

3rd Sunday in Lent (Oculi)
Divine Service Setting 1

March 7th
8:00a.m., 10:30a.m.

2021 Theme: Back to the Basics

10 Commandments

- 1 You shall have no other Gods.
- 2 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- 3 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- 4 Honor your father and your mother.
- 5 You shall not murder.
- 6 You shall not commit adultery.
- 7 You shall not steal.
- 8 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- 9 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Expectant Mother + Dawn Gaunt **Health Issues** + Tim Yurk + Nadeen Debban + Naomi Leising + Ronda Russell + June Rose + Josh Russell + Phil Hesterman + Kay Krueger + Dee Janssen + Viola Melvin + Linda Parsons **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

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

What to listen for during the service?

Look at the picture above. Where do we hear about this in the service? Why did the artist show the picture that way? What does it mean?

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Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

LSB 697

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light;
So learn His love, its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth He came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.
- 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that He might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave.
- 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died,
And conquered in the strife;
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.

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✻ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✻

The sign of the cross (✻) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P: In the name of the Father and of the ✻ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✻ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

✻ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✻

INTROIT

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



- L: My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
- C: **Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;
let not my enemies exult | over me.
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.**
- L: My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

KYRIE

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

(Gloria in Excelsis omitted during Lent)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

(Please sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Ps. 9:19,3)

C: Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;*

let the nations be judged be- | fore you!

When my enemies | turn back,*

they stumble and perish be- | fore your presence.

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).

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

TRACT

Psalm 123:1-3a

L: 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 up- | on us.

Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,*

Have mercy up- | on us!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:14-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now [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.
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.’” 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!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please sit)

“Lord of Our Life”

LSB 659

- 1 Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and hope of ev’ry nation:
Hear and receive Your Church’s supplication,
Lord God Almighty.
- 2 See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,
O Lord, preserve us.
- 3 Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;
And in the day when hell itself assails us,
Grant us Your peace, Lord:

- 4 Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,
Peace in your heaven.

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SERMON

(Please stand)

APOSTLES’ CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,**

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Be seated as the altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

OFFERTORY

(Please stand)

C: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary....., evermore praising You
and saying:

SANCTUS

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER *spoken in unison*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *spoken during Lent*

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

(Please sit)

Those coming to communion are invited to approach the rail
in family units.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

LSB 624

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born
For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He,
Anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh
Was icon of God's righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
His hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came
To God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes,
This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be
Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place
Within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And “Holy, holy, holy” sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

LSB 716

- 1 I walk in danger all the way.
The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me. This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares
If I should fail to watch and pray.
I walk in danger all the way.
- 2 I pass through trials all the way,
With sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day
The cross of God’s own sending. When in adversity
I know not where to flee,
When storms of woe my soul dismay,
I pass through trials all the way.
- 3 And death pursues me all the way,
Nowhere I rest securely;
He comes by night, he comes by day,
He takes his prey most surely. A failing breath, and I
In death’s strong grasp may lie
To face eternity today
As death pursues me all the way.
- 4 I walk with angels all the way,
They shield me and befriend me;
All Satan’s pow’r is held at bay
When heav’nly hosts attend me; They are my sure defense,
All fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharmd by foes, do what they may,
I walk with angels all the way.
- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay
When Satan’s pow’r assails me; And by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray;
I walk with Jesus all the way.

- 6 My walk is heav’nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When God’s good healing shall allay
All suff’ring, sin, and sorrow.
Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heav’n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav’nward all the way.

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After all have communed

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart in ☩ peace.

C: Amen

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

**C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
Which You have prepared in the sight of ev’ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations
And the glory of Your people Israel.
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**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You
that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same
in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

LSB 663

- 1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken! Be not by the evil day
Unawares o’ertaken; For the foe, Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping While the saints are sleeping.
- 2 Watch against the devil’s snares
Lest asleep he find you; For indeed no pains he spares
To deceive and blind you. Satan’s prey Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping And no watch are keeping.
- 3 Watch! Let not the wicked world
With its lies defeat you Lest with bold deceptions hurled
It betray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
- 4 Watch against yourself, my soul,
Lest with grace you trifle; Let not self your thoughts control
Nor God’s mercy stifle. Pride and sin Lurk within,
All your hopes to shatter; Heed not when they flatter.
- 5 But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing. God protects you day by day,
Strength and faith increasing, So that still Mind and will
Shall unite to serve Him And forever love Him.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

In order to assist w/social distancing an usher will dismiss by rows. Please take your bulletin with you or throw it away (no return bulletins).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:00 a.m. Divine Service and 10:30 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Bible Study-Sunday School Opening - Fellowship Hall

2:00-4:00 p.m. “Baby Shower” Rev. Micah & Mrs. Dawn Gaunt and Family - also Members are invited to provide snack items.

