

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist \* = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*

**LW 81**

1. **When Christ's appearing was made known, King Herod trembled for his throne;  
But he who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.**
2. **The eastern sages saw from far And followed on his guiding star;  
By light their way to light they trod, And by their gifts confessed their God.**
3. **Within the Jordan's sacred flood The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood  
That he, of whom no sin was known, Might cleanse his people from their own.**
4. **For this his glad epiphany All glory unto Jesus be,  
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Ghost forevermore.**

**\*INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISM (10:30)

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. 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 sixth Sunday after Epiphany is from Deuteronomy 30:15-19, page 172: (5, 8, 10:30)

<sup>15</sup>"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, page 953:

<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

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 fifth chapter, verses 21-30, page 810:

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

*Draw Us to Thee*

LSB 701

1. Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.
2. Draw us to Thee, Lord, lovingly; Let us depart with gladness  
That we may be Forever free From sorrow, grief, and sadness.
3. Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the road to heaven!  
Direct our way Lest we should stray And from Thy paths be driven.
4. Draw us to Thee Unceasingly, Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

THE SERMON

“Choose Life”

(Deuteronomy 30:19)

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 back cover of the hymnal.)

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION (10:30)

\*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

*An Awe-full Mystery Is Here*

TLH 304

1. An awe-full mystery is here To challenge faith and waken fear:  
The Savior comes as food divine, Concealed in earthly bread and wine.
2. This world is loveless —but above, What wondrous boundlessness of love!  
The King of Glory stoops to me My spirit's life and strength to be.
3. In consecrated wine and bread No eye perceives the myst'ry dread;  
But Jesus' words are strong and clear: “My body and My blood are here.”
4. But here we have no boon on earth, And faith alone discerns its worth;  
The Word, not sense, must be our guide, And faith assure, since sight's denied.
5. Lord, show us still that Thou art good And grant us evermore this food.  
Give faith to ev'ry wavering soul And make each wounded spirit whole.

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 744, 637, 636

**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**

*Now, the Hour of Worship O'er*

**TLH 45**

1. **Now, the hour of worship o'er, Teaching, hearing, praying, singing,  
Let us gladly God adore, For His Word our praises bringing;  
For the rich repast He gave us Bless the Lord, who deigned to save us.**

2. **Bless our going out, we pray, Bless our entrance in like measure;  
Bless our bread, O Lord, each day, Bless our toil, our rest, our pleasure;  
Bless us when we reach death's portal, Bless us then with life immortal.**

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

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

**NEWS AND NOTES:**

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

**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 & Cindy Neff

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are from Carol Kohn in loving memory of her mother's birthday; from Grace Roenfeldt in memory of what would have been Harold's birthday on February 17. **LIVE BROADCAST** over KFUA 850 AM radio of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Carol Kohn in celebration of her mother Melva Curtis' birthday.

**BAPTISM (10:30)** Jamie Marie Watkins, grand-daughter of Robert W. and Mary Ann nee Mueller Tyra. Sponsors: Brandi M. Watkins and Mary F. nee Pendley Gann.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION (10:30):** Jon Michael Caron, Rita Darlene née Crone Maloy, Mark Anthony Maloy, Rebecca Renee née Bentrup Maloy, Michael Christopher Maloy, and Mary Ann née Mueller Tyra. **PROFESSION OF FAITH:** Sharon Lee née Mincemeyer Dippold.

**COUPLES' CLUB MATCH YOUR MATE** is Saturday, February 22, 6:00 p.m. Bring a snack or dessert to share. RSVP to Heather Carlson.

MUSIC MINISTRY TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION Reserve your table now for Fri., March 6. You can reserve a whole table (8-10 people) or come solo and meet new friends. Tickets are on sale now, \$20 per person, and can be purchased any weekend after services in the commons, or from the church office.

BOAR'S HEAD 25TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY is **next** Sunday, February 23. If you haven't RSVP'd, please do so this weekend. Invitations are on the Commons Welcome Center counter.

WANTED: Vacation Bible School is in need of some items for craft projects. Needed are clear, smooth-sided, 16 oz. glass jars (we will need at least 100 jars), and 1/4-1/2" cloth ribbon, any color, any length. Please bring donations to the church office. Thanks!

YOUTH NEWS: Summer Service Event Fundraiser: Youth are needed to help with the Music Ministry Trivia Night on Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6. Please see the bulletin board to sign up for a shift. Sr. Youth Retreat Day is on March 17. Join us for Bible Study, Food and Top Golf. Cost is \$30. Easter Egg Hunt needs youth to help fill eggs on Sunday, March 8 from 11:30-1:15 and youth to help hide eggs and lead games at the Egg hunt on March 21. Please sign up to help! Jr. Youth retreat to Camp Windermere is March 27-29. We will need a male chaperone/driver for this retreat. Registration and \$75 is due on March 8.

LADIES GUILD Ladies are invited to join us on Thurs., Feb. 20, at 11:00a.m. for salad, dessert, and fellowship with our meeting following at 11:30a.m. in the meeting room. Updates on LWML mission projects will be shared with us and we will be reviewing plans for various upcoming guild and LWML events.

PEACE HOSTS ANNUAL LWML PRAYER SERVICE Friday, February 28. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Kastens leading the Service at 10:00 a.m.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS need to be called in by March 31. Call 800-847-4836 or go online to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) and direct your dollars to Peace. Call Peace to tell them where you want your dollars to go, such as budget, Sunday School, Boar's Head, etc. Questions? Contact Mike or Nancy Holdenried.

PIANIST TIMOTHY JANSEN performs a piano recital Fri., Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. He will play works by Beethoven, Chapin, and others. Part of the Concerts at Peace series, you are invited to come and enjoy an evening of beautiful music.

EASTER PLANTS: Easter lilies and dark pink azaleas will decorate the chancel April 11 and 12 for Easter. Complete the form below and place in offering. **Please place your order by Sunday, March 8. Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church and earmark "Easter Plants".** Contact Marlene Wussler if you have any questions.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2020:

Today: 2:00 Crossfire  
Mon: 6:30 Co-Ed Volleyball  
6:30 Cub Scout Meeting  
7:00 Boy Scout Meeting  
Tue: 9:00 Quilters  
9:00 Plastic Mat Making  
3:30 GP Practice  
6:00 Property Management  
6:00 Crossfire  
Wed: 9:00 TPL Assembly  
4:00 5/6/7/8 grade Confirmation Class  
6:00 Crossfire  
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study  
Thu: 6:00 Men's Bible Study  
9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study  
11:00 Ladies Guild  
3:30 GP Practice  
6:00 Security Team Meeting

Thu: 6:00 Crossfire  
6:30 ESL Classes  
6:30 College Girls Bible Study  
Fri: 6:00 Crossfire  
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service  
6:00 Couples Club Match Your Mate  
Sun: 2:00 Crossfire  
4:00 Boar's Head 25th Celebration