

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!
Divine Service Schedule Change: Divine Service 9:00 A.M. followed by coffee and dessert time at 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Bible Study will follow beginning at 10:30 A.M. Elders

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 2/19 Nadeen Debban 2/20 Jackie Russell 2/21 Maxine Weseman, Bradley Garlock

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 2/17 Vickie Haubold 2/19 Lucille Fitzke 2/23 Kay Davis

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 2/17 Kevin & Melissa Hart

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex February 10-March 5, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

PEACE KEYS: Trustees are trying to find out who has Church, Garage, Parsonage, or Lincoln ST. keys only to better identify who has a key, and it is not our intent to ask you to turn your key in unless you want to. Glen Krueger, Trustee Chairman will be in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday Services.

TODAY: SUNDAY, FEB. 17 - Right to Life Soup Supper, Eagles Club, 107 N. Denver Ave, Hastings, from 4-6 pm. Chili and chicken noodle soup will be served, along with relishes and dessert. Free will offerings will be taken to raise funds to help pay for our \$5,000 per year billboard in Hastings. If you are not able to attend, you may send a gift to South Central Nebraska Right to Life, P.O. Box 391, Hastings, NE 68902-0391. SouthCentralNebraskaRightToLife@yahoo.com

Ladies Night - no for February, plans are to return in March. Thanks, Lisa Novak

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! The 14th annual FIRE banquet returns on March 2, at the Adams Co. Fairgrounds in Hastings. Doors open at 5 pm; banquet at 6:30 pm with live and silent auctions to follow. Tickets are \$60/person or \$800 for a reserved table of ten. Zion Lutheran (462-5012), Christ Lutheran (744-4991).

LIFEQUOTE "Life is a gift not to be discarded. It can indeed make us weary when we do our work to proclaim life as valuable, and the world continues to abort babies and write prescriptions for people to commit suicide and minimize the value of life in so many ways. Yet, it is encouraging to know we have the gift of prayer to use to strengthen us, knowing the God of life is always in front of us guiding our way, always behind us holding us up, and always beside us keeping us focused and on the right course." *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life regional director of Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Book of Obadiah, Judging Others, First Century Martyr Polycarp, Jesus Calls Philip & Nathanael and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS (Septuagesima)

Matthew 20:9 - "And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius." That's not what they were expecting! The generosity of God is surprising because we are often so tight-fisted. But the Lord gives out of His grace better than we could deserve or even hope. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and, surely, one of the foundations of God's being is His surprising generosity. How is the Lord calling you to generous living in His image?

Septuagesima

February 17th
9:00am



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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 an Elder.

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 an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with any of our Elders before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with an Elder prior to the service check with our Head Elder, Roger Buck, during the week, see bottom of page for contact information.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Leota Uhri + Family of Ray Fredricks **Newborn** + Conrad Paul Reutzel, son of + Whitney & Kayla, sister, Emma **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Patt Lentfer + Peggy Saddler + Hudson Quandt (Infant) + Rodney Rose + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Diane Gundlach + LaVona Henkel + Carol Krause + Lindsay Brettman + Margret Herbert + Jean Thom + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Angel Adz + Kathy Sneed + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplin, U.S. Navy, Retired
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Altar Guild: Feb. Ethel S., Ruth A. Mar. Jeanne B., Marge O.
 Ushers: 9:00am Harold & Janelle Ham March: Ron F., Roger B.
 Elders: 02/17 Dale G. 308-641-6658 02/24 Don N. 402-460-6430
 Bus Drivers: 02/17 Harold H. 402-984-9666 02/24 Mike N. 402-469-4838

For emergencies during the Vacancy please contact Head Elder, Roger Buck at 308-390-3484 or email at personemlz@charter.net.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	123
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 3,798.50
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 2,250.28

OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Loan Balance as of 12/31/18 \$ 115,580

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.

A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.

Questions? Contact our Bookkeeper, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com

The Lord's Week

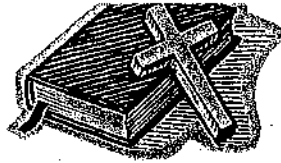
Sunday, February 17th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Call Meeting
Monday, February 18th	7:00pm	Right to Life Board
Tuesday, February 19th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, February 20th	5:30pm	Meal 6:00pm Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship 7:30pm Youth
Sunday, February 24th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Study

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

Grace Alone

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1-7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1-16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. "For they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24-10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

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CALL MEETING

Peace Lutheran Church will hold a call meeting on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of calling a pastor. All voting members (age 19 or older as stated in the By-Laws) are invited to attend and participate. The senior youth will provide lunch with a freewill offering following the meeting. *(Please contact Brenda Christensen with questions about the lunch.)*

The entire call list is printed on the back of this notice with the first three listed being the ones recommended by the board of elders to call.

