

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

Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Patt Lentfer + Hudson Quandt (Infant) + Rodney Rose + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Alan Fredricks + Lucille Fitzke + Esther Dush + Peggy Saddler + Lindsay Bretzman + 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** + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. John Schmidt

Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk

Altar Guild: Mar. Jeanne Buck, Marge Ockinga Apr. Tonda W., Jackie R.

Ushers: 9am Ron F., Roger B. Apr. Craig W.

Elders: 3/24 Kevin H. 402-984-2182 3/31 Dale G. 308-641-6658

Bus Drivers: 3/24 Gary O. 402-469-9797 3/31 Gary O. 402-469-9797

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>	\$ 4,120.83
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,498.11
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 1/31/2019</i> \$ 113,993

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

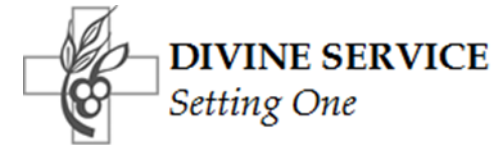
The Lord's Week

Sunday, March 24th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Study
Tuesday, March 26th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, March 27th	2:00pm	Calling & Caring
	5:30pm	Meal-L.W.M.L.
	6:00pm	Classes & Choir
	7:00pm	Lenten Worship 7:30pm Senior Youth
Sunday, March 31st	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. Secretary Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1-15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14-28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16-24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1-9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.



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News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

Divine Service: Sunday, 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MIDWEEK FAMILY NIGHT

May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers as we gather around God's Word, That we may grow together in fear and love of our Lord.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 3/25 Bertha Alvidrez 3/28 Randy Savage 3/29 Brad Bosle 3/30 Lisa Nissen

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 3/24 Abbie Hoins 3/25 William Beezley, Norma Jean Bosle 3/26 Coley Lacy 3/29 Kelvin Wolzen, Jenna Ellis, Jeffery Ellis 3/30 Serenity Johnson, Rick Latta

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS OF PRAYER

available in the Narthex March 6-April 20, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

LENT 5 - 4/10 LENTEN SUPPER OPEN - Needed Group or Groups to fill Fundraiser Meal.

HUMAN CARE COMMITTEE AT WORK: We ask for your continued support to the Benevolence fund so we can continue to bless our church family and community when there is a need. Gods Blessing to all that have given to the Benevolence fund. Sandy Nissen, Human Care Committee Chair.

L.W.M.L. ZONE SPRING WORKSHOP - Trinity Lutheran Church, Blue Hill, NE Saturday, March 30th at 9:00am Registration \$5.00 Fee. Please call Ronda Johnson 402-463-1426 or Church Office if you are interested in going. We will plan to carpool. Thanks, Ronda

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS - Subscription Renewals or first time purchasing orders need to be in by Sunday, April 7, 2019, Cost \$15.95 yr. checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

L.W.M.L. NOW ARRANGING FOR EASTER LILIES:

Donation for a lily is \$9.00, checks payable to Peace LWML. Forms are in the Narthex, give to Janelle Ham or Church Office by Sunday, April 7th. Share the Joy of Easter!

PRO-LIFE & PIE FUNDRAISER: Cheryl Sullenger, keynote speaker, Sunday, March 31, 2019 Eagles Club, 107 N. Denver Ave., Hastings, NE. Doors and Pie buffet open at 1:30 p.m., Program 2:00 p.m., Guest Speaker at 2:30 p.m. \$20 a person or a table of 8 for \$160. Connie 402.751.2368, or 402.461.1934, or go on-line at SouthCentralNebrakaRightToLife@yahoo.com.

LIFEQUOTE "The Virgin Mary's womb became the dwelling place of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Word by whom all things were made. Within the first month, the heart of the Logos in human flesh was beating, like ours, with electrical impulses, pumping blood through His body, blood He would later shed for our sins. But the full miracle of the Incarnation was not just in seeing the Man in the flesh but much more. In Mary's Son we saw with our eyes real things that are only visible by their effects: divine mercy, love, compassion, faith, meekness, and justice." James M. Kushiner, *The Fellowship of St. James - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

DECLARING TO YOU THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD...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 teachings include: The Book of Zephaniah, Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Coveting and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS Lent 3

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Luke 11:21-22 - "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil." Jesus is stronger than Satan and He disarms him for us. But Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with; he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours - and we have none to fear.

Third Sunday in Lent
Oculi

March 24th
9:00am



Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

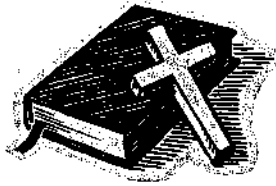
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CALL MEETING

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

The senior youth will provide lunch with a freewill offering following the meeting. *(Please contact Brenda Christensen with questions about the lunch.)*

