

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMNThe Old Year Now Has Passed Away*

1. **The old year now has passed away: We thank You, O our God today
That You have kept us through the year When danger and distress were near.**
2. **We pray You, O eternal Son, Who with the Father reign'st as One,
To guard and rule Your Christendom Through all the ages yet to come.**
3. **Take not Your saving Word away, Our souls' true comfort, staff and stay.
Abide with us and keep us free From errors, following only Thee.**
4. **Oh, help us to forsake all sin, A new and holier course begin!
Mark not what once was done amiss, A happier, better year be this.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: Our help is in name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C: **Almighty God maker of all things, judge of all people, I admit and confess my sinfulness. I have done the evil You forbid, and have not done the good You demand. I do repent and am truly sorry for these my sins. Have mercy on me, because of the obedience of my Savior, Jesus Christ. Forgive me all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move me to serve You faithfully in the year ahead. Set my feet upon a new path, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. 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.**

***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 Epiphany of our Lord is from Isaiah 60:1-6, pages 619-620: (5:00, 8:00 & 10:30)

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon

you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING is from Ephesians 3:6-12, page 977:

⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to reach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Matthew, the second chapter, verses 1-12, pages 807-808:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE NICENE CREED**

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

Father, Let Me Dedicate

1. **Father, let me dedicate All this year to Thee
In whatever earthly state Thou wilt have me be.
Not from sorrow, pain, or care Freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer: Glorify Thy name.**

2. **Can a child presume to choose Where or how to live?
Can a father's love refuse All the best to give?
More Thou givest every day Than the best can claim
Nor withholdest ought that may Glorify Thy name.**

3. **If in mercy Thou wilt spare Joys that yet are mine:
If on life, serene and fair, Brighter rays may shine,
Let my glad heart while it sings, Thee in all proclaim
And, whate'er the future brings, Glorify Thy name.**

THE SERMON

“Redeeming the Time”

(Ps. 90:10, 12)

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**

***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

1. **Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. (2x)**

2. **Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous songs prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo. (2x)**

3. **Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, our newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. (2x)**

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 397, 396, 715

♪ 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 Us All With Gladsome Voice

1. **Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.**
2. **To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in gladness.**
3. **O Lord Christ, our Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen. Jesus, hear us!**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5:00 - Rev. Eldon Winker; 8:00, 9:20, 10:30 - Sem. David Edwards

Organist: 5:00 & 9:20 - Kendra Ruesler; 8:00 & 10:30 - Alice Kastens

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Rick Goodman/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

EPIPHANY

JANUARY 3, 2016

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Sem. Adam Thompson

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 Mark and Louise Mullen in memory of Dale Mullen. POINSETTIA PLANTS may be picked up after the 10:30 service today or by Friday, January 8.

THE COUPLES' CLUB asks you, starting at 1:00 p.m. **today**, to assist in un-decorating the sanctuary. Also, mark your calendar and join them for Family Game Night & Pot Luck Dinner, Sun., Jan. 17 at 5:00 p.m. at Church. Please bring a dish / dessert to share and your favorite game! RSVP to Tammy Goodman.

ALASKA MISSION - Mark your calendars for the big Dinner/Concert/Auction on Sun., Jan. 31 at 5:30 p.m. (doors open at 5). There will be a delicious fried chicken with all the sides. Our entertainment is the Lancer Singers from Lutheran South. And, of course, everyone enjoys the Silent Auction! Free tickets available beginning Jan. 9/10 at the Welcome Center. Donations of auction items are welcome. This event is also sponsored by Thrivent.

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

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth will be going to SkyZone Sat., Jan. 23, 7:00-10:30 p.m. Sign up by Feb. 1. **You must have a release and waiver form signed to attend. Online Forms can be found at www.skyzone.com/fenton.** We also need parent drivers, so please sign up. Sr. Youth are going to Hidden Valley Sun., Jan. 11, (\$35). **Release forms must be completed** and may be found at the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board. To attend, sign up by Jan. 3.

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

JOIN CHANCEL CHOIR Now is a perfect time to join the Chancel Choir – no experience necessary!! Just a love of singing. Rehearsals at Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.

VALENTINE DINNER Tickets for Peace's Valentine Dinner and Concert on Saturday, February 13 at 6:30 pm are on sale after all services this weekend. A delicious meal will be served followed by a concert of Valentine music by the Orchestra of Peace and The Chancel Choir.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2016:

Today: 11:45 Life Ministry Team

Mon: 9:30 Berean Careciples

3:30 GP Practice

6:30 Council

6:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting

Tue: 9:00 Quilters

3:30 GP Practice

6:30 Men's Volleyball

7:00 Valentine Dinner Planning Meeting

Wed: 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: 6:00 Men's Bible Study

9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study

3:30 GP Practice

6:30 ESL Classes

7:00 Chancel Choir

Sat: 9:00 PLAA B-ball

5:00 Worship Service

Sun: 7:00 Peter Careciples - Winkers