**Peace Lutheran Church
Call List for February 17, 2007**

Rev. Scott Porath – Immanuel Evangelical, Eagle, NE

Rev. Ryan Wendt – Christ the King: Billings, MT

Rev. David Kahle Zion –Imperial, NE

Rev. Mark Schlamann-First Lutheran Church:Utah

Rev. Thaine Kister -Trinity Lutheran Church: MN

Rev. Sean Daenzer – Peace Lutheran Church: ND

Rev. Daniel Speckhard – Faith Lutheran: Godfrey, IL

Rev. Fred Berry Jr. Trinity Lutheran Church: Iowa

Rev. Jon Dickmänder -- St. John: Brule, NE

Rev. Micha Gaunt – Bethlehem Lutheran: Ravenna, NE

Rev. Chad Schoopp, Emmaus Lutheran Livingston, MT

Names submitted that were not put on the call list because the pastor did not wish to take a call at this time or because he has only been in his current assignment for a short time, or accepted a call: Rev. Benjamin Siebert, Rev. Roberto Rojas (Robbie), Rev. Matthew Schuler, Rev. Jonathan Rathjen, Rev. Galen Friedrichs, Tyler Hauptmeier, Rev. Tom Clark, Rev. Brent Kuhlman

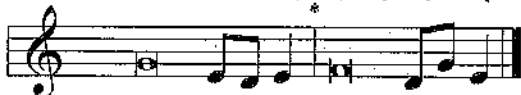
Unable to contact: Rev. Doug Thompson – Missionary in Africa

SET (Self Evaluation Tool) and PIF (Pastor Information Form) will be available on all candidates to view on Friday, February 15th from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, February 16th from 9-1 p.m.

Septuagesima

17 February 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT (Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a)



*The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;**

the snares of death con- | fronted me.

*In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.**

From his temple he | heard my voice.

*I love you, O | LORD, my strength.**

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer;

*For you save a humble | people,**

but the haughty eyes | you bring down.

*[You have] equipped | me with strength**

and made my way | blameless.

*For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,**

and sing | to your name.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (Ps. 9:9-10, 18-19a)

*The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,**

a stronghold in times of | trouble.

*And those who know your name put their | trust in you,**

for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.

*For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,**

and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

*A- | rise, O LORD!**

Let not | man prevail.

TRACT (Ps. 130:1-4)

*Out | of the depths**

I cry to you, | O Lord!

*O Lord, | hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my plea for | mercy!

*If you, O Lord, should mark in- | iquities,**

O Lord, | who could stand?

*But with you there is for- | givenness,**

that you | may be feared.

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7

'All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

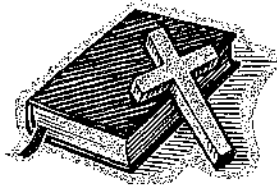
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

²⁴"Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. ²⁸I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²⁹and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³⁰and all ate the same spiritual food, ³¹and all drank the

same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ³²Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."



VOTERS MEETING

In conjunction with the Endowment Committee and the House Ad-Hoc Committee I would like to inform the Congregation of Peace Lutheran Church that there will be a voters meeting held on Sunday March 3rd, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of exercising one of the options put forth on the Lincoln Property. All eligible voters are invited to attend and participate. Information is in the Narthex to familiarize yourself with the options. The senior youth will provide lunch with a freewill offering following the meeting. *(Please contact Brenda Christensen with questions about the lunch.)*

Wes Christensen, President

active work nor the passive work. They complain of the *equality* of the kingdom of heaven. Yet we are all equal in that no matter how much we do or suffer it isn't enough to earn a speck of sawdust from our Lord. We are all equal in what we receive from Him. And Jesus is the one who did the real work: who planted the vineyard, who sent out the Gospel as a seed to found His Church; He's the one who bore the burden of our sin and the scorching heat of God's wrath on the cross.

- These laborers commit the grave sin of standing before Jesus and saying, "Look what I've done." The proper response is that of the tax collector in the temple: to beat one's breast and say, "God, atone for me, a sinner."

¹³ "But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ 'Take what belongs to you and go, I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.' ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?"

