

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist \* = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*

LSB 737

1. **Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, A cheerful trust maintain;  
For God, the Source of everything, Your Portion shall remain.**
2. **He is your Treasure, He your Joy, Your Life and Light and Lord,  
Your Counselor when doubts annoy, Your Shield and great Reward.**
3. **Why spend the day in blank despair, In restless thought the night?  
On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.**
4. **Did not His love and truth and power Watch o'er your childhood day?  
And did He not in threat'ning hour Turn dreaded ills away?**
5. **He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down,  
And all your sins He casts aside In ocean's depths to drown.**

**\*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 the name of the Lord.

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

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

C: **Merciful Father, we confess that we often have erred and strayed from your ways. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts and have offended against Your laws. O Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, according to Your promise, and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may live loving and holy lives to the praise 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 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 sixth Sunday after Pentecost is from I Kings 19:15-21, pages 301-302:

<sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup>And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." <sup>19</sup>So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup>And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING is from Galatians 5:1, 13-18, pages 974-975:

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

\*THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter, verses 51-62, page 868:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup>But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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. Glory be to Jesus, Who in perfect love,  
Died to be my Savior, Sent from heav'n above.**
- 2. Glory be to Jesus, Risen Lord and King;  
And upon each Sunday Alleluias ring.**
- 3. Glory be to Jesus, Now ascended high;  
Our eternal Savior, Lives no more to die.**
- 4. Glory be to Jesus, Helping us to love;  
Who, at last, receives us To His home above.**

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

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Are You Weary, Are You Troubled*

- 1. Are you weary, are you troubled, Are you sore distressed?  
"Come to Me," says One, "and, coming, Be at rest."**
- 2. Has He marks to lead me to Him If He be my Guide?  
"In His feet and hands are wound-prints, And His side."**
- 3. If I find Him, if I follow, What His re-ward here?  
"Many a sorrow, many a labor, Many a tear."**
- 4. If I still hold closely to Him, What has He at last?  
"Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed."**
- 5. If I ask Him to receive me, Will He say me nay?  
"Not till earth and not till heaven Pass away."**
- 6. Finding, following, keeping, struggling, Is He sure to bless?  
"Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs, Answer, Yes."**

**THE SERMON**

"Obstacles to Faith"

(Luke 9:51-62)

*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 in the back cover of the hymnal.)

**\*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 CLOSING HYMN** *Almighty God, Your Word is Cast* **LSB 577**

**1. Almighty God, Your Word is cast  
Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heaven descend  
And righteous fruits abound.**

**2. Let not the sly satanic foe  
This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in every heart  
To bring forth fruits of love.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE** + + + + +

**SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:**

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgists: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

Sun. AM 850 KFUE Broadcaster/Engineer: Wayne Schuessler/Jeanette Mattingly

**NEWS AND NOTES:**

**THE 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JUNE 26, 2016**

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

**Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons):** Early Church History

**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.

BIBLE CLASS on Church History has begun! Come hear and see how the challenges which shaped our past shed wisdom and direction upon the Christian life today! Join us Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Lower Commons.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES on Sundays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. starting August 7. Sign-up sheet is posted on the Commons bulletin board. Auditors welcome.

SCHOOL NURSE NEEDED Green Park Lutheran School is seeking a qualified individual for a part time school nursing position. This position is Monday through Friday, four hours a day. Responsibilities include, but not limited to dispensing student medication, tracking shot records, communicating with parents and teachers about student health needs, handle student injuries and illness. For interested individuals send resume and cover letter to Mr. Stephen Eggold at [Stephen.eggold@greenparklutheralschool.org](mailto:Stephen.eggold@greenparklutheralschool.org) or call the school office at 314-544-4248.

AMONG OUR PRAYERS: Irma Wilson, Nancy Cooper, Mark LaFerney, Jan Yaeger, Harry Watson, Jerry McElroy, Grace Roenfeldt, Kristina Braden, Joyce Gusewelle, Jan Husterman Turner, Charlie Schutte, Fran Rich, Janet Thompson, Tena Combs.

YOUTH NEWS: High School and College Youth will be having their annual Camping and Float Trip, July 6 - 8, on the Black River. Look for information in your mail slots. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board by July 1.

SAVE THE DATE! 2nd Annual Green Park Golf Scramble is Sunday, Sept. 11, at Quail Creek Golf Course. Look for more information and registration in early August. Start thinking of your foursome now! (Student golfers welcome.)

HELP NEEDED AT ST. TRINITY CEMETERY to pick up around the grounds. Contact Mark (892-3662) at the Cemetery.

### AMERICA'S LUTHERAN HERITAGE

1. Lutherans were in America seven years before the Pilgrims.
2. The first book translated into any American Indian language was Luther's Small Catechism.
3. The first "Stars & Stripes" was made by Sara Austin and the Ladies' Aid of Gloria Dei Lutheran in Philadelphia.
4. Our Statue of Liberty was designed by a French Lutheran.
5. Washington's army at the Battle of Trenton was composed largely of Lutherans.
6. It was a Lutheran boy who called a Lutheran sexton to first ring the Liberty Bell.
7. The Liberty Bell was hauled by Lutheran Fredrick Leiser in 1777 from Philadelphia to Allentown, PA. It was hidden in the undercroft of Zion Lutheran Church during the Revolutionary War.
8. The second oldest military unit in America was formed by 137 men from St. John's Lutheran, Charlestown, SC, in 1775.
9. A Lutheran, Michael Hilligas, became the first treasurer of the U.S., serving until Alexander Hamilton took office.
10. A Lutheran cast the deciding vote for the Declaration of Independence.
11. A Lutheran, Fredrick A.C. Muhlenberg was the first Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.
12. The first American Naval Flag was made by a group of Lutheran women.
13. George Washington's 1799 funeral was held in a Lutheran church.
14. The Alaskan Coast was discovered by a Lutheran, Vitus Bering, a Dane, in the service of the Russian government in 1741.
15. The first Protestant Hospital in the U.S. was established by Lutherans in Pennsylvania.

### WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports," said Washington in his farewell to the nation. Elsewhere he said, "It is impossible to govern rightly without God and the Bible." He attended public worship each Lord's Day, and among his daily prayers (a different one assigned each day) he prayed, Almighty God, I praise Thee for Thy protection both night and day...I beseech Thee, remove my sins from Thy presence, as far as the east is from the west, and accept me for the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen." Inscribed upon his Mt. Vernon tomb is reference to faith in Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior, as a public witness to all.