

## 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 is the key and He the door To blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise (2x)**
4. **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: 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: (5:00, 8:00, 10:30)

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it 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. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say 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." <sup>8</sup>And 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 stray. <sup>9</sup>No 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. <sup>10</sup>And 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.**

10:30 Chancel Choir

*An Advent Acclamation*

Nordmeyer

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

<sup>7</sup>Be 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. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do 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.**

<sup>2</sup>Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the 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. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." <sup>7</sup>As 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? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" <sup>11</sup>Truly, 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. (*1 Samuel 7:16a*)

SERMON HYMN

*Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

LSB 353

THE SERMON

“The Final Judgment”

(Matthew 24:37-39)

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 10:30 Chimes of Peace      *O Come Little Children*

\*THE OFFERTORY (LSB pg 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 on the inside of 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

*When Sinners See Their Lost Condition*

TLH 65

1. When sinners see their lost condition And feel the pressing load of sin  
And Jesus cometh on His mission To heal the sin-sick heart within  
All grief must flee before His grace, And joy divine will take its place.
2. When Jesus enters meek and lowly To fill the home with sweetest peace;  
When hearts have felt His blessing holy And found from sin complete release  
Then light and calm within shall reign And hearts divided love again.
3. When Jesus enters land and nation And moves the people with His love;  
When, yielding to His kind persuasion, Our hearts His truth and blessing prove,  
Then shall our life on earth be blest, The peace of God on us shall rest.
4. Oh, may He soon to every nation Find entrance where He is unknown,  
With life and light and full salvation, That heathendom may be o'erthrown  
And healing to the hearts may come In heathen land and Christian home!

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 349, 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 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* LSB 366 (v. 3)  
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

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

Organist: 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler; 5:00 & 9:20: Burnell Hackman

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Rick Goodman/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019

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 (The Hall): Gospel of Luke

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner; 7th Gr: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

REHEARSAL for Sunday School Christmas Service is Saturday December 21. 9:00-11:00a.m. for 1st—6th grade and 10:00-11:00 a.m. for Parent & Me, Pre-School and Kindergarten. The service is Sunday December 22, at 4:00 p.m.

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

CHRISTmas TREE & WREATH LOT The Men's Club is again sponsoring the tree lot located on Peace's West Parking Lot. Volunteers needed for Dec. 15 - Dec. 21, for the hours of 12:00-3:00; 3:00-6:00; and 6:00-8:00. Please sign up.

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

ALASKA MISSIONS SAUSAGE SALE - Be sure to stop by the table in the gym to pick up your sausage and cheese for the holidays as well as all the gift items for your holiday giving. All proceeds will help fund the mission work in Alaska next summer. Thank you for your support!

FACILITY ENHANCEMENT DEDICATION at the January 11/12 services.

ADULT INQUIRY SERIES for those desiring membership, begins January 12, 6-8 p.m., with sessions on Sundays. Sign-up posted.

LADIES GUILD will be celebrating Christmas on Thursday December 19, at 11:00 a.m. in the meeting room. We will be having a catered lunch, tickets required, and Pastor Kastens will be sharing a Christmas devotion with us.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE Spread the true meaning of Christmas by inviting Family and Friends to join you at CHRISTMAS at PEACE, a concert presented by the Chancel Choir, Bells of Peace and Orchestra of Peace. It's a great way to introduce others to the Joy of Christmas and of Peace Church. The concert begins at 7:15 pm on Friday, December 20.

GREEN PARK is accepting resumes for the full-time position of Administrative Assistant. Qualified individuals should send their resume and cover letter to the Principal, Mr. Stephen Eggold at [stephen.eggold@greenparklutheralschool.org](mailto:stephen.eggold@greenparklutheralschool.org). Green Park will be accepting names for this position through December 20.

LUTHERAN WITNESS for 2020 calendar year at \$18.00. There is an envelope in your packet if you wish to use it. Make checks payable to *Peace Lutheran Church*.

