

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist \* = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 9:20 & 10:30 The Orchestra of Peace

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr: Jeff Cranfill

*All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name*

arr: Jeff Cranfill

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; The trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.**
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: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

C: **Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands!**

L: Sing forth the honor of His name: make His praise glorious.

C: **Come into His presence with singing and into His courts with praise!**

L: Be thankful unto Him, and bless His holy name.

C: **Let the people praise You, O God; let all the people praise You!**

L: Come near to God and He will come near to you. (James 4:8)

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Merciful Heavenly Father, Your Word calls us to submit to Your will, yet often our obedience is halfhearted. You equip us to resist temptation and the devil, and yet we pursue activities that contradict Your will. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us the strength to stand firm in our faith. Fill us anew with Your Holy Spirit, that we may seek to serve You; through Jesus 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 u. 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 fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Ezekiel 33:7-9, page 721:

<sup>7</sup>So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: 🎶 Thanks be to God..**

8:00 Chancel Choir

*We Sing The Mighty Power of God*

arr: Hal H. Hopson

Jacqui Gathman, flute

THE EPISTLE READING is from Romans 13:1-10, page 948:

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C: 🎶 Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL** - according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter, verses 1-6,10-20, page 823:

**C: 🎶 Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. <sup>15</sup>"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever

you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(5:00, 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. I am trusting You, Lord Jesus, You have died for me.  
All my sins have been forgiven. I am free!**
- 2. I am trusting You, Lord Jesus, As You guide my way.  
In Your loving arms You hold me Night and day.**
- 3. I am trusting You, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall,  
I am trusting You forever, And for all.**

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

Christina Stackle

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

**TLH 450**

- 1. Soldiers of Christ, arise And put your armor on,  
Strong in the strength which God supplies Thro' His eternal Son;**
- 2. Strong in the Lord of hosts And in His mighty pow'r.  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts Is more than conqueror.**
- 3. Stand, then, in His great might, With all His strength endued;  
But take, to arm you for the fight, The panoply of God.**
- 4. From strength to strength go on, Wrestle and fight and pray;  
Tread all the powers of darkness down And win the well-fought day.**

**THE SERMON**

“Where Two or Three Are Gathered”

(Matthew 18:1-6, 10-20)

*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** 9:20 & 10:30 Orchestra of Peace

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr: Jeff Cranfill

**\*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 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

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

LSB 919

1. **Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**
  
2. **Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.**

\*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE 9:20 & 10:30 Orchestra of Peace

*Blessed Be The Name*

arr: Jeff Anderson

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00 - Kendra Ruesler; 9:20 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Choir Dir.: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Janice McCreary/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

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.**

**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 Wagner in loving memory of his wife Jane on the occasion of their 62nd wedding anniversary on September 10; from Mary Bentrup in loving memory of what would have been her and Bob's 60th wedding anniversary.

WE WELCOME THE ORCHESTRA OF PEACE to our service today. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group contact Burnell Hackman, DMM.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY is observed today as grand and great-grandparents are recognized at the beginning of the 5:00, 8:00, 9:20, and 10:30 services.

BIBLE PRESENTATION The 2nd graders, accompanied by their parents, will be presented Bibles next Sunday at the 10:30 service.

NEXT SUNDAY The Wind Symphony from Lutheran High School South will participate in our 8:00 and 9:20a.m. worship services. Let us together "Praise The Lord" with these young people.

HURRICANE HARVEY DONATIONS Checks made payable to Peace Lutheran can be earmarked for “Hurricane Harvey” to support LCMS Disaster Response. Your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Thrivent.

YOUTH NEWS: High School Small Groups will meet this month on September 10, 17, and 24 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Jr. Youth Join us Friday, September 29 from 7-10:00 p.m. at the Bud Dome for a night of games and fun. Sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Commons’ bulletin board. Cost is \$10. Bring your friends!

GREEN PARK FALL FESTIVAL Saturday, September 30, **3:00-6:00pm**. Come join us at the school for fun and fellowship. We are in need of vendors for the festival. If you are interested in being a vendor, or know someone, please contact Rachel Wildman at rachelturnley@hotmail.com.

LADIES GUILD KICK-OFF LUNCHEON at Gianino’s on September 21 at 11:30 a.m. Contact Geri Werner to make your reservation.

DR. ALAN RUNGE’S installation as LHSA President, this afternoon at 4:00p.m. in Concordia Seminary Chapel—Clayton, MO.

BLOOD DRIVE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. Sign up in the Commons. Walk-ins welcome!

LHSS 60TH ANNIVERSARY service Sunday, September 24, 3:00p.m. on campus. Public invited. The school opened in 1958.

MARTIN LUTHER FILM, Tuesday, September 12, 7:00p.m., Channel 9.1. Sponsored by Thrivent. PBS feature.

LWML RETREAT All women are invited to attend the “A Day with Katie Luther” Retreat Sat., September 23, Laclede Groves Auditorium, 7235 Laclede Station Road, 63119. Continental breakfast at 8:30a.m. Program at 9:00a.m. with lunch included. More info is on the Commons bulletin board. Contact Edie Turner with questions.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST at 9:00a.m. this Thursday at Bob Evans. Contact Joyce Schutte for more information.

COUPLES CLUB PROGRESSIVE DINNER has been changed to Saturday, September 30. Watch for more information.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2017:

Today: 6:00 Adult Inquiry  
Mon: 9:30 Berean Careciples  
7:00 Voters Assembly  
Tue: 9:00 Quilters  
7:00 Eagle Board of Review  
Wed: 11:15 Preschool Chapel  
4:00 5/6/7/8 gr. Confirmation Class  
7:00 Bells of Peace Rehearsal  
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study  
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study  
6:00 St. Trinity Cemetery Board  
6:30 ESL Classes  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Sat: 9:00 Blood Drive  
5:00 Worship Service w/Comm  
Sun:8/9:20/10:30 Worship Services