

Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 24, 2021

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting One

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#770

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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GLORIA

“Glory to God in the Highest”

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 16:4-13 (ESV)

The LORD instructs Samuel to anoint David as king of Israel. As the youngest and weakest member of the family, David is a reminder to us that God sees value and purpose in those whom the world discounts as being unimportant.

Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE INTROIT

Psalm 68

L: Sing to God, sing praises | to his name,* lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult be- | fore him!

C: Father of the fatherless and protector | of widows* is God in his holy habi- | tation.

L: God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to pros- | perity,* but the rebellious dwell in a | parched land.

C: Bless be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;* God is our sal- | vation.

L: Our God is a God of sal- | vation* and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances | from death.

ALL: 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: Sing to God, sing praises | to his name,* lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult be- | fore him!

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-26 (ESV)

Paul describes the Church as being like a human body with many parts that each have their own value and purpose. We should show particular honor to those weaker members so that they are not neglected, and the whole Church is kept united and strong.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-34, 44 (ESV)

Jesus tells a series of parables, all of which offer the same lesson about God's Kingdom. God uses those that are small and seemingly insignificant to display His glory and grace before the world

L: The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brittany Fulcer

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

#867

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lutheran Family Services Video

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Dan Barbey, St Peter Lutheran Church and School, Hampton

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Family of Eugene Hladky who passed away Tuesday

Jayne Griffiths having knee surgery Thursday January 28th

Dealing with an illness: Christal Fehlhafer, Shirley Utter, Duane Barth, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, Amy Frye's Father Frank, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peeks, Barb Nordmeyer (niece of Verna Neujahr), Hawley Family, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Debbie Haleem, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Recovering from surgery: Linda Luebbe, Collin Sansom (Husband of Rosie Matlock's Granddaughter), Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer), Aaron Price (Rosie Matlock's grandson)

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In Response to God's Love

January 17 : Total Attendance: 121 Sunday School: 19

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(01-24-21) Acolyte: Hannah Luebbe **Lay Reader:** Justin Slawynk **Organist:** Pat Koch

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (01-24)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person Sunday School in person
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group
MONDAY (01-25)	1:00 PM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (01-26)	-----	GRAPEVINE INFO DUE TO THE OFFICE
WEDNESDAY (01-27)	8:45 AM	Orphan Grain Train
	3:45 PM	Midweek Classes
THURSDAY (01-28)	-----	
FRIDAY (01-29)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (01-30)	10:00 AM	Private Baptism
SUNDAY (01-31)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person/Sunday School in person
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 01-12-21	Amount received 01-10-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$16,544.00		\$34,344.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$0.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Total	\$16,544.00	\$15,280.00	\$34,344.00	\$30,705.00	\$3,639.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	Bldg Fund**	\$46,917.00
Teacherage Fund	\$50.00		\$0.00	Teacherage Fund	\$125.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$100.00	\$93.00	\$1915.00	\$1,827.00	\$88.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

Family of Glen Neujahr would like to thank everyone for the loving thoughts, comforts, prayers, beautiful flowers and generous memorials. We take great comfort in knowing that Glen is at peace in his heavenly home and has no more pain. Wish to thank Pastor Dunbar, Pastor Gudgel and organist Donetta Schmeiding for the comforting funeral and graveside service.

Verna Neujahr and Family

LLL DOOR OFFERING JANUARY 31, 2021 - LLL PANCAKE DINNER Due to Covid-19, the annual LLL Pancake Dinner for this year has been canceled. The offering held at the Pancake Dinner goes toward the Nebraska District LLL Projects. A large portion of the Special Project monies goes towards Scholarships for students that are going into full time church work attending LCMS Universities and Seminaries as well as projects such as the State Fair Booth Ministry, and several other worthwhile projects. Our local LLL will be holding a door offering on Sunday, January 31st for these Special Projects. Donations may also be mailed to Myron Schmieding, 2032 420th, Utica, NE 68456. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul LLL. Thank you.

Special Collection for LFS

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska is an organization that provides help to families right here in our state including adoptions, refugee settlement, and job training services. Today Sunday, January 24th you are invited to participate in a special collection to support their work. You can drop your gift in the designated plate at the door on that Sunday, mail or bring it in to the church office any time.

"Praying for Muslims 2021" booklet sign up sheet in at the Welcome Center

Project for Deployed LCMS Chaplains Our mission offerings for the month of January will be designated to deployed LCMS chaplains. The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports almost 200 chaplains, who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, and Civil Air Patrol. We will be collecting items appreciated by service members (if individually wrapped, go quickly): Protein and granola bars are considered desirable. Individually-wrapped hard candies, Tootsie Pops, suckers, etc. Rice Krispies treats are always winners. Small cans of Pringles or small cracker packs (peanut butter, cheese, etc.). Nuts in small packages are regularly sought after and are a hot commodity. Chewing gum, especially "breath enhancers" when you cannot always brush after a meal. Personal hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, bar soap, etc. If anyone would like to help with this project, a collection box for these items will be in the church narthex. Thank you.



*Monetary donations can be made to Centennial Public School You buy diapers with food stamps or get them through WIC (Women, Infants and Children) • 22% of all children under five years old in the U.S. live in poverty and 1 out of every 3 families struggle to afford diapers • If a family can't afford Diapers, a baby may spend extended periods of time in the same soiled diaper. • Diapers cost an average of \$75-\$100 per month