

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

Serve the Lord With Gladness

1. **Serve the Lord with gladness; It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own,
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace;
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!**

2. **“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Us He gave command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest;
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!**

3. **“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Is there greater joy
Than to serve the master, Deigning to employ
Us to build His kingdom? Angels, too rejoice,
Over every sinner Brought to heed His voice.
Onward then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!**

8:00 Peace Choristers & Peace Ringers and Singers

Make Me Like You

Lana Gibbons

INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION

L: We invoke the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

L: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,

C: Begotten of His Father before all worlds.

L: God of God, Light of Light,

C: Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

L: And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

C: Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified.

L: We humbly confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. 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 17th Sunday after Pentecost is from Ezekiel 18:26-32, page 705:

²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE is from Philippians 2:1-4, 14-16, pages 980-981:

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

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 twenty-first chapter, verses 23-27, page 826:**

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²³And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

1. **Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.**
2. **Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.**
3. **Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.**
4. **Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

THE SERMON

"Does Your Speech Encourage?"

(Philippians 2:14-16)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. 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*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

LSB 637

1. **Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**
2. **He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**
3. **Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 570, 578 (1-4), 636

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

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

LSB 919

- Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**
- Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.**

*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. Werner

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

Choir Dir: Debbie Prange and Alexia Arensmeier

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Mullen/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 2017

LWML SUNDAY

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Luther Video Series

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 Thank you.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Roy Baese in honor and in loving memory of what would have been his & Ginnie's 55th wedding anniversary; from Ralph Wolters in loving memory of his wife Shirley on what would have been their 50th wedding anniversary on October 7.

SUNDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY resumes Sun., Oct. 15.

GREEN PARK GRANDPARENTS DAY this Fri., Oct. 6. Join us for chapel, a chance to see your grandchild(ren)'s classroom, a book fair and more!

KFUO PEACE BROADCASTS still have these openings: 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 (Palm Sunday), 4/1 (Easter), 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, and 4/29 for 2018. Contact Alan Hopfer.

OCTOBER 15 SAUSAGE DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE in Commons or church office. Adults \$10 (pre-sale) \$11 at the door, Children 5-12 \$5, and Children under 5 FREE.

REFORMATION FESTIVAL Join us on October 29 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. as we travel back 500 years. During the Reformation Walk, you will experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of life during the time of Martin Luther. This special 9 stop tour is designed for people of all ages, so bring the whole family! The tour will last approximately 45 minutes. Sign you family up for a time slot as soon as possible. There will also be games, crafts, music, and food.

LIFE CHAIN Sunday, October 1, from 1:45-3:00 p.m. Please consider participating. We will meet at Reinhold Flooring, 5429 Telegraph Road. For info, contact Sandi Akers.

SAVE THE DATE Green Park Lutheran School's Biennial Dinner Auction is scheduled for Friday, February 16, 2018. More details to come.

LADIES NIGHT OUT QUARTER AUCTION AND SHOPPING—FRI. NOV. 3 Save the date for the fun Ladies Night Out in the Gym. Tickets will be available starting Oct. 8, so get your friends together for a fun night out!!! All proceeds go to help fund Alaska Missions.

THE BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IS
NOV. 30, DEC. 1, 2, & 3

ADVANCE TICKETS FOR PEACE MEMBERS are available Oct. 21 & 22 and Oct. 28 & 29 after all church services in the Commons area. Each family is allowed up to 6 free tickets.

CAST MEMBERS - Measurement forms and ticket requests are due Oct. 15. Each year we need a NEW measurement form.

BUSINESSES, FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUALS who would like to support the Festival financially may use the contribution form in the October Peace Lutheran or contact Ralph and Grace Truemper.

BROCHURES are available at the Welcome Center. Feel free to share one with family or friends who have not attended the Festival.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2017:

Today: 1:45 Life Chain
6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups
Mon: 5:00 Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
6:30 Council
6:30 Cub Scouts
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
Wed: 4:00 5/6/7/8 gr. Confirmation Class
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
6:30 ESL Classes
Fri: 9:00 GPLS Grandparents Day
5:00 Meyer/Steen Rehearsal
Sat: 2:00 Meyer/Steen Wedding
5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups