

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist \* = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Let All Together Praise Our God*

**LSB 389**

1. **Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav'n again To give us His own Son (2x).**
2. **He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall (2x).**
3. **He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name (2x).**
4. **He is the key and He the door To blessèd paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise (2x).**
5. **Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.**

**\*INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: O Wisdom, proceeding from the Most High—

C: **I confess that I have not always lived a wise life. I have not followed Your teachings.**

L: O Lord, head of all the peoples of the world—

C: **My sin has separated me from You. Have mercy on me for Your sake, my Redeemer.**

L: O Branch of Jesse—

C: **I call to You for help, for I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

L: O Key of David—

C: **I deserve to have heaven closed to me on account of all that I have done wrong. Open to me the gates of paradise, for Your holy life has exempted me from condemnation.**

L: O Morning Star, Sun of Righteousness—

C: **Forgive me for my dark misdeeds. Shine the light of Your love into the depths of my being.**

L: O Emmanuel—

C: **Come near to me and save me. 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 61:1-3, 9-11, pages 620-621 (5, 8, 9:20)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: 🎶 Thanks be to God.**

8:00 Chancel Choir

*Come, Emmanuel*

THE EPISTLE READING is from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, page 988:

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**\*THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

**C: 🎶 Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter, verses 6-8, 19-28, page 886:

**C: 🎶 Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>19</sup>And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." <sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: 🎶 Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**\*THE CREED (5, 8, 9:20)**

**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. (*1 Samuel 7:16a*)

**SERMON HYMN***Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

LSB 375

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, Save 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

"The Mother of our Lord"

(Luke 1:41-42, 46)

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.*

## VOLUNTARY

\*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***Angels We Have Heard on High*

LSB 368

1. **Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'r the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**
2. **Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**
3. **Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

LSB 353, 383, 357

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

*Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*

LSB 352

1. **Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word  
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.**

2. **What the fathers most desired, What the prophets' heart inspired,  
What they longed for many a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.**

\*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5, 8, & 10:30: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20: Sem. J. Steinke

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Burnell Hackman 9:20 & 10:30: Alice Kastens

Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman, DMM; Choir Accompanist: Cathy Boemler

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Dean Seyfert/Jeanette Mattingly

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2017

CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Hebrews

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 Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman 7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.**

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY will be meeting the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursdays starting in January 2018. To register: <https://www.fpucentral.com/classes/1044973/registration>.

K - 2 BASKETBALL Register now for 2018 PLAA Sat. morning Basketball Program at Peace for all area K - 2nd grade students. The season begins Jan. 6 - March 2018. Register with Andy Reinitz at [plaa@att.net](mailto:plaa@att.net).

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE (Preschool-6) **today**, 4:00p.m. Welcome.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES available in Commons. Please continue to use your 2017 envelopes through Dec. 31, 2017. Your 2018 envelope (#) set will not be in effect until after January 1, 2018.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE Inviting someone to a special event at Peace is a great way to introduce the community to our Church. One of the many ways you can do this is by inviting them to Christmas at Peace on Friday, December 22 at 7:30p.m. The Chancel Choir, Bells of Peace, and Orchestra of Peace will present a program of sacred Christmas music. Invite family and friends to join you for this very special evening of music.

The Lutheran Witness and Supplement for 2018 calendar year is \$18.00. There is an envelope in your contribution envelope box if you wish to use it. Please make checks payable to *Peace Lutheran Church*.

YOUTH NEWS: High School Seniors & Parent's Bible Class will begin Jan. 7 at 9:15 a.m. Please sign up on Youth bulletin board if you plan on attending.

PEACE LADIES GUILD Christmas Luncheon, Thursday, December 21 at noon. Members are asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. All women welcome. RSVP to Mary Widitz by December 18.

SUPPORT THE HONG KONG MISSION TEAM Stop by the gym on Sunday mornings to see their display. Today they will have "Egg Tarts", a special treat from Hong Kong!

2018 USHERS SCHEDULES available in the Usher's Room.

GREEN PARK AUCTION poster in the Commons seeks donation items by January 10, 2018. Auction is Friday, February 16, 2018 at Royale Orleans.

