

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist \* = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

LSB 380

1. **Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**
2. **Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**
3. **Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

**\*INVOCATION AND GENERAL 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 to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and every 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 fourth Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah 7:10-17, page 572:

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: ♪Thanks be to God.**

8:00 Chancel Choir

*An Advent Acclamation*

Nordmeyer

THE EPISTLE READING is from Romans 1:1-7, page 939:

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C: ♪Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Matthew, the first chapter, verses 18-25, page 807:**

**C: ♪Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: ♪Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SONG** (Sung as the children come forward)

(8:00 & 10:30)

1. **God loves me dearly, grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.  
Therefore I'll say again, God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.**
  
2. **He sent forth Jesus, That true Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.  
Therefore I'll say again, God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Marilyn Wiesehan

**The Sung Creed** – (Sung to “From Heaven Above”)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>With angel choirs we join to raise,<br/>To God the Father highest praise,<br/>By whose strong Word all things were made,<br/>The wonders of His love displayed.</b></li><br/><li>3. <b>The Spirit of the Lord draws near,<br/>To sanctify God's people dear.<br/>Where Christ's forgiving pow'r is known,<br/>The wonders of God's love are shown.</b></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. <b>By love God's Son was sent to earth,<br/>The child of wondrous virgin birth.<br/>For sinners all, that life He gave,<br/>And rose triumphant from the grave.</b></li><br/><li>4. <b>Most wonderful of all – believe,<br/>That life eternal they receive<br/>Who place in Jesus Christ their faith;<br/>With Him they too shall conquer death.</b></li></ol> |
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**THE SERMON**

“The Christmas Sign”

(Isaiah 7:10-17)

*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 on the inside of the back cover of the hymnal)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**C:** ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

LSB 359

1. **Lo, how a rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming As prophets long have sung,  
It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.**
  
2. **Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright She bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE**

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgists: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Jeanette Mattingly

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE 4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2019

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

Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary 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

NEW FLOWER ORDERS may be placed for the coming year, starting with Sunday, January 12. To order, please contact Tammy Jensen, 892-5610.

INSTALLATION of 2020 Officers is Sunday, December 29, 8:00 a.m. including all elders and returning council members.

FACILITY ENHANCEMENT DEDICATION at the January 11/12 services. Completed at the cost of \$750,000, the enhancement includes reconfiguration of the former Sanctuary, relocation of the youth room, construction of handbell music room, KFUE radio and audio/visual room, facility security headquarters, quilter's quarters, upgrade of restrooms, bride's dressing room, and monument sign.

50 NEW MEMBERS received during 2019 will be welcomed at the January 11/12, 2020 services. (New members, details appear in your mail slots.)

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES available in Commons.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION for 2020 is \$18.00. There is an envelope in your packet if you wish to use it. Make checks payable to *Peace Lutheran Church*. Deadline is January 26.

THANK YOU to all who helped decorate the sanctuary - Couples' Club

MARY/MARTHA BIBLE STUDY will not meet December 26 or January 2 but will resume on January 9, 2020.

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!

JANUARY NEWSLETTER is in your mail slot today.

YOUTH NEWS: High School Youth join us on Monday, December 30th from Noon - 3:00 for lunch and a movie. Please sign up by December 29. Youth Day (6th - 12th Graders) at Hidden Valley will be Sunday, January 12th from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 and dinner is included. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet by January 6th.

ADULT INQUIRY series begins January 12 with sessions on Sundays. Posted.

GIVING TREE GIFTS We would like to thank all those who donated to the Giving Tree this year. We received over 400 gifts!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2019:

Today: 4:00 Sunday School Christmas Service  
Mon: PRESCHOOL CLOSED  
6:30 Co-Ed Volleyball  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Tue: **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
PRESCHOOL CLOSED  
12:00 Worship Service w/ Communion  
3:00 Worship Service w/ Communion  
5:00 Worship Service w/ Communion  
10:00 Candlelight Service  
Wed: **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
9:30 Worship Service w/Communion  
Thu: PRESCHOOL CLOSED  
Fri: PRESCHOOL CLOSED  
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service  
Sun:8/9:20/10:30 Worship Services