

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

LSB 466

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. (Refrain)

Refrain: Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

2. "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won." (Refrain)

3. Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. (Refrain)

10:30 Peace Choristers & Peace Ringers and Singers

Seek Ye First

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISM (10:30)

L: We admit, O God, that we have not lived lives worthy of Your calling.

C: **Too readily we lower our standards rather than stretch our efforts. Too easily we compromise our principles for the sake of immediate advantage.**

L: Too often the high calling of Christ becomes an inconvenience.

C: **Unwilling to be thought strange, we blend in.**

L: We think first of our own comfort and welfare.

C: **Forgive, Lord, our lack of Christian distinctiveness, and transform us by Your Holy Spirit, according to Your divine pattern.**

L: Renew our life to serve with zeal and dedication.

C: **Receive our confession, merciful Father, for the sake of Your Son, our Savior. By Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will. Grant us true obedience to Your Word, to the end that, by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life; 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 us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Taken from Lutheran Service Book pages 187-189

(8:00)

♪ Glory be to God on high, And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***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 sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah 55:6-9, page 615:

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

8:00 Chancel Choir

Grace

Arr: Mark Hayes

THE EPISTLE READING is from Philippians 1:19-27, page 980:

¹⁹For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter, verses 1-16, page 825:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’”

⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(5:00, 8:00, 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. Two little eyes to look to God, Two little ears to hear His Word,
Two little feet to walk His ways, Hands to serve Him all our days.**
- 2. One little tongue to speak His truth, One little heart for Him in youth,
Take them, O Jesus, let them be Always willing, true to Thee.**

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

Marilyn Wiesehan

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

LSB 813

- 1. Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.**

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 2. With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. (Refrain)**
- 3. Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng. (Refrain)**
- 4. Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day.
(Refrain)**

THE SERMON

"God's Generosity"

(Matthew 20:1-16)

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

***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.**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Songs of Praise the Angels Sang

LW 447

1. **Songs of praise the angels sang. Heav'n with alleluias rang,
When creation was begun, When God spoke and it was done.**

2. **Songs of praise awoke the morn When the Prince of Peace was born;
Songs of praise arose when He Captive led captivity.**

3. **Carried by their final breath, Songs of praise shall conquer death;
Then, amid eternal joy, Songs of praise their powers employ.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman, DMM; Alexia Arensmeier, Debbie Prange

Choir Accompanist: Cathy Boemler

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Rick Goodman/Jeanette Mattingly

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Joyce Schutte and family in loving memory of her husband, Charlie; from Dan and Gale Uhlig in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.

BAPTISM (10:30) Ellie Marie Nyhoff, daughter of Ryan A. and Stephanie N. née Clark Nyhoff. Sponsors: Brett T. Nyhoff and Brittany Ann née Clark Beal.

KFUO PEACE BROADCASTS still have these openings: 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS: J. Yaeger, D. Verseman, K. Andrews, S. Young, J. Lohmeyer, J. Hahn, J. Winters, G. Howell, R. Huebli, J. Schweikert, D. Sandersfeld, N. Doerr, E. Bennett, M. Smith, S. Hammon

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER is in your mail slot.

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

HURRICANE DONATIONS still being accepted. Checks made to Peace and earmarked “Hurricane Harvey” or “Hurricane Irma”.

YOUTH NEWS: High School Small Groups will meet tonight from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Jr. Youth Join us Friday, September 29 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Bud Dome for a night of games and fun. Sign up on the sheet posted on the Common’s Youth Bulletin Board. Cost is \$10. Bring your friends!

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

COUPLES’ CLUB PROGRESSIVE DINNER this Saturday, September 30. Details posted.

GREEN PARK FALL FESTIVAL this Saturday, September 30, 3:00-6:00pm. Come join us at the school for fun and fellowship. Activities include a Chili Cookoff, BBQ, vendors, hayrides, pony rides, face painting and more! Welcome!

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

LEARN THROUGH PLAY PRESCHOOL FIELD TRIP Free morning of learning and fun for preschool age children at Green Park Lutheran School, Friday, September 29, 9:00-11:15a.m. Event is designed for children 3, 4, and 5 years old accompanied by an adult (younger siblings welcome). Featuring a presentation by the Magic House, Folktales, and a Petting Zoo. Includes a snack and giveaway. Tell a friend! RSVP: katy.schmitt@greenparklutherschool.org.

CUB SCOUT POPCORN SALES—Please visit our table in the Gym and purchase delicious popcorn to help support our Cub Scouts.

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 - Commitment forms are due **TODAY**. Measurement forms and ticket requests are due Sunday, Oct. 15.

BUSINESSES, FAMILIES, AND INDIVIDUALS who would like to support the Festival financially may use the contribution form in the October Peace Lutheran or call Ralph and Grace Truemper at 314-544-0233.

VOLUNTEER FORMS were placed in the mail slots. Extra forms are also available in the Commons. All completed forms may be returned to the Boar’s Head box in the Commons or the Boar’s Head mail slot in the office.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017:

Mon: 9:30 Berean Careciples
6:30 Elders
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:00 Men’s Club
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
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service w/Comm.
Sun: 1:45 Life Chain