

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMNHail, Thou Source of Every Blessing*

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1. **Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.**
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,
Myst'ry hid in former ages, Myst'ry great of love divine.**
3. **Hail, O all inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings 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 CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: Almighty and Merciful Lord, by Your strong acts in Israel, by the words 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 of Bethlehem.

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

L: But we chose the darkness of sin.

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

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

C: **So often we turn away from the joy of lightening the world.**B: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

L: Where our witness has been apathetic.

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

L: Where we have failed to use the talents given 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 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 your spirit.

L: Let us pray to the Lord.

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.

8:00 Chancel Choir

I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light

THE EPISTLE is from Ephesians 3:2-12, page 977:

²Assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 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 preach 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.

***THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

C: ♪ Glory be to you, O Lord.

¹ Now 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 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. The little Child in Bethlehem, He is a King indeed!
For He came down from heav'n above To help a world in need.
2. He dwells again in heaven's realm, The Son of God today;
And still He loves His little ones And hears them when they pray.
3. And so I love Epiphany, And I love Jesus too;
And that He loves me every day I know so well is true.

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

Christina Stackle

HYMN OF THE DAY

As with Gladness Men of Old

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1. As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

THE SERMON

"Each Important, All Together"

(Matthew 2:1-12)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY

***THE OFFERTORY**

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found in the back cover of the hymnal.)

INDUCTION OF OFFICERS (8:00)

NEW MEMBER WELCOME (5:00, 8:00, 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 (Tune: Good King Wenceslas")**

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.**

***SILENT PRAYER/POSTLUDE**

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist: 5 & 9:20: Burnell Hackman; 8:00 & 10:30: Jeff White, CAGO

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Jeanette Mattingly/Terry Hutton

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2017:

Today: 11:30 Youth Board Meeting
11:45 Life Ministry

Mon: 9:30 Berean Careciples
3:30 GP Practice
4:45 Youth Handbell Ensemble
6:30 Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Tue: 9:00 Quilters
3:30 GP Practice
6:30 Men's Volleyball
7:00 Eagle Board of Review
7:15 Orchestra of Peace

Wed: 4:00 5/6/7/8 Gr. Confirmation
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 Bells of Peace

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: 8:00 PLAA
5:00 Worship Service w/Comm.
6:30 We Are One Community Christmas Concert

Sun: 5:00 Couples Club Family Game Nite
6:00 Adult Inquiry

NEWS AND NOTES:

EPIPHANY

JANUARY 8, 2017

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Augsburg Confession

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room):

Discussions led by group members with mentors present.

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr. Youth: Rick Goodman; 7th Gr. Youth: Greg Wirtel and Louise Oster

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

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

PLEASE KEEP FOOD & DRINK consumption inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are from Helen Breitenfeld and family in memory of what would have been Marvin's 89th birthday; from Ray and Ellen Fassold in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary; from Don Chapman in loving memory of Norma and Linda Chapman.

NAME TAGS help us get acquainted. Please wear until departing the building. Yours missing?? Please indicate on the reverse of your attendance card.

WE ARE ONE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT which was postponed because of weather is rescheduled for this Saturday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend!!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those interested in joining Peace, will be held on Sundays, 6-8:00 p.m., starting Jan. 15. A sign-up sheet is posted, or indicate on your attendance card today.

YOUTH NEWS: Sr. Youth Ski Trip will be on January 22 from 2-9p.m. Cost is \$35. Sign up by January 15. The Jr. Youth will have an open gym/minute-to-win-it game night on January 21 from 7-9p.m. Bring your friends!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY meets each Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Commons. Pastor Furgeson leads the study of Habakkuk. Bring a friend!

ALASKA MISSION DINNER AUCTION Free tickets are available at the Welcome Center for the Sunday, January 29 event which includes a chicken dinner, silent auction, mission presentation, and entertainment by the Lancer Singers from Lutheran South. Your support helps to prepare for the mission work in July 2017.

PEACE LADIES GUILD meeting will be Thursday, January 19 at Noon. Our program will be presented by Pastor Furgeson. We invite all women of the congregation to join us for an enjoyable time together.

POINTSETTIAS may be picked up after the late service today. The Christmas Decorations will be removed from the sanctuary today, starting 1:00 p.m. Helpers welcome.

NEW OFFICERS to be installed 8:00a.m. today: Pres. G. Wirtel, Fin. Sec. T. Dalton, Treas. D. Hummert, Elders A. Baese, C. Bluette, A. Hoeflerlin, J. Hooss, R. Uthoff, J. Nelson, M. Renner, S. Shawcross, K. Werkmeister, R. Wolters, Evang. C. Neff, B. Mayer, GPLS T. Johnson, Steward. R. Mullen, Prop. J. Rastorfer, J. Schramm, F. Seiller, W. Matheny, Social Min. A. & M. Fischer, S. Robinson, Parish Ed. K. Andrews, J. Maschhoff, Cemetery M. & W. Schuessler, Youth Bd. D. Mieger, K. Spangler.

The Lutheran Witness and **Supplement** for 2017 calendar year at \$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 29.