**Peace Lutheran Church
Call List for April 7, 2019**

Rev. Sean Daenzer – Peace Lutheran Church: ND

Rev. Jon Dickmader – St. John: Brule:NE

Rev. Scott Porath – Immanuel Evangelical, Eagle, NE

Rev. Daniel Speckhard – Faith Lutheran: Godfrey, IL

Rev. Mark Schlamann-First Lutheran Church:Utah

Rev. Thaine Kister-Trinity Lutheran Church: MN

Rev. Fred Berry Jr.-Trinity Lutheran Church: Iowa

Rev. Micha Gaunt-Bethlehem Lutheran: Ravenna, NE

Rev. Chad Schoopp-Emmaus Lutheran Livingston, MT

Rev. Doug Thompson-Sierra Leone: Africa (Missionary)

Rev. David Kahle Zion –Imperial, NE

Rev. Justin Kumfer-Our Savior's Way Broadland, VA

Names submitted not put on the call list because the pastor did not wish to take a call at this time: Rev. Benjamin Siebert, Rev. Roberto Rojas (Robbie), Rev. Matthew Schuler, Rev. Jonathan Rathjen, Rev. Galen Friedrichs, Tyler Hauptmeier, Rev. Tom Clark, Rev. Brent Kuhlman

SET (Self Evaluation Tool) and PIF (Pastor Information Form) will be available on all candidates to view on Tuesday, April 2nd from 5-8 p.m., Friday, April 5th from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, April 6th from 9-12 p.m. Please make time to view the information to allow yourself time to make an informed decision as information will not be available for viewing on Sunday before the voters meeting.

Third Sunday in Lent *Oculi*

24 March 2019 Anno Domini

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

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

for I am lonely and afflicted.

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

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

let not my enemies exult over me.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged;

bring me out of my distresses.

Consider my affliction and my trouble,

and forgive all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

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.

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

for I am lonely and afflicted.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 9:19, 3*)

Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail;

let the nations be judged before you!

When my enemies turn back,

they stumble and perish before your presence.

Old Testament: Exodus 8:16-24

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." "Or 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." "But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth." "Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.'"" ²¹And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

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).

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

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. ²⁴When 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!"



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Travis Loeslie

Collect of the Day:

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. Amen.

Introit:

Psalm 25:1-2, 17-18, 20 (antiphon:
Psalm 25:15-16) — *My eyes (oculi) are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.*

Psalm:

Psalm 136:1-16 (antiphon: v. 26) — *His steadfast love endures forever*

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 8:16-24 — *The finger of God sends plagues on Egypt*

Gradual:

Psalm 9:19, 3 — *Arise, O LORD, Let not man prevail; Let the nations be judged before you! When my enemies turn back, They stumble and perish before your presence.*

Epistle:

Ephesians 5:1-9 — *Walk in love*

Tract:

Psalm 123:1-3a — *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 upon us. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us.*



Luke 11:14–28 ESV

Author and Date:

St. Luke penned this Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit ca. AD 55-60.

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

- This Gospel highlights the battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. These two kingdoms have been in mortal combat from the time of the fall of Satan.
- The Gospel begins with Jesus performing an exorcism. He "casts out" a demon out from a mute man. This Gospel challenges the reigning scientific, naturalistic worldview. Jesus believed in demons and the devil, so His Church and Christians today do well to think in terms of the Biblical worldview.
- "Beelzebul" – literally means "lord of the house." It is a name for Satan. The people were saying that Jesus cast out demons by the power of the prince of demons. This was a deep insult to Jesus.
- "The finger of God" (v. 20) is the Holy Spirit. Just as God worked through Moses to afflict wicked Pharaoh and Egypt with the ten plagues, so also Jesus casts out (exorcises) the demons by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The devil is "the strong man." His kingdom has been all but secure. But in the coming of Jesus Christ, the Stronger One, God has launched an offensive against the devil's kingdom. Like Samson of old, Christ is strong to stand in the places of the evil one and topple his kingdom. This Christ appeared to lose in His death. But His heel was only bruised (Genesis 3:15) After His death, Jesus even descended into hell to taunt the devil with His victory over him (1 Peter 3:19). Christ rose victorious for us. The Seed of the Woman crushed the Satan's head once and for all (Genesis 3:15). Now the strong one is weak. Satan is like a defeated general on the retreat. His hosts shield themselves from reality in the fox holes. Jesus Christ is our salvation and champion in the mortal combat between the kingdoms of God and the devil.

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.' ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then 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."

- An "unclean spirit" is unclean because it is evil. It has no rest. This is unique divine insight into the restless life of a defeated, wicked spirit under the reign of Christ.
 - The spirit tries to return to a place where it was before. When it returns, it brings seven other spirits worse than itself. The last state of that person is worse. There is no joy in going back to a former, sinful way of living. It is not safe, or neutral to leave the Church and the Holy Spirit's protection. Demons haunt those who were once believers. There is no comfort in apostasy.
- ²⁷ As 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!" ²⁸ But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
- Jesus chides against devotion to Mary, His mother. He promises blessing to all who hear and keep His Word. It is not one's blood or connections, but adherence to His Word that makes one a disciple of Jesus Christ. Christians cling to Christ and His Word by treasuring its contents with joy. In that Word is the Gospel, which declares the sinner righteous before God. Christ Jesus has shed His blood to conquer the devil and all the forces which undermine His Word. He promises to protect the baptized from these evil forces of the devil's kingdom. He is faithful. He will keep His promises for you.