

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 13, 2016

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE / WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

Drawn to the Cross

LSB 560

1. **Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast blest
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ Crucified, I come.**
2. **Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, My misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ Crucified, I come.**
3. **Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ Crucified I come.**
4. **And the for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me, Christ Crucified I come.**

ANTHEM (10:30) Green Park Choristers & Green Park Ringers and Singers

God Is So Good

Douglas E. Wagner

***INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISM (5:00)

L: As a father has compassion on his children so the Lord has compassion on those who love Him.

C: **The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father.

C: **We have often strayed from Your ways and followed the desires of our own hearts. We have sinned against You and against one another. We have done the evil Your Word forbids. We often have not done the good Your Word requires. According to Your mercy, given us through Christ, forgive our sins. Grant us Your Spirit, that we may live in godliness, love, and faithfulness, all the days of our lives. 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 fifth Sunday in Lent is from Isaiah 43:18-21, page 604:

¹⁸"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING is from Philippians 3:8-14, page 981:

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

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

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter, verses 9-19, page 879:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?" ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED (8:00, 9:20, 10:30)**

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, Helping us to love;
Who, at last, receives us To His home above.**

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

Marilyn Wiesehan

HYMN OF THE DAY

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

1. **Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.**
2. **Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be given,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heaven.**
3. **Today our Father calls us, His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the heavenly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.**

THE SERMON

"Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize"

(Philippians 3:8-14)

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 (10:30) Green Park Ringers & Singers *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*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.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' LITANY

L: O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, our Lord and Savior,

C: To You we re-dedicate our hearts and lives.

L: O Holy Spirit, Source of life and light, our Sanctifier and Comforter,

C: To You we consecrate both body and soul.

L: For the nurture of children, the enlightenment of youth, the strengthening of the tempted and the conversion of sinners,

C: We re-dedicate our educational endeavors.

L: For holding up the cross of Christ as the only hope for wayward and sinful humankind.

C: We remember Green Park School, Lutheran High South and Peace Early Childhood Programs.

L: To maintain schools of intelligent faith, wherein we may learn to give a reason for the hope that is within us.

C: We re-dedicate all academic pursuits.

L: May here be exemplified the Christian faith of teachers, the love of pious and obedient children, and the unity of all in Christ Jesus.

C: May our classrooms ever resound with the proclamation of the Gospel, the worship in prayer and praise of pupils and instructors alike, to the glory of God our Father, source of all light and life and love.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found in back cover of 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** *Children of the Heavenly Father*

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. **Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh,
 His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy. Amen.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens
Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler; 8:00 & 10:30: Alice Kastens
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Uthoff/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): I John

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 Ray Bodicky in loving memory of Carol; and from Howard Webber in loving memory of what would have been his and Lillian's 60th wedding anniversary on March 10th.

LIVE BROADCAST over KFUO radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Leon and Mary Jane Knoernschild on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on March 12th.

BAPTISM: (5:00) Brooke Marie Dye, daughter of Alexander T. and Camerin n`eè Gagliano Dye. Sponsors: Brian A. and Melissa L. n`eè Robbins Wilson.

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL enrollment for 2016-17 presently is (Kdg -25; Gr. 1 - 19; Gr. 2 - 23; Gr. 3 - 22; Gr. 4 - 20; Gr. 5 - 16; Gr. 6 - 17; Gr. 7 - 11; Gr. 8 - 21) for a total of 174.

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN STAFF: Stephen Eggold, Principal; Stephanie Torbeck, Beth Meyer, Eric Heuerman, Ruthann Gieseke, Brenda Huster, Jan Cibulka, Ann Ryherd, David Rusert, Wayne Hesse, Donna Auer, Debbie Prange, Kelly Pfund, Kim Hummert, Sara Hopfer, Katy Schmitt, Julie Buck, Shannon Arling, Jane Siebe, Sue Pavelski, Laura Reis, Cynthia Truemper, Becky Biber, Sandi Loduca, John and Ellen Miller, Pete Pancella, April Baese, Geraldine McCoombe, Annette Heckenberg, Susan Vaughn, Beth Brawley, Ado Caus.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER Maundy Thursday, March 24th, 7:00 p.m. Join us as we begin the sacred three-day period recounting Jesus' last days—from the upper room to the borrowed tomb. Mark it on your calendar and invite your family and friends for this unique opportunity to learn of our Savior and His disciples. The nursery will be staffed for the little ones.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY
11:00 A.M., 6:15 P.M. WORSHIP
5:00 Dinner - Men's Club
LET HIS FAITHFUL ONES GATHER

SUPPER 5:00 p.m., in the gym, before the evening Lenten Service. Hosted by Peace Men's Club. Menu includes Chicken Tetrazzini, green beans, salad, and dessert. Free will offering. Welcome!

JR. CONFIRMANDS will be confirmed next Sunday (Palm Sunday at 10:30) and commune at that service. Otherwise, holy communion will wait and be observed instead by the congregation the following Sunday (Easter) at all services.

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. & Sr. Youth please sign up to make a food donation and to work a shift at the Easter Breakfast. Sign-up sheets are on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Commons.

CRAZY GRACE – a Music and Drama Troop under the direction of Pat Fick from Concordia University – Texas will make a presentation following our Wednesday, March 16 Lenten service, starting 7:00 p.m.

THE CHOIR OF RIPON COLLEGE in Wisconsin will present a concert at Peace on Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the 2016 Spring Tour. Please plan to attend and support these fine musicians.

GREEN PARK AUCTION UPDATE: A big thank you to everyone who helped through their donations, attendance and prayer for this year's dinner auction at Green Park Lutheran School. Thanks to everyone's help we raised over \$67,000 for our school. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2016:

Today:	GPLS Sunday
	6:00 Brass Choir Rehearsal
Mon:	SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL
	7:00 Ripon College Choir Concert
Tue:	SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL
	9:00 Quilters
	6:00 Property Management
	6:30 Men's Volleyball
	7:00 Eagle Board of Review
Wed:	SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL
	9:00 TPL Assembly
	11:00 Lenten Worship
	11:00 Ladies Guild Carpool to Botanical Gardens
	11:00 South County Senior Citizens
	4:50 Celebration Ringers
	5:00 Lenten Supper
	5:30 Glocken Ringers
	6:15 Lenten Vespers
	7:00 Crazy Grace Drama

Thu: 7:00 Alleluia Ringers
SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL
6:00 Men's Morning Bible Study
9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
5:30 ESL Sports
6:30 ESL Classes
7:00 Chancel Choir
Fri: SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL
Sat: 9:30 Set Up for Confirmation Breakfast
5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 8:30 Jr. Confirmation Breakfast
10:30 Jr. Confirmation Service
6:00 Brass Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Peter Careciples - Goldsmiths