

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

TLH 18

1. Lord, we come before Thee now, At Thy feet we humbly bow;
Oh, do not our suit disdain! Shall we seek Thee, Lord, in vain?
2. Lord, on Thee our souls depend; In compassion now descend,
Fill our hearts with Thy rich grace, Tune our lips to sing Thy praise.
3. In Thine own appointed way Now we seek Thee, here we stay.
Lord, we know not how to go Till a blessing Thou bestow.
4. Send some message from Thy Word That may joy and peace afford;
Let Thy Spirit now impart Full salvation to each heart.
5. Comfort those who weep and mourn, Let the time of joy return;
Those that are cast down lift up, Make them strong in faith and hope.
6. Grant that all may seek and find Thee a gracious God and kind.
Heal the sick, the captive free; Let us all rejoice in Thee.

***INVOCATION AND 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 then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **We confess to You heavenly Father, that we are by nature separated from You. So often our thoughts have been selfish, our words have hurt others, our actions have shown our lack of love. We do not even deserve to have You come into our homes and into our lives. But for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray, forgive us our sins. Pardon us and restore us. 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 FIRST READING for the fourth Sunday after Pentecost is from Ezekiel 17:22-24, page 704: (8:00, 10:30)

²² Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from II Corinthians 5:1-10, page 966:

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter, verses 26-34, page 839:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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**

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

1. Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

THE SERMON

"Enter by the Narrow Gate"

(II Cor. 5:10)

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 pg 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** (sung)

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

TLH 304

1. An awe-full mystery is here To challenge faith and waken fear:
The Savior comes as food divine, Concealed in earthly bread and wine.
2. This world is loveless, but above, What wondrous boundlessness of love!
The King of Glory stoops to me My spirit's life and strength to be.
3. In consecrated wine and bread No eye perceives the mystery dread;
But Jesus' words are strong and clear: "My body and My blood are here."
4. Yet here we have no boon on earth, And faith alone discerns its worth:
Your Word, not sense, must be our guide, And faith assure, since sight's denied.
5. Lord, show us still that You are good And grant us evermore this food.
Give faith to every wavering soul And make each wounded spirit whole.

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 813, 867, 622

NUNC DIMITTIS (Sung) - 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

Faith of Our Fathers

St. Cathrine

- Faith of our fathers, living still In spite of dungeon, fire and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy When-e'er we hear the glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee till death!**
- Faith of our fathers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach you too, as love knows how, By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee till death!**

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE + + + + +

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 17, 2018

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): Rob Uthoff

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 and Mike Renner

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel and Louise Oster

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Ladies Guild.

ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY will be held by Troop 584 this Thursday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. on the Peace parking lot.

FATHER'S DAY FACTS (Answers below.)

1—What father in the Bible never had a grandfather? 2—What godly father walked with the Lord and never died? 3—What father was willing to sacrifice his son upon an altar? 4—What father and his family had to be dragged out of a sinful city by two angels? 5—What father had a floating zoo? 6—What permissive father fell from his chair and died upon hearing his sons were slain and the ark of God captured? 7—What father faithfully prayed for his 10 children but all were tragically killed? 8—What N.T. father-priest was struck dumb for refusing to believe the message of the angel Gabriel? 9—What fisherman father was left by his sons that they might follow Jesus? 10—What O.T. father's hasty vow unintentionally resulted in a cruel punishment for his daughter?

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. & Sr. Youth - Sign up for High School Float Trip (6/24-26), and Jr. Youth Service Day (6/28). We will need parents to help drive / chaperone these events.

VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for children ages 3 to 5th Gr. Go to peacelutheranstl.org and click below the Journey to the Cross icon to register.

STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE VBS VOLUNTEERS - If interested, please talk with Christina. We'll have a Volunteer Meeting on Sunday, June 24, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

WANTED: Your unwanted (useable, unbroken, clean) items for August 4, Saturday, Couple's Club Garage Sale! Items may be dropped off at the lower level storage room on the West side. Clean clothing brought on hangers, and extra wire hangers, would be greatly appreciated. – Rich Behnke

FATHER'S DAY ANSWERS (See Bible in pew rack.)

1—Genesis 2:7; 2—Genesis 5:24; 3—Genesis 22:10; 4—Genesis 19:16; 5—Genesis 7:1; 6—I Samuel 4:18; 7—Job 1:8; 8—Luke 1:18-20; 9—Matthew 4:21; 10—Judges 11:34-36.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JUNE 17, 2018:

Mon: 7:00 PM Troop 584 Cmt Mtg
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
9:00 Plastic Mat Making
6:00 Property Mgt
Wed: 11:00 So. Co. Seniors
7:00 Wed. Bible Study
Thur: 6:30 Security Team Mtg
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service
Sun:8/9:20/10:30 Worship Services