We’d like to hear from you! As announced last week, we are beginning a process for getting clarity in our work together and for setting some strategic goals for the next few years. To help us with the process we are asking for members to answer some questions. Here are the questions for discussion today: **What are some activities Peace has done in the past where you saw some excitement from yourself and from the congregation as a whole? Why do you think that was?** Here are questions for discussion on March 14th: **If our congregation could do only one thing in addition to worship, what would it be? Why?** You can also email your answers to revgaunt@gmail.com . Put “Strategic Ministry Plan” on the subject line.

Pastoral Conference Scheduled for Monday and Tuesday March 8th & 9th at 9 a.m. –3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, March 9 - 6:00 p.m. Finance Board
7:00 p.m. All Boards Meet-Bible Study

Wednesday, March 10th 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Preparation
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 11th 6:30 p.m. Ladies Night-basement

Special Voters’ Meeting Sunday, March 14th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

The **Elders** are beginning to think about when we might go back to one service at 9 am. We would like your thoughts and feedback. Please share your thoughts with an Elder. Our Elders are Dustin Russell, Dale Grotelueschen, Kevin Hoins, and Derek Zeisler.

Newsletter Due Date: Please submit all newsletter items by the third Thursday of the month. Anything submitted after won’t make it in. The due date this month is March 18th.

Thrivent Choice Dollars *Expire Wednesday, March 31!* Please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Orphan Grain Train or Peace Lutheran Church before they expire at www.thrivent.com or call (800-847-4836). Joan Primrose

Unable To Attend Church our worship is made available live stream on Sundays at 8 am on our website, or on demand see also our You Tube Channel. Also available via the public access channel (Spectrum 181) at 8 am on Sundays and 2:30 pm on Tuesdays.

Souper Sunday Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup Drive-Thru & Pickup fundraiser for South Central Nebraska Right to Life, on **Sunday, March 21, 2021, 11am-1:30pm**. Check out flyers!

Heartland Lutheran High School **RED & BLUE GALA Saturday, March 27, 2021**, at Riverside Golf Club, Grand Island this is the annual fundraiser. Doors open 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., live auction at 7 p.m. A limited number of tickets still available from the HLHS school office, 3900 W. Husker Highway, Grand Island, NE 68803, 308-385-3900 office@heartlandlutheran.org or www.heartlandlutheran.org. Silent auction items are available for online bidding HLHS Facebook page, starting on March 20 - noon March 27; they can be viewed in person at HLHS on Thursday March 25, 5-8 p.m., and Friday March 16, 1-8 p.m., with dessert and register for prize drawings.

FIRE, 16th Annual Parochial Education Fundraiser on-Line Auction House on Wednesday, April 7th @ 5 PM Ends Sunday, April 11th @ 8 PM Ruhterauction.com (Please wear Masks) to attend the **Live Preview Nights** April 9th -10th Ruhter Auction 2837 W. Hwy 6, Hastings. Flyers are available in the narthex.

Lifequote: “Whether you are five or 35 or 65, there will be days when it seems to you that God has dropped it. When that happens, when the darkness threatens to close in on you, just go back to the simple truth that God taught you in your youth. Go back to the Word of Light, the Word that is Christ. ‘Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.’ That will lighten the way for you, for us all.” • lutheransforlife.org

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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.

The 10 Commandments

The Apostles Creed

The Lord’s Prayer

Small Catechism:

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

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.*

"For Meditation": All people everywhere are constantly looking for happiness, identity, security, and meaning in life. Where have you been looking for these things? What has God done for you that you may know that it is only right to look to Him for every good thing? (Think of specific instances.)

*Pray in response to the Catechism and/or Readings for the Week. What is God teaching you to **thank** Him for? What sin is He teaching you to **confess**? What is God teaching you to **ask** for? You may also pray this week’s Collect, as well as for the prayers of the church (found in the bulletin).*

Hymn— # 614 “ ‘As Surely as I live,’ God Said”

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