

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** HYMN OF INVOCATION** *Angels Singing in the Heavens* (Melody: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory")

- 1. Angels singing in the heavens Of the Savior promised long!**
Ev'ry heart shall open to him Ev'ry voice lift high in song.
He is coming! He is coming! Ev'ry voice lift high in song.
- 2. Through the darkness of our lives, The Prince of Peace shall enter in.**
With the message of salvation: We no more are slaves to sin.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We no more are slaves to sin.
- 3. Glory, Laud, all honor, blessings To the king whose reign will come.**
Praise and thanks and adoration, Father, Son, and Spirit, One.
He is coming! He is coming! Father, Son, and Spirit, One.

***INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

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

C: Amen.

L: God the Father, Creator and Preserver:

C: Sustain our life in You.

L: God the Son, who did come down from heaven for us and for our salvation:

C: Cleanse us by Your blood.

L: God the Holy Spirit, promised Paraclete:

C: Dwell in our lives with Your gracious presence.

L: Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

C: We confess before You, and in the presence of our sisters and brothers in Christ, that we are sinners, born separated from God. We do not always live the godly and holy lives You call us to live. We are not spotless, blameless, or at peace apart from You. Lord, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we repent of our sin. Forgive us for the sake of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: Amen.

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

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to 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 second Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah 11:1-10, pages 575-576:

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING is from Romans 15:4-13, page 949:

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - according to St. Matthew, the third chapter, verses 1-12, page 808:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

THE SERMON

"Prepare the Way"

(Matthew 3:1-3)

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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***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

♫ 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♫ Amen.

***THE AGNUS DEI** LSB page 198

♫ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

LSB 345

1. Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!"
2. Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
3. See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv'n.

4. **So, when next He comes in glory And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy And with words of love draw near.**

5. **Honor, glory, might, dominion, To the Father and the Son
With the everliving Spirit, While eternal ages run!**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 353, 412, 352

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32 LSB page 199

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: **♪ And His mercy endureth forever.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **♪ Amen.**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪ And with Thy Spirit.**

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: **♪ Thanks be to God.**

*THE BENEDICTION

C: **♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*THE CLOSING HYMN

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

1. **The Advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.**

2. **All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00, & 10:30 - Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20 - Sem. Kyle Weeks

Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler; 8:00 & 10:30: Alice Kastens

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Wayne Schuessler/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 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

THE BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL is in progress this weekend, so we ask that you **PLEASE REMAIN STANDING TODAY** when receiving Holy Communion to accommodate changes needed for the Festival.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from John and Tracey Roesch in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary on December 7.

GERMAN SERVICE is Sunday, December 11, 2:15 p.m. with the Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. English helps provided. Invite others.

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

COMMONS CHRISTMAS TREE special thanks to Pam Schulze and Nancy Holdenried, and their crew of Christmas elves for providing the beautiful tree to welcome guests and for each of us to enjoy!

HONG KONG MISSION TEAM appreciates your continuing support for our Bake Sale and other donations. To-date we have raised \$2,222. Our Goal is \$7,360 by Jan. 26, 2017 when we leave for Hong Kong MCDH Lutheran School. Please give an "End of Year Contribution" to Peace Lutheran Church/Hong Kong Missions to help us reach our goal!

YOUTH NEWS: High School Youth Christmas Party will be on Dec. 10, 5:00-10:00 p.m. Bring \$10 for our Adopt-A-Family. We will have Pasta House for dinner, play Christmas games, go shopping for our family and have a Christmas devo. Please sign up by Dec. 7 to attend. 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 by Dec. 11 so we can order food.

GIVING TREE is in the Commons. Take a tag, buy the gift designated, place the tag inside the unwrapped box, and return it to the Christmas tree (in the Commons) by December 18. Posted. – Joyce Birk

REHEARSAL for grades 1-6 is Sat., Dec. 10, 9:00-10:30, for the Children's Christmas service. (Rehearsal for 2-yr-olds - Gr. 1, Sat., 12/17, 9:00-9:45 a.m.; and second rehearsal for Gr. 1-6 is 12/17, 9:00-11:00 a.m.)

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON is Thursday, December 15 at Noon. Please RSVP to Carolyn Huettnermeyer by December 9. We invite all women of the congregation to join us for an enjoyable time together.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2016:

Today: 2:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
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Mon: 9:30 Berean Careciples
4:45 Youth Handbell Ensemble
6:30 Council
6:30 Cub Scout Pack Meeting
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:30 Men's Volleyball
Wed: 4:00 5/6/7/8 gr. Confirmation Class
5:00 Advent Dinner
6:15 Advent Service
7:00 Alleluia Ringers
Thu: 6:00 Men's Morning Bible Study
9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
5:30 ESL Sports
6:00 Cemetery Board
6:30 ESL Classes
7:00 Chancel Choir
Fri: 3:30 GP Practice
6:00 Couples Club Decorates Church
Sat: 9:00 Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
5:00 Worship Service
5:00 High School Christmas Party
6:00 Couples Club Christmas Party
Sun: 2:30 German Service