

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist \* = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*To Thy Temple I Repair*

TLH 2

1. **To Your temple I repair; Lord, I love to worship there  
When within the veil I meet Christ before the mercy seat.**
2. **I through Him am reconciled, I through Him become Your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace In Your courts to seek Your face.**
3. **While the prayers of saints ascend, God of Love, to mine attend.  
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.**
4. **While Your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in Your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear You speaking from the sky.**

**\*INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

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

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

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

C: **O most merciful God, we confess to You and before one another, that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You as we ought. We have not always been reverent, and god-fearing, in our thoughts and actions. We confess our lack of respect and sincerity in our prayers, our worship and conversation. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Heal us. Renew us. Empower us to worship and revere You, above all things. 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 Isaiah 55:10-11, pages 615-616: (5, 8, 10:30)

<sup>10</sup>"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **♪ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from Romans 8:12-17, page 944:

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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 thirteenth chapter, verses 1-9, 18-23 page 818:

C: **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear." <sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

TLH 345

1. **Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly  
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high,  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide, Oh, receive my soul at last!**
  
2. **Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on Thee.  
Leave, ah, leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of Thy wing.**
  
3. **Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin.  
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the Fountain art, Freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart Rise to all eternity.**

**THE SERMON**

“Listening or Hearing?”

(Luke 8:4-8)

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.)

**\*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**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.**

**Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,**

**And honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,**

**And join in the hymn of all creation.**

**Blessing, honor, glory and might;**

**Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain,**

**Has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**LSB 637, 563, 622**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32 LSB page 199

**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**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**LSB 643**

**1. Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave  
The Supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**\*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 - Rev. J. Joersz

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

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Janice McCreary/Terry Hutton

**NEWS AND NOTES:**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 16, 2017**

**CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD**, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

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)

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

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner

7th Grade: Greg Wirtel & 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.

**FOOD & DRINK consumption** should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from the Ladies Guild.

LHSS CUBA PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER is today between services. Free will offering benefits students traveling for the Summer 2018 trip. Questions—contact Eric Glessner [eglessner@lhssonline.org](mailto:eglessner@lhssonline.org). Thanks for your support!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES on Sundays, 6:00 - 8:00pm starting August 20. Sign-up sheet is posted on the Commons bulletin board. Or, today, you may indicate desired enrollment on your worship attendance card. Auditors welcome.

ALL-AMERICAN PICNIC AND BAND CONCERT Our Music Ministry will host a fun afternoon picnic and concert in the air-conditioned comfort of the gym. The fun begins at 4:45pm with the concert, featuring the Winds of Peace, beginning at 5:15pm on Sunday, August 6. During the event we will be collecting gently used band instruments to be given to deserving children in the St. Louis area.

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth Sign up for the Service Day on July 19, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. We will be working with Trinity Soulard and Worth Industries. Lunch will be provided. Bring money for ice cream afterwards. Sign-up sheet is posted on Youth Bulletin Board in Commons. Sr. Youth - Higher Things Conference Meeting is TODAY at 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

PART TIME TEACHER AIDES needed at Green Park Lutheran School. Aides are for the Kindergarten – Gr. 4 teachers for the 2017-18 school year. Please send resumes to Green Park, Attn: Stephen Eggold or email [stephen.eggold@greenparklutherschool.org](mailto:stephen.eggold@greenparklutherschool.org).

GOLF SCRAMBLE REGISTRATION for Green Park Lutheran School is NOW OPEN. Our giveaway this year (a 1/4 zip pullover) requires EARLY REGISTRATION in order to ensure the correct size. Please visit <http://greenparklutherschool.schoolauction.net/2017golf> for registration/sponsorship opportunities. We look forward to seeing you on 9/17 at Acorns Golf Links!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Vern Gusewelle, Alan Bennett, Roberta Fitzgerald, Daniel Velten, Luke Harashe, Jennifer Winters, Sharon Dieckmann, Dottie Paul Joan Gissy, Jerry Schramm, Jim Dammann, Richard Herzog.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JULY 16, 2017:

Today: 7:30 LHSS Cuba 2018 Pancake Breakfast

Tue: 9:00 Quilters

6:00 Property Management

Wed: 9:00 TPL Assembly

11:00 South County Senior Citizens

6:15 Youth Handbell Camp

7:00 Wednesday Bible Study

Sat: 5:00 Worship Service

Sun:8:00/9:20/10:30 Worship Services