

✧ Called to be Christ's Community of Truth and Mercy ✧  
 ✧ 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 **Hospice** + Maxine Weseman  
**Health Issues** + Shannon Jackson + Glen Krueger + Rodney Rose + Sarah Kline (daughter of Paul and Gloria Raab, sister of Sharon Witt) + Gail Jacques (daughter of Carolyn Fredricks) + Vicci Willmon + Keith Jackson + Jenny Brogan + Duane Hoegren + June Rose + Kara 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: Miss Rebekah Pobanz Cantor: Mr. David Witt  
 Altar Guild: February Ethel Schukei, Tonda Wolfe  
 Elders: Dick LeBeau, Dustin Russell, Dale Bauman  
 Acolyte: Elders

## 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	Feb. 25	9:00am	Divine Service
		10:15am	Sunday School, Bible Study-opening
Monday-Friday		8:30am	Daily Prayer Service
Monday	Feb. 26	5p-7:30pm	Bridging Forward - Fellowship Hall
		6:30pm	Right to Life Board - Heritage
Tuesday	Feb. 27	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday	Feb. 28	2:00pm	Calling + Caring
		5:00pm	Communion
		5:30pm	Meal - Memorial Committee
		6:00pm	Choir Practice
		7:00pm	Lenten Worship
Sunday	Mar. 3	9:00am	Divine Service
		10:15am	Sunday School, Bible Study-opening

### Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22-32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21-28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (Mt. 15:27-28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1-7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1-5).



Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Hymn #779

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### Service of the Word

Introit *insert*

Kyrie

Salutation and Collect

Old Testament Reading

Gradual

Epistle Reading

Tract

Holy Gospel

Hymn of the Day #615

Sermon Matthew 15:21-28

Apostles' Creed

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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### Service of the Sacrament

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Sanctus & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns

#634 #772 #770

Nunc Dimittis & Collect p. 165

Benediction

Hymn #876

Announcements

*P: Go In Peace*

**C: Thanks Be To God!**

Postlude

## News and Notes of Interest

**Divine Service:** Sunday, Divine Service 9 AM  
10:15 AM Sunday School, Bible Study, opening

**Special Bible Class During Lent.** Please join us the next five weeks for a special bible study aimed at helping us make the most out of our Lenten journey with Christ. Together we will

- Take time to digest what we received in the Divine Service so that we can apply it to our lives.
- Practice using tools in the catechism to help us understand the bible and pray.
- Discuss real issues honestly
- Train ourselves in catechesis so that we can catechize others.
- Encourage one another in the faith.

Meals will be provided by groups through Lent.

**All Groups** - Sign-up needed for March 6th and 13th  
Wednesday, February 28th - Memorial Committee  
Please support our groups and enjoy a good meal and good fellowship, free will offering to help fray costs.

**Birthdays** 2/25 Andrea Fullerton 2/28 Sue Fintel,  
Amanda Zeisler 3/01 Kelvin Wolzen 3/02 Norma Bosle  
**Baptismal** 2/27 Kobyn Morgan 2/28 Shamon Jackson,  
Diana Troutt, Maxine Weseman 3/02 Zach Zeisler  
**Wedding Anniversary** 2/25 Jeremy & Megan Shuler

**Don't forget about your Thrivent Choice Dollars!**

Your 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be directed by March 31<sup>st</sup>. You can call: 1-800-847-4836. At the prompt say: "Thrivent choice". You can also go to the website: [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) It only takes a minute and you can put those dollars to work at the organization of your choice - like Peace Lutheran Church. Susan Thompson

**Lifequote** Our Heavenly Father remains active and almighty, especially in the difficult circumstances that life issues involve. In joining Himself to us with His incarnation, wisdom, power, atonement, and resurrection, Jesus makes every human life blessed—and a blessing! He lovingly and ably handles decisions about welfare and affliction, life and death, so that we don't have to do it on our own." • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

March - **LWML**

7th—Bible study and fellowship—1:30 Kay Davis is hostess

**HLHS** is hosting an activities fair on Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 5:30-7:00 pm at Heartland Lutheran High School, please see our flyer, narthex - welcome new students.

## The Congregation at Prayer

*Below are suggestions for you to incorporate in your prayers throughout the day.*

### Psalm

Consider using Psalm 119 for prayer and mediation throughout Lent. This week you could follow this pattern:

Sunday: Psalm 119: 57-64

Monday: Psalm 119: 65-72

Tuesday: Psalm 119: 73-80

Wednesday: Psalm 119: 81-88

Thursday: Psalm 119: 89-96

Friday: Psalm 119: 97-104

Saturday: Psalm 119: 105-112

### Catechism - Apostles' Creed

*Say the Apostles' Creed out loud and then use it for meditation and prayer.*

1. Take to heart each word or phrase one after another.
2. Repeat the word or words several times and slowly ponder each with reverent attention inquiring the significance. Use questions like who? what? where? why?
3. What teaching, admonition or consolation can you derive from it?

*Weave these thoughts into a prayer to the God who loves you.*

### Practice - Ponder Scripture with the Creed

*The Creed can be a tool to help us interpret the bible.*

1. When you read Scripture in your daily devotions, use the text of the Creed to guide your interpretation.
2. Consider what which article of the Creed is related to the text. Does the text reflect God's creating, redeeming, or sanctifying, or some combination?
3. How does God's work in the text reflect what we confess in the Creed? How do we see God still at work in this way today?

Second Sunday in Lent  
Divine Service Setting 1

February 25th  
9:00am



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