

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
TODAY'S WORSHIP
Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202
L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

MARCH 5, 2017

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** *Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus* **LSB 660**

1. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.**
2. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.**
3. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: Merciful heavenly Father, we ask Your forgiveness for the ways we have failed to live up to Your expectations of us.

C: **For our failure to honor You above all,**

L: for our preoccupation with our own needs,

C: **for our lack of concern with the welfare of those who do not know You,**

L: for our hesitating witness,

C: **for our half-hearted worship,**

L: for our begrudging stewardship of Your gifts,

C: **for our personal failure in being Your representatives, O Lord,**

L: for all of these we ask for Your forgiveness.

C: **Bestow on us Your pardon and peace. By Your Spirit, empower us to live lives of love and obedience, through Christ our Lord. 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 first Sunday in Lent is from Genesis 3:1-7, page 2: (5:00, 8:00, 10:30)

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE is from Romans 5:12, 17-19, page 942:

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹⁷For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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 fourth chapter, verses 1-11, page 809:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

TLH 456

1. **Approach, my soul, the mercy seat Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet, For none can perish there.**
2. **Bowed down beneath a load of sin, By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within, I come to Thee for rest.**
3. **Be Thou my Shield and Hiding-place, That sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce Accuser face And tell him Thou hast died.**
4. **O wondrous Love, to bleed and die, To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners such as I Might plead Thy gracious name!**

THE SERMON

“Temptation: Help or Hindrance”

(Hebrews 4:15-16)

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 8:00 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

***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 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

My Soul, Be on Thy Guard

TLH 449

1. **My soul, be on Thy guard; Ten thousand foes arise,
And hosts of sins are pressing hard To draw thee from the skies.**
2. **Oh, watch and fight and pray, The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly ev'ry day And help divine implore.**
3. **Ne'er think the victory won Nor lay thine armor down;
Thine arduous work will not be done Till thou obtain thy crown.**
4. **Fight on, my soul, till death Shall bring thee to thy God;
He'll take thee at thy parting breath To His divine abode.**

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 761, 437, 703

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: **♫ For 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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

LSB 918 (1,3)

1. **Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

2. **When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

*SILENT PRAYER/POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00 & 10:30 - Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20 - Sem. Weeks

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

Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Jeanette Mattingly/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

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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):

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 Grade: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner

7th Grade: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Mel and Betty Ohlau in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary; from Ray Spindler in memory of Carol Spindler's birthday; from the Mueller, Buffington, and Gruensfelder families placed in loving memory of their mother, Betty Blasingame; and from Terry Eckert in loving memory of her dear sister Tracy Dorman.

LIVE BROADCAST over KFUD radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Mel & Betty Ohlau in celebration of their 66th anniversary.

LENTEN SELF-DENIAL FOLDERS available in the office. The offering is for Seminary students in financial need. Please turn in the folders on Easter Sunday.

PEACE LADIES GUILD meeting will be Thursday, March 16, at noon. The program will be about Feed My People. Please join us.

EASTER PLANTS: Easter lilies and dark pink azaleas will decorate the chancel April 15 and 16 for Easter. Please complete the form below and place in offering to **order by Sunday, March 12**. Contact Marlene Wussler if you have any questions. Make checks payable to: **Peace Lutheran Church and earmarked "Easter Plants"**.

YOUTH NEWS: Sr. Youth Summer Event: We are going to Lumberton, North Carolina during June 18-25 to help with hurricane relief. Cost is \$100 at attend. Please fill out an application by March 26 to attend. Easter Egg Hunt: We need youth to help fill eggs on Sun., March 12 from 11:30-1:00 p.m. and to hide eggs and play games on March 25 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Please sign up to help.

2017 8th GRADE JR. CONFIRMAND PARENTS meet 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, March 8, in the Conference Room, to make plans for Palm Sunday. 7th GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS & PARENTS will have a brief meeting after class this Wed. at 5:15 p.m. to discuss the Confirmation Breakfast.

MUSIC MINISTRY TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION Final chance for Trivia Night tickets \$15/person for Friday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Royale Orleans. Don't miss this fun evening. Door prizes galore and free snacks provided. Tickets are available in the Commons after all weekend services or from the office during the week. Thanks for helping support our Music Ministry.

SPECIAL CHOIR CONCERT Each Spring, the Laudamus Choir from Concordia Seminary-St. Louis schedules a tour throughout the country. As part of the 2017 tour, the group, along with Pro Musica Sacra, will be singing their home concert at Peace. Join us at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST Join other spouses the 2nd Thursday of every month at Bob Evans, S. Lindbergh, at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship. We will be meeting this Thursday, March 9. No need to RSVP - just show up!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS Don't miss the opportunity you are given to select where you want your Choice Dollars to go. Nate Schmoll, Thrivent Rep, will be here to help you direct your Choice Dollars. Look for his table in the Gym. He will be here on Sunday, March 12 after all services.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY

11:00, 6:15 WORSHIP

5:00 Dinner—Early Childhood is Serving
Spaghetti, French Bread, Salad, Dessert

LET HIS FAITHFUL ONES GATHER