

## Saved by Grace - Solid in the Word - Here to Serve

### Welcome!

“...Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5: 19-21



### Holy Communion

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ’s true body and true blood. Reception of the Lord’s Supper expresses not only fellowship with the Lord, but also fellowship and agreement with the teaching of the pastor and congregation. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that out of care for each person and a desire to be faithful to God’s Word we follow the biblical practice of closed communion. **All guests are kindly asked to please speak with Pastor Gaunt before communing at our altar.** Normally, people from churches in fellowship with the LCMS, are welcome to partake. Those not communing, who so desire, may come to the altar to receive a blessing. So that the pastor knows you desire a blessing please cross your arms over your chest. Please pray with us that we might all be truly united in the teaching of our Lord’s precious word. (For further study: 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 6:26-29.)

## Prayers of the Church

**Circuit Congregation** Calvary, Rosemont **Expectant Mother** + Jenna Hesterman + Mikaela Wolfe **Health Issues** + Ron Davis + Kendra Fletcher (friend Ronda Rosenau) + Joyce Carroll + Lisa Novak + June Rose + Bill Fintel + Linda Parsons + Kara Nissen + Don Nissen + John Parsons + Dee Janssen **Missions** Wellspring Pregnancy Health Center, David Preus Family, Heartland Lutheran, Zion Classical Academy **Military** + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

## In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Micah Gaunt  
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt  
Altar Guild: March Kathy LeBeau  
Elders: Dustin Russell, Derek Zeisler, Dick LeBeau  
Acolyte: Elder

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.  
A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters’ Meeting. Questions? Jerry Blazer, Treasurer 402-303-0932

### The Lord’s Week

Sunday	Mar. 26	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12-9pm	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> ) Divine Service Children’s Sunday School, Bible Study Reserved: Fellowship Hall
Monday	Mar. 27	4:00pm 6:00pm	L.W.M.L. Executive Board Choir Practice
Tuesday	Mar. 28	9:30am	Bible Study
Wed.	Mar. 29	5:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Confirmation Class Meal – Trustee’s Lenten Worship
Sat.	Apr. 1	9a-9pm	Reserved: Fellowship Hall
Sunday	Apr. 2	8:30am 9:00am 10:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> ) Divine Service Children’s Sunday School, Bible Study

### Jesus Is Our Redemption

In the temple Jesus said, “If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death” (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death’s sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11-15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1-14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

*The Hymn of Praise “Gloria in Excelsis” and “Alleluias” are silenced during Lent.*



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P: *Go In Peace*  
C: **Thanks Be To God!**

## News and Notes of Interest

**Divine Service:** Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M.  
10:30 A.M. Children's Sunday School, Bible Study

**March 29th Midweek Lenten Service** at 7 pm. This year's theme is "The High Priestly Prayer". Meal provided at 6:00 pm. this weeks servers Trustee's.

**First Communion - April 6th (Maundy Thursday)**

**Birthdays** 3/28 Randy Savage 3/31 Jamisen Armon  
**Baptismal** 3/26 Coley Lacy 3/29 Kelvin Wolzen, Jenna Ellis, Jeffery Ellis 3/30 Rick Latta 3/31 Mary Galliard, Drake LeBeau, Zoe LeBeau 4/01 Tonda Wolfe **Wedding Anniversary** None

**Join us for a Pastry Potluck after Church on Easter!** Easter is the time to show off your baking prowess or make that recipe you've always wanted to try. Maybe it's a dozen rolls, maybe it's a sweet bread. Maybe you're just good at eating what other people bake. Whatever the case, let's continue the celebration after church on Easter Sunday. Note that during this time we will introduce our new members to Peace. Community and the culinary arts - sounds like a recipe for something good.

**Lifequote** "The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!" • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Donations for a Lily** is \$12.00, please fill out flyer and make checks payable to Peace L.W.M.L. at the church office or mail to Ronda Johnson 1000 Park Lane, Hastings NE 68901. Last day to order Wednesday, March 29.

**Human Care Fund.** As many of you know we have a fund that we use to provide financial assistance to church members and people in the community in time of need. The season of Lent is often used as a time of increased giving to help those in need. The Human Care Fund will be our financial project during the season of Lent. Please consider donating. There is a donation box attached to the north wall of the narthex, near the door to the office wing.

