

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

### Welcome!

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Acts 2:42



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** St. Paul, Minden **Expectant Mother** + Becca Pettit + Jenna Hesterman + Mikaela Wolfe **Health Issues** + Evelyn Lee + Mike Gundlach + Ron Davis + 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: April Dianne Botsch, Tonda Wolfe  
Elders: Dustin Russell, Derek Zeisler, Dick LeBeau  
Acolyte: Isaac Russell

## 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	Apr. 2	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
		9:00am	Divine Service
		10:30am	Children's Sunday School, Bible Study
Monday	Apr. 3	7:00pm	Passion Reading and Prayer
Tuesday	Apr. 4	9:30am	Bible Study
		7:00pm	Passion Reading and Prayer
Wed.	Apr. 5	7:00pm	Passion Reading and Prayer
Thursday	Apr. 6	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Divine Service Rite of First Communion
Friday	Apr. 7	7:00pm	Good Friday Chief Service
Sat.	Apr. 8	8:00pm	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and Divine Service Reception of New Members
Sunday	Apr. 9	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
		9:00am	Easter Sunday Divine Service
		10:30am	Pastry Potluck

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory  
“Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey” (Zech. 9:9-12; Mt. 21:1-9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name “Barabbas,” “son of the Father” (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, “Truly this was the Son of God!” (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).



Prelude & Ringing of Bells  
Palm Sunday Procession (*See insert*)  
Hymn #442  
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**Service of the Word**  
Introit *insert*  
Kyrie  
Salutation and Collect  
Epistle Reading  
Tract  
Holy Gospel

Hymn of the Day #443  
Sermon Mathew 27:11-54  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayer of the Church

Offering  
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**Service of the Sacrament**  
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Lord's Prayer  
The Words of Our Lord  
Pax Domini & Agnus Dei  
Distribution & Hymns  
Choir Anthem  
“In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust”  
#623 #438 #527

Nunc Dimittis & Collect p. 165  
*Note that we do not sing the “Glory be to the father...”*  
Benediction  
Hymn #441  
Postlude  
Announcements

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

**Tuesday, April 11** we will have the all boards meeting at 6 PM and the council meeting at 7:30 PM. There will be no board of finance meeting.

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

**Birthdays** 4/02 George Gaunt, Sharon Witt  
4/05 Frejya Hoins 4/06 Jessica Morgan 4/07 Don Baker  
4/08 Michaela Novak **Baptismal** None  
**Wedding Anniversary** Rodney & June Rose

**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** "As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what He has to offer because of His humble attitude and His devotion to His mission. When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'"

• [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**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.

**Lutheran Witness Magazine Order** due in by April 20th in the offering plate or church office.

**Quarterly Voters' Meeting April 23rd at 10:30 a. m.**

## 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 stands out to you in the story of Jesus suffering and Crucifixion? Why? Why do we call the day Jesus died, "Good Friday"?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 27:11-54

**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- #443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

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

**Next Week's Readings:** Job 19:23-27, 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, Mark 16:1-8.

**Prayer Practice This Week - Rebellious Fidelity (Unceasing Prayer)** In *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools*, Tyler Staton ends his book talking about persistence in prayer. He addresses an issue that we all experience - spiritual boredom. Here's what he writes: "Spiritual boredom isn't necessarily a sign that we're lapsing in prayer; in fact, it often means we're maturing. The real fight of faith comes on all the ordinary days after the climactic moment because of what we all know but are too polite to come right out and admit: fidelity is boring." The final prayer practice I'd like to share with you is developing a prayer rhythm. As Staton says, "A daily prayer rhythm is about fidelity. It has absolutely everything to do with love and absolutely nothing to do with legalism. Jesus' personal discipline was always about freedom and life." If you have an established prayer rhythm, great! You don't need to change anything. However, you can always examine and tweak things as you desire. What Luther suggests in the catechism is solid gold. Here is another suggested rhythm from Staton's book: (1) **Morning: Pray the Lord's Prayer.** Start the opening moments of your day in prayer, and make use of the prayer Jesus taught us. This doesn't mean using the Lord's Prayer as a script. It means using Jesus' words to thematically move you through a personal conversation with God. This is exactly what Luther suggests in his teaching on prayer. (2) **Midday: Pray for the Lost.** Take a minute or two to talk to God in the midst of all your work. Use this as an opportunity to recognize that this small temporary earthly kingdom is not the ultimate one. Jesus is establishing God's rule of love and mercy here to the earth. This is the kingdom that matters. Pray that this kingdom comes to those who are still outside it. (3) **Evening: Gratitude.** Spend the evening drive home or before you go to bed reflecting on the good things of the day. Then thank God for them. Note the things you might easily overlook and the things that surprised you. Notice that when you start to think about the things God gives you each day, He has the habit of overdoing it!

**Palm Sunday**  
**Divine Service Setting 1**

**April 2nd**  
**9:00am**



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