**POINSETTIAS:**

Anonymous, in memory of Jean Himmelmann, Lois Isenberg and Frieda Schaub; Roy Baese, in memory of wife Ginnie; Tim, Tami, Adam, Aaron, and Amanda Behnke, in memory of Marilyn Smith; Mary Bentrup, in memory of husband Bob; Jerry and Joyce Birk, in memory of our mothers Betty and Ruth; Vernon Bollman, in memory of Grace Bollman; Denise Bowman, in memory of grandparents William & Olga Hastings; Helen Breitenfeld, in memory of Marvin Breitenfeld; Kathy Ebmeier, in memory of Alice & Ray Yelton; Greg and Lois Ebmeyer, in memory of Norbert & Lorraine Laramie, Don Ebmeyer, and Rich George; Terry L. Eckert and Douglas, Joseph, Tom, and Jordyn Dorman, in memory of Joseph J. & Margaret Schmitt and Tracy L. Dorman; Patricia Eiler, in memory of Gene Eiler; George and Deborah Genovese, in honor of Arleen Roettger, and in memory of Earl C. W. Roettger and Henry & Franca Genovese; Carol Gibbons, in memory of my friend Tena Combs; Glessner Family, in memory of David Flint; Merrily Goldsmith, in memory of Bruce Goldsmith; Pat and Don Guehring, in honor of the Guehring Family and the McFarland Family, and in memory of Don Guehring's parents; Don and Susan Hasting, in memory of Susan's mother Rosetta Sattel; Helen Hellwege, in memory of husband Wil Hellwege; Bruce and Jane Herzog, in memory of Doris Herzog and Erwin & Marie Weigel; John Hooss Family, to the glory of God; Pat and Ray Kergo, in memory of our parents; Leon and Mary Jane Knoernschild, in memory of our parents; Linda Kohm, in memory of Rich Kohm; Marlene Kruse, in memory of my husband Arthur Kruse; Marlene Kruse and Vicki McConnell, in memory of our parents George & Vertna Glatz; Erik and Karla Lunsford, to the glory of God; Patricia A. Maetten, in memory of Bruce J. Goldsmith and Carolyn Kaiser; Sharon Marshall, in memory of Albert Marshall and Roy Evers; Vicki McConnell, in memory of husband Jim McConnell; His Children, in memory of Karl F. Meyer; Her Children, in honor of Dorothy Meyer; Mueller, Noser and Truemper Families, in memory of our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents; Mueller, Noser, and Truemper Families, in memory of Edward Mueller, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and great-uncle; Mark and Louise Mullen, in memory of Stacy and Dale Mullen; Mark and Louise Mullen, in memory of Claude & Louise Lamprecht; Sharon and Lloyd Nelson, in memory of loved ones; Tom and Renee Pratt, in memory of Adeline Haught; Sarah and Justin Riley, in memory of Michael Zimmerly and Bill Zimmerly; John and Tracey Roesch, in memory of loved ones no longer with us; Edwin Rost, in memory of Judith Rost; Rubach Family, in memory of Ron Rubach; Saberton Family, in memory of Leola and Ronald Saberton; Jake and Nancy Schlechte, to the glory of God; Gerry and Jackie Schramm, in memory of Daniel Saitz, Carter Lovera, and Maddie Lovera; Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler, in memory of Beate Kluge and Anneliese Kahl; Schutte Family, in memory of Charlie Schutte; Janice Schweiss, in memory of Raymond & Evelyn Kappen; 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; Gale Uhlig, in memory of recently passed loved ones; Sandra Wanstreet and Barbara Zorich, in memory of Robert Wanstreet and John Zorich; Fran Weiss and Gretchen Bluette and Girls, in memory of Karl Weiss and Chester Bluette; Mary B. Williams, in memory of Steven K. Williams; Ron and Verlene Wohlschlaeger, in memory of Randy Wohlschlaeger; Bob and Linda Wolff, in memory of infant son David Samuel Wolff and Bob's parents Robert C. & Rosemary Wolff; Ralph Wolters Family, in memory of Shirley Wolters; Tom and Leigh Ann Zaretsky, in memory of Tom Zaretsky, Sr; Tom and Leigh Ann Zaretsky, in honor of parents Barb & Rich Eichhorst and Rosalie Zaretsky.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019:

Today: 2:30 German Service  
Mon: 6:30 Co-Ed Volleyball  
6:30 Early Childhood Christmas Program  
Tue: 9:00 Quilters  
9:00 Plastic Mat Making  
6:00 Property Management  
6:00 Crossfire  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Wed: 9:00 TPL Assembly  
4:00 5/6/7/8 grade Confirmation Class  
5:00 Advent Dinner  
6:15 Advent Service  
7:00 Bells of Peace Rehearsal  
7:00 Crossfire  
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study  
10:30 Parish Nurse Visit  
11:00 Ladies Guild  
6:00 Security Team  
6:30 ESL Christmas Party  
6:30 College Girls Bible Study  
7:15 Christmas at Peace Dress Rehearsal  
Fri: 7:15 Christmas at Peace  
Sat: 9:00 Sunday School Practice  
5:00 Worship Service  
Sun: 4:00 Sunday School Christmas Service