- The entire life of the King who brings the reign of heaven could be summed up with the words He says here: "I want to give." Even though He "hired" laborers for His vineyard, they don't receive because *they earn*, but because *Jesus gives*.

16 "So the last will be first, and the first last."

- Not because they change places, but because Jesus treats them as equals. Having a "first" and "last" requires degrees based on individual accomplishments. Eliminating first and last makes everyone in the vineyard alike a receiver of God's grace in Christ – He's the one who has accomplished it all. The most important thing you do in the Church is not your vocation, it's not bearing your cross: it's receiving grace from the nail-pierced hand of Jesus. We don't boast of our works, but simply say we have done our duty and are just as dependent on Christ as everyone else in the Church, no matter when the Master of the house called them.



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SEPTUAGESIMA

70 days before Easter

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Andrew Richard

Collect of the Day:

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit:

Psalms 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49 (antiphon: Psalm 18:5-6a) – *In my distress I called upon the LORD*

Psalms:

Psalms 95:1-9 (antiphon: v. 6) – *A reflection on the Old Testament reading*

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 17:1-7 – *God's people grumble against Him and despise His salvation*

Gradual:

Psalms 9:9-10, 18-19a – *Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail*

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5 – *The Rock in the wilderness is Christ*

Tract:

Psalms 130:1-4 – ¹ *Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!* ² *O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!* ³ *If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?* ⁴ *But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared*

MATTHEW 20:1–16 ESV

Author and Date:

Matthew Levi the apostle around AD 50. This parable is only found in the Gospel according to Matthew. In context it appears immediately before Jesus foretells his death for the third time, and not long before Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

¹ [Jesus said,] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

- Jesus continues the agricultural parables that he began in Matthew 13. In the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23) Jesus distinguished between types of soil. In the Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43) Jesus distinguished between the wheat and the weeds. In the present parable Jesus shows an apparent distinction between the laborers. The owner of the vineyard in this parable is the sower in the previous two: Jesus Himself. The vineyard is the Church as She exists in the world.
- The parable starts with the master of the house who "went out." The kingdom of heaven doesn't come to us apart from Jesus coming to us, leaving the heavenly vineyard and coming into the world's marketplace where we were lost in sin, calling us into His Church.
- "Kingdom" might better be translated "reign." When we think of a kingdom we think of castle and a moat and banners. A reign, however, is an action: it's verbal in nature, it's someone *doing* something – it's *Jesus* doing something. It's like the explanation of the Second Petition in the Small Catechism: "God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity." Or in other words, the reign of heaven is nothing else than we confess in the Creed.
- "Hire" implies wages paid for work done; wages are earned. As we'll see, the reign of heaven is not like a bunch of people who earn their way; the reign of heaven is like the whole parable.

² "After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

- A denarius was standard pay for one day's work.
- "What does laboring in the vineyard of the Lord mean? Nothing other than that each does his duty in his vocation in faith and in love according to God's Word and instruction, – not what seems good to him, but what is right and Christian. But just as the labor in a physical vineyard consists of various tasks, one hoeing and rooting, another planting, a third watering the vines, a fourth pruning the branches, a fifth doing yet another thing, so in the church also there are many offices and calling." (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 91)

³ "And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went.

- The third hour was about 9:00 a.m.
- The owner doesn't name the wage they'll be paid, just that it will be "right."

"Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing.

- The sixth hour is about noon; the ninth, about 3:00 p.m.; the eleventh, about 5:00 p.m.

"And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'

- Idleness characterizes life in the world. No one loves the neighbor or lifts a finger for anything other than gratifying the sinful flesh.
- "No one has hired us" may be those who had never heard the Gospel of Christ. They may also be those who had hardened their hearts against it previously, but this time the Holy Spirit granted them faith. These had, after all, been standing there all day as the master of the house came with his call of the Gospel, but only now are they given ears to hear.

⁸ "And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.'

- The foreman could be the angels who gather the wheat into the barn (Matthew 13:30).
- "Beginning with the last" foreshadows the ending of the parable.

⁹ "And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

- Those who started work at 5:00 p.m. and worked one hour are paid a whole day's wage.

¹⁰ "Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

- The first don't talk about their vocations (the active work in the vineyard) but what they've suffered (the passive work). They've had the devil at their back, the world tempting them to all sorts of sins and vices and persecuting them without cause, the sinful flesh about their necks with its selfish and unclean desires. They have borne these things, and they don't complain about the