

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380

1. **Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

2. **Come, Desire of nations, come, Fix in us Thy humble home;
Oh, to all Thyself impart, Formed in each believing heart!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
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***INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISM (8:00)

L: Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C: **And He shall reign as King and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.**

L: In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely,

C: **And this is the name by which He will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."**

L: Blot out our iniquities, Sovereign Lord,

C: **And forgive us for Your name's sake, gracious Lord.**

L: Absolve us for Your mercy's sake, holy Lord.

C: **And cleanse us from all our transgressions. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

***THE KYRIE**

C: **✠ Lord have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **✠ And with Thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the third Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah 35:1-4, 8-10, pages 595-596:

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

8:00 Chancel Choir

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

THE EPISTLE READING is from James 5:7-9, page 1013:

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter, verses 2-11, page 816:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." ¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CREED**

C: We believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; the world and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy. (*Psalm 98:7-8*)

C: We believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

L: The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the son of God." (*Luke 1:35*)

C: Who was born of the Virgin Mary,

L: "How can this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" (*Luke 1:34*)

C: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

L: Your house and Your kingdom will endure forever. (*I Samuel 7:16a*)

CHILDREN'S SONG (Sung as the children come forward) (8:00 & 10:30)

I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes

1. I am so glad when Christmas comes The night of Jesus' birth,
When Bethl'm's star shone as the sun And angels sang with mirth.
2. The little Child of Bethlehem, The King of heav'nly grace,
Came down from His exalted throne To save our fallen race.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00 & 10:30)

Christina Stackle

SERMON HYMN

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

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1. Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.
2. Christ, from heav'n to us descending And in love our race befriending,
In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily foe.
3. Jacob's Star in all its splendor Beams with comfort sweet and tender,
Forcing Satan to surrender, Breaking all the pow'rs of hell.
4. From the bondage that oppressed us, From sin's fetters that possessed us,
From the grief that sore distressed us, We, the captives, now are free.

THE SERMON

"What are We Waiting For?"

(Matthew 11:2-11)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

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✠ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*LORD'S PRAYER (Found in the back cover of the hymnal.)

*THE BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: ✠ Amen, amen, amen.

*THE CLOSING HYMN

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

LSB 366

1. For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old,
When down into the circling years, Came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth God's ancient promise bring,
And all who take this gift will hear The song the angels sing.
2. All you, beneath your heavy load, By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way With painful steps and slow;
Look up, for golden is the hour, Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the angels sing.

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson
Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens
Organist: 5:00: Jeff White, CAGO; 8 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman; 9:20: Alice Kastens
Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM
KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Dean Seyfert/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2016

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Augsburg Confession

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room): Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr. Youth: Rick Goodman; 7th Gr. Youth: Greg Wirtel and Louise Oster

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

PLEASE KEEP FOOD & DRINK consumption inside the Gym.

BAPTISM: (8:00) Angelina Diane Sanders, daughter of Frederick R. & Pamela A. née Doskal Sanders. Sponsors: Steven R. and Julie M. née Sedwick Shawcross.

GERMAN SERVICE is **today** with preservice at 2:15 p.m. Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. English helps provided. Invite others.

REHEARSAL for Nurs.-Kdg. & grades 1-6 on Saturday December 17, 9:00-10:00 a.m. for the Children's Sunday December 18, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Service.

CHRISTmas TREE & WREATH LOT The Men's Club is again sponsoring the tree lot on Peace's West Parking Lot.

LHSS CHOIR CONCERT will be holding its annual Christmas Concert Sun. evening, Dec. 18, at 7:00p.m. at Concordia-Kirkwood. The concert will feature the Lancer Singers which includes Peace member Anna Renner.

GREEN PARK STAY-N-PLAY Enjoy FREE mornings of fun and play in Green Park's gym - scooters, bounce house, mats and more. Friday mornings 9:00-10:30am, 12/9, 12/16, 1/3, and 1/20. Children 5 years and under accompanied by an adult welcome. Limited spots available. Please RSVP to Katy Schmitt at Green Park, 544-4248.

PEACE HONG KONG MISSION TEAM—We are getting closer to our goal. Our room/board fees have been met and paid for. Now we need to reach the \$5,168 airfare goal. Please consider giving a year-end donation. We are leaving soon (Jan. 26, 2017)! We give Praise, Honor, and Glory to God for offering us this opportunity to serve Him!

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth join us for food, games and a devotion at the Christmas Party on Dec. 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please sign up today (Dec. 11) so we can order food. **Jr. Youth please remember we serve the Advent Dinner this Wed., Dec. 14th. See you there!**

GIVING TREE appears in the Commons. Place the tag inside the unwrapped box, and return gifts by today.

ADULT INQUIRY SERIES for those desiring membership, begins January 15, 6-8 p.m., with sessions on Sundays. Sign-up posted.

ALASKA MISSIONS SAUSAGE SALE Don't forget to stop by the gym for your holiday sausages, cheeses, and gift items. We have lots of baskets and other gifts. All proceeds help fund mission work on Alaska.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2016:

Today: 2:30 German Service
Mon: 4:45 Youth Handbell Ensemble
6:30 Preschool Christmas Program
7:00 Boy Scout Troop 584 Committee Meeting
7:15 Christmas at Peace Orchestra rehearsal
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:30 Men's Volleyball
7:00 Eagle Board of Review
Wed: 4:00 5/6/7/8 gr. Confirmation Class
5:00 Advent Dinner
6:15 Advent Service
7:00 Bells of Peace
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
12:00 Ladies Guild
5:30 ESL Sports
6:30 ESL Classes
7:00 Chancel Choir
Sat: 9:00 Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
5:00 Worship Service w/Comm
6:30 We Are One Community Choir Concert
Sun: 4:00 Sunday School Christmas Service