**POINSETTIAS:**

Anonymous, in memory of Jean Himmelmann, Lois Isenberg and Frieda Schaub; Roy Baese, in memory of Ginnie Baese; Paul and Verna Beck, to the glory of God; Mary Bentrup, in memory of husband Bob; Jerry and Joyce Birk, in memory of our mothers Betty and Ruth; Vern Bollman, in memory of Grace Bollman; Helen Breitenfeld, in memory of Marvin Breitenfeld; Beutler Family, to the glory of God for blessings received; Kathy Ebmeier, in memory of Ron Ebmeier; Terry L. Eckert, in memory of Joseph J. & Margaret Schmitt and Tracy L. Dorman; Bill and Sue Feero, in loving memory of Bill's mother Lorene Warner; Bill and Sue Feero, in celebration of Christ's birth; Carol Gibbons, in memory of parents Don & Frankie Settlemoir; Bruce and Merrily Goldsmith, to the glory of God; Gwen and Gina and Family, in honor of Jacqueline Uthoff's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday; Jean Hammond, in honor of Robert Turner; Mason and Taegan Harris, in honor of great grandparents Ron & Dorine Moore; Don and Susan Hasting, to the glory of God; Helen Hellwege, in memory of husband Wil Hellwege; Bruce and Jane Herzog, in memory of Doris Herzog and Marie & Erwin Weigel; Pat and Ray Kergo, in memory of our parents; Leon and Mary Jane Knoernschild, in memory of our parents; Marlene Kruse, in memory of husband Arthur Kruse and parents Vertna & George Glatz; Joani Madden, in memory of Mike Beishir; Vicki McConnell, in memory of Jim McConnell; Her Children, in honor of Dorothy Meyer; His Children, in memory of Karl F. Meyer; Barbara Miller, in memory of Elizabeth Brothers and Marie Miller; Mueller, Noser, and Truemper Families, in memory of Ed Mueller; Mueller, Noser, and Truemper Families, in memory of Floyd & Leota Eades, Gilbert & Adelma Mueller, and Ernst & Mildred Truemper; Louise and Mark Mullen, in memory of Dale and Stacy Mullen; Mark and Louise Mullen, in memory of Claude & Louise Lamprecht; John and Tracey Roesch, in memory of loved ones; Rubach Family, in memory of Ron Rubach; John and Helene Ryan, in memory of parents Emil John & Helen Schlake Whitman; Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler, in honor of Neoma Schuessler's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday; Pam and Jerry Schulze, in honor of our grandsons; Schutte Family, in memory of Charlie Schutte; Smith and Keller Families, in memory of Emil and Verna Keller; Jim and Donna Stabile, in honor of grandchildren Brayden, Madelyn, Alex, and Ethan Stabile; Anita Thomas, in memory of Don Thomas; Arlene Thorburg, in memory of Jim Thorburg; Sandy Wanstreet, in memory of parents Gene and Virginia Friley; Ralph Wolters, in memory of Shirley Wolters; Rob and Marlene Wussler, to the glory of God; Tom and Leigh Ann Zaretsky, in honor of parents Barb & Rich Eichhorst and Rose Zaretsky; Tom and Leigh Ann Zaretsky, in memory of Tom Zaretsky Sr.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017:

Today: 4:00 Sunday School Christmas Service  
Mon: 9:30 Berean Careciples  
3:30 GP Practice  
6:30 Cub Scouts  
7:00 Boy Scouts  
7:15 Orchestra of Peace Rehearsal  
Tue: 9:00 Quilters  
6:00 Property Management  
7:00 Chancel Choir  
7:15 String Quartet  
Wed: 9:00 TPL Assembly  
11:00 South County Senior Citizens  
5:00 Advent Dinner  
6:15 Advent Service  
7:00 Bells of Peace  
Thu: 12:00 Ladies Guild  
5:30 ESL Sports  
6:15 Bells of Peace  
6:30 ESL Classes  
6:30 Security Meeting  
7:00 "Christmas at Peace"  
Concert Dress Rehearsal  
Fri: 7:00 "Christmas at Peace" Concert  
Sat: 2:00 Wright/Suda Wedding  
5:00 Worship Service  
Sun:8/9:20/10:30 Worship Service  
3:00/5:00 Christmas Eve Service w/Comm  
10:00 Candlelight Service