

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** + Leonard Dush + Ronda Johnson + Dorothy Staub + Harold Blazer + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Kara Nissen + 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: 3/08 Kevin H. 402-984-2182 3/15 Dale G. 308-641-6658
 Bus Drivers: 3/08 Mike N. 402-469-4838 3/15 Wes C. 402-984-4650

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Last Week's Attendance 110
 Last Week's Offering \$ 3,455.00
 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

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22-32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21-28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: *"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."* This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. *"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire"* (Mt. 15:27-28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1-7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1-5).

From the Catechism:

The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Take Home Questions: In the Gospel you will hear a woman say of herself that even the dogs eat the crumbs from the table because her faith knows God loves her and will give her something she has not earned. When do we tell God we've not deserved anything good but hear that God gives us all good things anyway? Why does He do this?

Readings for Next Sunday: Exodus 8:16-21, Ephesians 5:1-9, Luke 11: 14-28

The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 8th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Monday, March 9th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
	7:00pm	Right to Life
Tuesday, March 10th	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Board- Finance
	7:00pm	Board- Elders Board- Trustees
Wednesday, March 11th	11:00am	Senior Bible Study 11:30am Lunch
	5:30pm	Fellowship Meal served by Youth
	6:00pm	Choir & Midweek Classes
	7:00pm	Lent Worship
Sunday, March 15th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	1:30p-3:15p	Right to Life -Prayer
	4:00pm	Youth Group



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Hymn #779

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 #615

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 #634 #713 #772 #770

Nunc Dimittis & Collect

Benediction

Hymn #876

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

TODAY: Special Bible Study on the Lord's Prayer.

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.

PORTALS of PRAYER & HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS

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

PRO-LIFE & PIE FUNDRAISER - 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15, 2020 Eagles Club, Hastings, Guest Speaker Rebecca Kiessling
For more information and fundraiser details see flyer (Narthex).

LIFEQUOTE "Parents make mistakes, and so do their children. Don't let the thought of failure prevent you, my friends, from going for the prize. If you have not been in it before, get in the game, follow Christ. If you have tried hard and feel you have not succeeded, don't give up. Fight the good fight. Run the race with full determination. With Christ, you will obtain the prize."
Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" -A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
www.lutheransforlife.org

Heartland Lutheran High School students will present the musical comedy "*Im Sorry, the Bridge is Out - You'll Have to Spend the Night*" Friday, March 13 & Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Tickets \$8 for adults, \$5 for school-age children. Go on line at qtego.net/qlink/heartlandlutheranhs to purchase tickets, sponsorships, and other extras or school office at 308-385-3900.

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! Bring a Friend.

Community Volunteer Opportunity:

Saturday, March 21, 2020, anytime from 8a.m -2 p.m. for as long as you want to volunteer. Just show up and register at the table inside gym. United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, at the Peace Center, 7th St. and Lincoln Ave., Hastings.

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. **Ticket deadline March 20th.**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 3/08 Erin Erb, Blaine Ruppert
3/09 Maria Martinez, Justin Thurin 3/11 Sara Stutzman 3/12 Mike Nissen 3/13 Evelyn Gaunt

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 3/09 Cassandra Stack
3/11 Brandt Ruppert 3/12 Nadeen Debban 3/13 Jackie Russell
3/14 Tim Yurk

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: 3/13 William & Elaine Beezley

HEBREWS BIBLE STUDY...LCMS Pastor Will Weedon will begin a Bible study this week 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 your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8th
9:00am



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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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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

WORSHIP

READINGS

MEALS

3/11 Lent 2

Luke 11: 5-13

Thy Kingdom Come

Youth

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

Council

4/01 Lent 5

Matthew 6:14-15

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

Youth



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Thrivent Member Network
Nebraska Region

PLEASE JOIN US!

Hearts & Hands Against Hunger BIG 125,000 Meals Packing Event

A Thrivent Member Network is a regional network that brings members—Christians who value being wise with money and living generously—together.

Please join us at Hearts & Hands Against Hunger BIG 125,000 Meals Packing Event, hosted by the Thrivent Member Network—Nebraska Region .

Help Hearts & Hands Against Hunger reach their goal of packing 125,000 meals in ONE DAY!

THREE packing sessions to choose from:

1:00-2:30pm; 2:45-4:15pm; and 4:30-6:00pm

Gather your FAMILY, FRIENDS, COMMUNITY GROUP, BIBLE STUDY GROUP, YOUTH GROUP, SPORTS TEAM, HIGH SCHOOL CLUB, SERVICE HOURS GROUP

EVERYTHING IS PROVIDED! 450 volunteers needed!

Event Details:

Sunday, March 29, 2020

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hearts & Hands Against Hunger Facility

622 N. Lincoln

Hastings, NE

ALL ARE WELCOME!

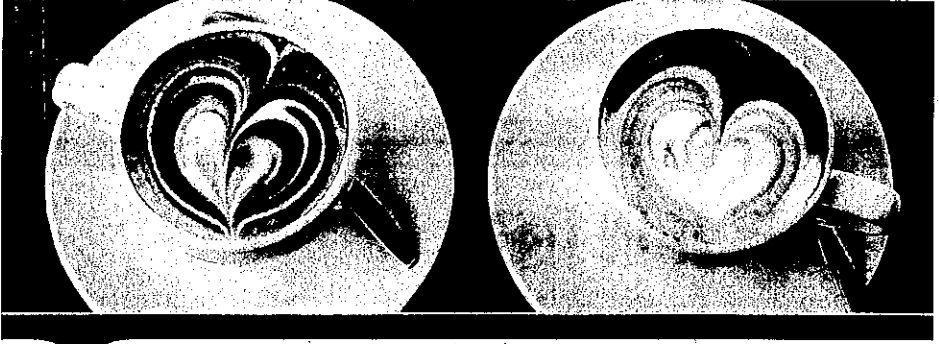
Register Online at https://hearts_hands_thrivent_2020.eventbrite.com

By Phone at 402-460-8627

By Email at HeartsandHands@HastingsKiwanis.org

No products will be sold at this event.

