembrance of the faithful departed that we might have faith like theirs and attain to everlasting life Prayer for blessed death

Third Sunday in Lent *Oculi*

15 March 2020 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15-16*)

*My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.*

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

*To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

*The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.*

Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

*Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.*

*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.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 9:19, 3*)

C. *Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;
let the nations be judged before you!
When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish before your presence.*

Tract

P. Unto You I lift | up my eyes,*
O You who dwell in the | heavens.
Behold, as the eyes of | servants*
look to the hand of their | masters.
So our eyes look to the | LORD our God,*
until He has mer- | cy on us.
Have mercy on | us, O LORD,*
Have mercy | on us! (*Psalms 123:1-3*)

Old Testament: Exodus 8:16-21

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.'" ¹⁷And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. ²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in

the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

"Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first." ²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" ²⁸But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"



Share the Joy of Easter

LWML is arranging for Easter Lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The lilies will symbolize the Resurrection of Our Lord as it is joyfully proclaimed on Easter.

Donation for a lily is \$9.00, checks payable to Peace LWML. Give this form and payment to Janelle Ham 722 S Hastings, or Diane Gundlach 1425 Highland Dr. Hastings, NE 68901 or the Church Office by Wednesday, April 1st. Again this year we ordered 20 Easter Lilies. If you wish to pick up an Easter Lily on Sunday, April 12th please let us know by circling --- yes.

Please give the following information for the bulletin:

Given In Memory _____


Given In Honor _____


Given By _____


What To Do About Coronavirus?


▶ Addressing the spread of COVID-19, the flu and other contagions





 **Pray:** Spare Your people, O Lord! Preserve us from this and every illness. Give healing and strength to those who are sick, protect those who care for them, and grant us steady minds and calm hearts in the face of fear. You have borne our infirmities in this human flesh and purchased us with Your own blood. Keep us in this faith and embolden us in love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

 **Keep Gathering:** It should be our aim to continue to hold regular, physical services while possible. Come if you are well; stay home if you are sick or at increased risk.

 **Keep in Touch:** Organize and know how you will communicate as a congregation, especially if an outbreak occurs in your area and event plans must be changed.

 **Take Care:** Wise personal hygiene practices and simple precautions can help limit the spread of infection.

 **Take Courage:** “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1). In life we are comforted by the Lord’s precious and very great promises; in death, we await the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

 **Stay Informed:** Look here for up-to-date Pandemic Preparedness and Worship Resources:

- blogs.lcms.org/2020/resource-helps-congregations-plan-for-wide-spread-illnesses
- cdc.gov/coronavirus

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

WORSHIP

READINGS

MEALS

3/18 Lent 3

John 6: 40

*Thy Will Be Done on Earth
as It Is in Heaven*

Alvidrez &
Education

3/25 Lent 4

Matthew 6: 31-33

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

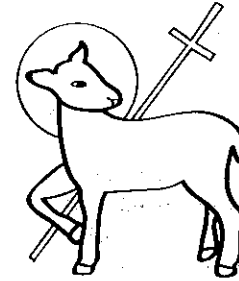
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4/01 Lent 5

Matthew 6:14-15

*Forgive Us Our Trespasses As We
Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us*

Youth



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Travis Loeslie

Collect of the Day:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 25:1-2, 17-18, 20 (antiphon:
Psalm 25:15-16) — *My eyes (oculi) are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.*

Psalm:

Psalm 136:1-16 (antiphon: v. 26) — *His steadfast love endures forever*

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 8:16-24 — *The finger of God sends plagues on Egypt*

Gradual:

Psalm 9:19, 3 — *Arise, O LORD, Let not man prevail; Let the nations be judged before you! When my enemies turn back, They stumble and perish before your presence.*

Epistle:

Ephesians 5:1-9 — *Walk in love*

Tract:

Psalm 123:1-3a — *To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us.*



Luke 11:14-28 ESV

Author and Date:

St. Luke penned this Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit ca. AD 55-60.

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

- This Gospel highlights the battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. These two kingdoms have been in mortal combat from the time of the fall of Satan.
- The Gospel begins with Jesus performing an exorcism. He "casts out" a demon out from a mute man. This Gospel challenges the reigning scientific, naturalistic worldview. Jesus believed in demons and the devil, so His Church and Christians today do well to think in terms of the Biblical worldview.
- "Beelzebul" – literally means "lord of the house." It is a name for Satan. The people were saying that Jesus cast out demons by the power of the prince of demons. This was a deep insult to Jesus.
- "The finger of God" (v. 20) is the Holy Spirit. Just as God worked through Moses to afflict wicked Pharaoh and Egypt with the ten plagues, so also Jesus casts out (exorcises) the demons by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The devil is "the strong man." His kingdom has been all but secure. But in the coming of Jesus Christ, the Stronger One, God has launched an offensive against the devil's kingdom. Like Samson of old, Christ is strong to stand in the places of the evil one and topple his kingdom. This Christ appeared to lose in His death. But His heel was only bruised (Genesis 3:15) After His death, Jesus even descended into hell to taunt the devil with His victory over him (1 Peter 3:19). Christ rose victorious for us. The Seed of the Woman crushed the Satan's head once and for all (Genesis 3:15). Now the strong one is weak. Satan is like a defeated general on the retreat. His hosts shield themselves from reality in the fox holes. Jesus Christ is our salvation and champion in the mortal combat between the kingdoms of God and the devil.

²⁴ "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

- An "unclean spirit" is unclean because it is evil. It has no rest. This is unique divine insight into the restless life of a defeated, wicked spirit under the reign of Christ.
 - The spirit tries to return to a place where it was before. When it returns, it brings seven other spirits worse than itself. The last state of that person is worse. There is no joy in going back to a former, sinful way of living. It is not safe, or neutral to leave the Church and the Holy Spirit's protection. Demons haunt those who were once believers. There is no comfort in apostasy.
- ²⁷ As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" ²⁸ But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
- Jesus chides against devotion to Mary, His mother. He promises blessing to all who hear and keep His Word. It is not one's blood or connections, but adherence to His Word that makes one a disciple of Jesus Christ. Christians cling to Christ and His Word by treasuring its contents with joy. In that Word is the Gospel, which declares the sinner righteous before God. Christ Jesus has shed His blood to conquer the devil and all the forces which undermine His Word. He promises to protect the baptized from these evil forces of the devil's kingdom. He is faithful. He will keep His promises for you.