

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350

1. **Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.**

2. **Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine When thou art my guest Divine!**

3. **Hail! Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.**

***INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

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

C: **♩ Amen.**

BAPTISMS (10:30)

L: Our God comes, He does not keep silent.

C: **Before Him is a devouring fire, round about Him is a mighty tempest.**

L: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth below,

C: **That He may judge His people with righteousness.**

L: Worship the Lord in holy array;

C: **Tremble before Him all the earth!**

L: For the shields of the earth belong to God;

C: **He is highly exalted!**

L: Penitently we confess to You, merciful Savior:

C: **Gracious Lord, we are sinful by nature and with Paul confess that nothing good dwells in our flesh. Yet because You have redeemed us, we ask that You forgive us for Your mercy's sake. Grant the joy of restoration, and strengthen us to withstand in the hour of temptation. In Jesus' name. 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 for the First Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah 2:1-5, page 567:

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE is from Romans 13:11-14, page 948:

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 twenty-fourth chapter, verses 37-44, page 830:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(5, 8 & 9:20)

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. Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near!" we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness, O you children of the day!"**

2. See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv'n.

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY

O People, Rise and Labor

LW 25

1. **O people, rise and labor To renovate the heart
That mankind's mighty Savior, Whom God's love set apart
To free you all from sin, May do the promised wonder
And with His life and splendor, Victorious, enter in.**
2. **Prepare with earnest rigor The way for your great guest.
Make straight His path with vigor, Rebuild your lives with zest.
The sunken valleys fill, Restore eroded places
Where sin-bursts leave their traces, Cut down the prideful hill.**
3. **Dear Lord, in high compassion Bend down with Advent grace.
My heart, I pray, re-fashion With mercy from your face.
Come from the thankless inn To make my heart your manger
That I, no more a stranger, Eternal praise begin.**

THE SERMON

"The Final Judgment"

(Matthew 24:37-19)

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.*

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***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 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**

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349 (v. 1, 2, 4)

1. **Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.**
2. **He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.**
3. **Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.**

***SILENT PRAYER/POSTLUDE** + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Organist: 5:00, 9:20 & 10:30: Alice Kastens; 8:00: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Jeanette Mattingly

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

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 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.

FOOD & DRINK CONSUMPTION should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Vicki McConnell in honor of what would have been her and Jim's 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 12; and in honor of Bob and Jo Rothmeyer's 51st Wedding Anniversary on November 25.

BAPTISMS (10:30) Nora Lynn Growcock, daughter of Nathaniel P. & Christine L. née Wirtel Growcock. Sponsors: Ryan C. Schulte and Lauren E. Wirtel; Wesley Joseph Wenzel, son of Ryan N. & Janice M. née Shaw Wenzel. Sponsors: Vincent B. White and Shealyn M. White.

THE BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IS DEC. 1, 2, 3, & 4

DRESS REHEARSAL IS TODAY, SUNDAY, NOV. 27 AT 4:00 P.M. Please arrive promptly and have all items required for your costumes. If you have a Thrivent "Live Generously" t-shirt, please wear it to the rehearsal.

COOKIES FOR THE FESTIVAL may be placed in the kitchen in disposable containers marked "Boar's Head Festival".

IF YOU HAVE TICKETS YOU CANNOT USE, please turn them in to the church office as soon as possible for distribution to those on a waiting list.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, PLEASE WAIT IN THE COMMONS FOR

FOR THE FESTIVAL SERVICES-WE REQUEST NO SAVING OF SEATS. All seating will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please wait for everyone in your party to arrive before coming to the Nave. Thanks for your cooperation.

THE FESTIVAL BEGINS THURSDAY! Please keep everyone in your prayers.

GIVING TREE Two Christmas trees are in the front and west entrances at Peace. If you would like to participate, please take a tag from one of the trees. Purchase the gift, and return it unwrapped to the tree outside the church office by Sunday, December 11. Thank you for your giving—Joyce Birk

ALASKA MISSIONS SAUSAGE SALE offers delicious cheeses, sausages, gift baskets and items in the Gym—stop by after all services. Sponsored by Thrivent

COUPLES CLUB will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Fri., Dec. 9 at 6:00 p.m. Pizza will be served afterwards in the Meeting Room. The annual Christmas Party is Sat., Dec. 10, 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Commons.

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON is Thursday, December 15 at Noon. Please RSVP to Carolyn Huettenmeyer by December 9. We invite all women of the congregation to join us for an enjoyable time together.

LHSS ADVENT BAND CONCERT Fri., Dec. 9, 7 p.m. at Concordia-Kirkwood.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS German Service, Sunday, December 11, 2:30 p.m. with pre-service music at 2:15 p.m. Inform others.

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS will be available for purchase (\$12 per box) in the Gym today.—Life Ministry Team

FEED MY PEOPLE ADOPT-A-FAMILY participation needed. Please contact Joyce Sorth if you are interested.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES until Jan. 11th, with Habakkuk.

MARY/MARTHA does not meet Thurs., Dec. 1, but will resume Thurs., Dec. 8.

ADULT INQUIRY series meets on Sundays, 6:-00-8:00 p.m., beginning January 15, 2017 for those desiring membership. Sign-up on Commons' bulletin board.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS 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*.

YOUTH NEWS: Youth and Parents please sign up to help serve at the Advent Dinners (4:00-6:30 p.m.): High School Youth Dec. 7 - Tacos; Jr. Youth Dec. 14 - Lasagna. High School Christmas Party is Sat., Dec. 10, 5:00-10:00 p.m. Please bring \$10 for our Adopt-A-Family presents. We are catering dinner. Please let Christina know if you can attend by Sun., Dec. 4.

BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL begins Dec. 1 anticipating a potential attendance of 1,500. Usual attendance is 85% non-members and 15% members, providing opportunity for evangelistic outreach with the message of Christ's birth as Savior. As the pageant opens amid carols and period music, a Yule sprite appears with a Christ Candle to symbolize Christ bringing light to a darkened world. The boar's head is presented to King Wenceslas, symbolizing the defeat of evil. The Christmas story is then presented, complete with shepherds and wisemen following the star to the holy family, introducing the Savior's birth.

ADVENT SERVICES

November 30 - 6:15 p.m. Rev. Jerry Joersz	Dinner: Men's Club Hosts
December 7 - 6:15 p.m. Sem. Kyle Weeks	Dinner: Sr. Youth Hosts (Tacos)
December 14 - 6:15 p.m. Sem. Stephen Fair	Dinner: Jr. Youth Hosts (Lasagna)

CHRISTmas TREE & WREATH LOT The Men's Club is again sponsoring the tree lot to be located on Peace's West Parking Lot.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2016:

Today: 4:00 Boar's Head Dress Rehearsal
Mon: 3:30 GP Practice
7:15 Chamber Orchestra of Peace
7:15 Winds of Peace
6:30 Elders
Tues: 9:00 Quilters
6:30 Men's Volleyball
7:00 Chancel Choir
Wed: 4:00 5/6/7/8 Grade Confirmation Class
5:00 Advent Dinner
6:15 Advent Service w/Comm
7:00 Bells of Peace
Thur: 7:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
Fri: 7:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service
7:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
Sun: 2:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
6:00 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL