

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist \* = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*

**LSB 409**

1. **Hail, O Source of every blessing, Sov'reign Father of mankind!  
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts admission find.  
Grateful now we fall before You In Your Church obtain a place,  
Now by faith behold Your glory, Praise Your truth, adore Your grace.**
2. **Once far off, but now invited, We approach Your sacred throne;  
In Your covenant united, Reconciled, redeemed, made one.  
Now revealed to Eastern sages, See the Star of Mercy shine;  
Mystery hid in former ages, Myst'ry great of love divine.**
3. **Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their offerings bring;  
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.  
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,  
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise!**

**\*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: Almighty and Merciful Lord, by Your strong acts in Israel, by the word of Your prophets and priests, by the Incarnation, Life, Death and Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **You have spoken to us, O Lord.**

L: In the Burning Bush, in Pillars of Fire, on the Mount of Transfiguration, through Cloven Tongues on Pentecost, in the Star over Bethlehem,

C: **Your light of salvation has brightened our world.**

L: But we chose the darkness of sin;

C: **We let Your lights flicker and waver.**

L: Our comfortable silence muffles Your saving words of power.

C: **So often we turn away from the joy of enlightening the world.**

C: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: Where our witness has been dull and apathetic,

C: **Pardon us, O Lord.**

L: Where we have failed to use the talents given to us,

C: **Absolve us, O Lord, according to Your mercy.**

L: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who rose again that Your saving light might shine among the nations,

C: **Assure us of Your forgiveness and salvation. 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.**

**\*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 Baptism of our Lord is from Isaiah 43:1-2, 5-7, page 603:

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from Romans 6:3-11, pages 942-943:

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter, verses 15-17, 21-22, pages 858-859:

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire"... <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**(5, 8, 9:20)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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.**

**CHILDREN'S SONG** (Sung as the children come forward) (8:00 & 10:30)

1. **Two little eyes to look to God, Two little ears to hear His Word,  
Two little feet to walk His ways, Hands to serve Him all my days.**
2. **One little tongue to speak His truth, One little heart for Him in youth.  
Take them, O Jesus, let them be Always willing, true to Thee.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00 & 10:30)

Marilyn Wiesehan

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord* **LSB 405 (Tune: Puer Nobis)**

1. **To Jordan's river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.**
2. **The Savior came to be baptized - The Son of God in flesh disguised -  
To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.**
3. **As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.**
4. **Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree, "The One I love, who pleases Me."**
5. **The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.**
6. **Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

THE SERMON

"As it Goes with Jesus, So it Goes with Us"

(Romans 6:3-11)

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)

NEW MEMBER WELCOME (5, 8, 9:20, 10:30)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**L:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** **✪ Amen, amen, amen.**

**\*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN** *As We Go Our Homeward Ways*

1. **As we go our homeward ways, Guide us, gracious Savior,  
Lead us by Your light always Let us never waver.  
Here we saw You face to face; We'll be changed forever!  
We will live within Your grace Throughout each endeavor!**

2. **Homeward Magi took Your course, For their safety given.  
For direction, You're our source - Crib to cross to heaven!  
Like the Magi, lead us, too, Angel-safe and guarded,  
Far from Satan, close to You, On a path You've charted.**  
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\*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson  
Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens  
Organist: 8:00 & 10:30: Alice Kastens; 5:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler  
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Mullen/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 10, 2016

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Ephesians

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

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

FOOD & DRINK CONSUMPTION should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Ladies Guild. Open flower dates are available throughout this year. Place your order with Tammy in the Church Office, 892-5610, to remember a loved one and/or to celebrate an important life event.

BAPTISM (10:30): Philip John Burgess, son of Daniel J. and Amelia J. n e Dubach Burgess. Sponsors: Robert and Synthia Louise n e Newby-Burgess.

ADULT INQUIRY SERIES for those desiring membership, begins January 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m., with sessions on Sundays. Sign-up posted.

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth will be going to SkyZone Sat., Jan. 23, 7:00-10:30 p.m. Sign up by Jan. 17. **You must have a release and waiver form signed to attend. Online forms can be found at [www.skyzone.com/fenton](http://www.skyzone.com/fenton).** Jr. Youth will lead the service at Bethesda Southgate on Telegraph next Sun., Jan. 17 from 10:30-11:30. Please sign up to help. **NYG Trivia Fundraising Meeting** will be held on Sun., Jan. 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Commons.

CHANCEL CHOIR needs YOU. Please consider joining this group of dedicated singers! NO experience is necessary. Rehearsals are Thursday at 7:00 pm. We'll have a folder ready for you!!

VALENTINE'S DINNER Described as Prom for Adults, Peace's Valentine Dinner and Concert will provide a lovely evening of entertainment. Tickets for the February 13 event, which include an Italian themed meal and music by the Chancel Choir and Orchestra of Peace, are available following services this weekend.

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL invites you to their Open House, Sun., Jan. 24, 1:00-3:00. Current and prospective parents are encouraged to come and see what Green Park has to offer. It is the kickoff to the annual National Lutheran Schools week. Join them and find out if Green Park is a good fit for your family.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the “Fan Into Flame” Green Park Auction to be held Friday, February 12 at Royale Orleans. You can help in many ways: pray, become a sponsor, place an ad, provide a donation, or attend! More information can be found on the Green Park website and in the newsletter.

FREE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE at the Welcome Center or by calling the Church Office for the Alaska Missions Dinner/Concert/Auction on Sun., Jan. 31 at 5:30 p.m. (doors open at 5). We are privileged to have the Lancer Singers from Lutheran South for entertainment. Also there is a delicious fried chicken dinner with all the sides, silent auction, and a presentation of Alaska mission work. Donations of auction items are welcome. This event is also sponsored by Thrivent.

COUPLES’ CLUB FAMILY GAME NIGHT & POT LUCK DINNER Sunday, January 17 at 5:00 p.m. at church. Please bring a dish / dessert to share and your favorite game! RSVP to Grace Truemper.

JOB OPENING - Early Childhood - Please call Sue Velten for information, 314-892-8844.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are in and are in the process of being distributed to those who had their photo taken. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please stop by the Welcome Center after the services.

FEED MY PEOPLE / ADOPT-A-FAMILY—Thank you so much for adopting families for Christmas. This year 34 groups and/or individuals adopted 39 families. Your wonderful generosity made a Merry Christmas for 105 people. Thank you for your cooperation and willingness to take any family that is given and for being such a blessing in so many ways!

2015 financial statements for IRS purposes, to be in mail slots no later than Jan. 24.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2016:

Today: 7:00 Peter Careciples - Winkers  
Mon: 3:30 GP Practice  
7:00 BSA Troop 584 Committee Mtg  
Tue: 9:00 Quilters  
6:30 Men’s Volleyball  
7:00 Eagle Scout Board of Review  
7:15 Orchestra of Peace Rehearsal  
Wed: 11:15 Early Childhood Chapel  
4:00 5/6 gr. Conf. Class  
4:00 7/8 gr. Conf. Class  
4:50 Celebration Ringers  
5:30 Glocken Ringers  
7:00 Alleluia Ringers  
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study  
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study  
3:30 GP Practice  
6:00 St. Trinity Cemetery Board  
6:30 ESL Classes  
7:00 Chancel Choir  
Sat: 9:00 PLAA B-Ball  
5:00 Worship Service w/Communion  
Sun: 5:00 Couples Club Family Game Nite  
6:00 Adult Inquiry