## The Congregation at Prayer

*Speak aloud as much of this order of prayer as you are able*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Verse of the Week:** What does Jesus mean when he says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am"? Why did this make the Jews so angry?  
**Gospel Reading:** John 8:46-59

**Other Readings for the Week:** *The Gospel Lesson on Monday, The Gospel Verse on Tuesday, The Epistle Lesson on Wednesday, The Gradual Verse on Thursday, The First Lesson on Friday & The Introit on Saturday.*

**Hymn-** #430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

May the almighty and most merciful God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.

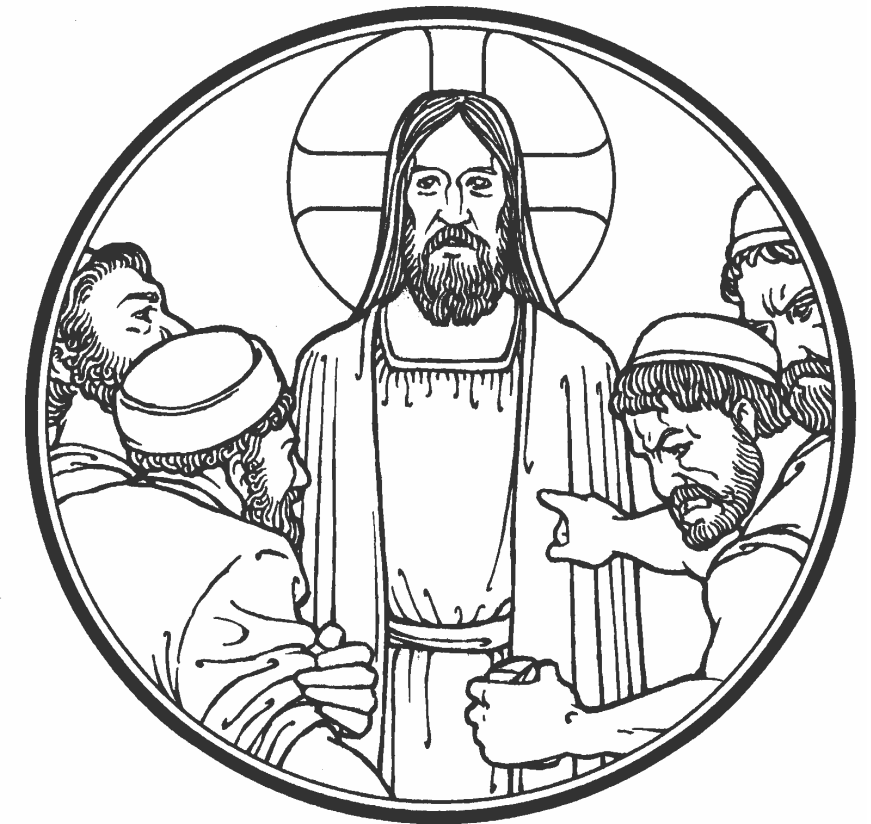
**Next Week's Readings:** Matthew 21:1-9, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 27:11-54

**Prayer Practice This Week - Persistent Prayer**

Prayer is so much more than getting the things we ask for. God is drawing us into something deeper which requires persistence. In chapter 9 of *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools*, Tyler Staton talks about prayer that persists even in the midst of hurt and disappointment. He uses the parable of the persistent widow in Luke 18: 1-8 to illustrate. Here are the three steps he suggests: (1) **Say It Like You Mean It.** Don't start by praying what you think God wants to hear. Start with your disappointment (e.g. Psalm 22: 1). Tell it like it is. (2) **Listen for the Question.** Staton writes, "Invite God to show you the question beneath your disappointments. You'll know you're at the root when you get to a deeper question. Beneath the circumstances left in the wake of your disappointment lives a question about the character of God. Is God really loving? Is God really listening does God really care about *this* part of my life...Remember, there's a question hooked into God's person, His character. Listen till you find it. (3) **Ask God to Meet You in the Question** "God works all things for the good of those who love Him" (Romans 8). This is not a platitude or a cliché. This is an invitation to hold your deep question before God and wait till He comes and brings light and healing through the question. It's through this process that God creates in us the faith to ask again, to keep interceding, and to keep watching.

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Divine Service Setting 1

March 26th  
9:00am



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