For additional important information, visit Thrivent.com/disclosures.



YOU'RE INVITED

Please join us for
Caffeine & Conversation.

Stay as long as you wish! **Join us for coffee, sodas, pastries, dessert, or appetizers** as we share ideas to help you take full advantage of being a Thrivent Choice® Organization or Thrivent Member. Learn about Thrivent's ABC approach to generosity and how we all can make a difference in our community.

Participate in an on-site service project as we stuff Comfort Critters for children receiving grief services from local non-profits.

RSVP by phone at 402-905-4188, or
RSVP online at
https://caffcon_marchroadtour.eventbrite.com

HOSTED BY

Stacia Vawter
Nancy L Stepp

EVENT DETAILS

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 2:00 p.m. -
4:00 p.m.

Blue Moon Coffee
Hastings

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:00 p.m. -
8:00 p.m.

The Chocolate Bar
Grand Island

Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 11:00
a.m.

Chances R - Shir-Ra Room
York

Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 3:00
p.m.

Bottle Rocket Brewing Co
Seward

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Second Sunday in Lent

Reminiscere

8 March 2020 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 25:6, 2b, 22*)

*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,**

for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

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

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

Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*

**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake | of your
goodness, | O LORD!**

*Good and upright | is the LORD;**

therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

For your name's sake, | O LORD,*

pardon my guilt, for | it is great.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;*

as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

Collect of the Day

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*Ps. 25:17-18*)

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*

bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*

and forgive | all my sins.

Tract

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for | He is good!*

For His mercy endures for- | ever.

Who can utter the mighty acts | of the LORD?*

Who can declare | all His praise?*

Blessed are those who keep | justice,*

and he who does righteousness at | all times!

Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your | people;*

oh, visit me with Your sal- | vation. (*Psalms 106:1-4*)

Old Testament:

Genesis 32:22-32

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

¹Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the

Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

- From the Canaanite woman, the Christian learns to have a dogged faith, persistent in prayer and lament to our Savior Jesus Christ in every trial and need. God may test us. So be it. If God grants what she desired, how much more will He give to us who have been grafted into Him of the scraps of His table – His forgiveness by His body and blood! As she clings to Jesus, so also may every one of Christ's baptized holy ones cling to Him in trial and testing, in the confidence of being justified by His blood.



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

REMINISCERE

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Travis Loeslie

Collect of the Day:

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11 (antiphon: Psalm 25:6, 2b, 22) – Remember (*reminiscere*) your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love...

Psalm:

Psalm 121 (antiphon: v. 1-2) – I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 32:22-32 – *Jacob wrestles with God*

Gradual:

Psalm 25:17-18 – *Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.*

Epistle:

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 – *A life pleasing to God*

Tract:

Psalm 106:1-4 – *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times! Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them.*



Matthew 15:21–28 ESV

Author and Date:

St. Matthew's Gospel was written ca. AD 50 by Matthew Levi the Apostle. This account is also found in Mark 7:24-30.

What an astonishing Gospel we have before us! This poor Gentile woman calls on Jesus. It is an exercise in eternal questions and answers, or "dialectic." The woman is all-in. She will not stop begging our Lord until He grants what she needs. Just as Jacob wrestles Yahweh until he receives a blessing, so also we see a dogged faith in this Canaanite woman.

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

- The account begins with Jesus on a tour through the nations north of Judea. These people were Gentiles – Phoenicians by birth. The Light Himself was shining in the dark places.

22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."

- A "Canaanite" was left over from the peoples God (through Moses) ordered Joshua and the Israelites to exterminate in Deuteronomy 20:17. The Canaanites were pagan idol worshipers.
- "Have mercy on me" – the cry of this woman shows the desperate need.
- "O Lord, Son of David" – These words are an amazing confession of Jesus' kingship in the line of David. This woman knows more than most Canaanites. She pleads for help from the Messiah of God. She is an example of faith.
- "Severely oppressed by a demon" – The word for "severely oppressed" can also mean "possessed" by a demon. Demons are real. In Jesus' ministry, He came into contact with what seems like heightened demonic activity. What pagan god could hold them back?

23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

- Jesus is quiet. The disciples are bothered by the woman. She keeps on crying out.

24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

- Jesus tests and tries her faith. What could be more terrifying than the question of election? He is sent only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." She is not one of them. She is a Canaanite. Her people were devoted to destruction for their idolatry. How can this obstacle be overcome?
- "Lord, help me" - She continues to plead for help and cling to Jesus, even when God seems not to hear her lament.

26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

- Jesus compares the faith of Israel to "children's bread." More surprising than that, Jesus compares her to a dog! As a Gentile dog, how could she be worthy of the Lord's care?

27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

- The woman catches Jesus in His Word: "Yes, Lord, even the little dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the masters' table." She is content to be a dog if it means to receive the little crumbs that fall from the scraps of Jesus' table. This woman displays great humility before the Lord.
- Jesus is impressed by her unceasing show of faith in Him. He rewards her faith by healing her daughter of her demon possession right away.