

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist      \* = Stand      C = Congregation

PRELUDE (8:00) Woodwind Quintet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Awake, My Soul, to Joyful Lays*

**TLH 340**

1.      **Awake, my soul, to joyful lays And sing your great Redeemer's praise.  
He justly claims a song from me, His loving kindness, oh, how free!**
2.      **He saw me ruined in the Fall, Yet loved me notwithstanding all.  
He saved me from my lost estate, His loving kindness, oh, how great!**
3.      **When trouble, like a gloomy cloud, Has gathered thick and thundered loud,  
He near my soul has always stood, His loving kindness, oh, how good!**
4.      **Through mighty hosts of cruel foes, Where earth and hell my way oppose,  
He safely leads my soul along, His loving kindness, oh, how strong!**

**\*INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

**C: Amen.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful:

**C: And kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

L: Send forth, O Lord, Your Spirit:

**C: And renew the face of the earth.**

L: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world:

**C: Let the righteous rejoice; let them exalt before God.**

L: The Lord gave the Word:

**C: Great was the company of those that published it.**

L: Before God, our heavenly Father, we make confession:

**C: Gracious Father, each day we sin against You in our thinking - by not setting our minds on what is true, noble, and right, by speaking unkind words, by not building up others in our speech, by doing the evil we should not do and omitting the good You want us to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor our neighbors as ourselves. For this we humbly ask forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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 12th Sunday after Pentecost is from Genesis 15:1-6, page 10: (8:00, 9:20, 10:30)

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from Hebrews 11:8-16, pages 1007-1008:

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter, verses 22-31, pages 871:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**\*THE CREED (Luther's Explanation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article)**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY***Oh, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink***TLH 396**

1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by many a foe;  
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe;
2. That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod,  
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God;
3. A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without;  
That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt;
4. That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile;  
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile;
5. A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled  
And with a pure and heavenly ray Lights up the dying bed.
6. Lord, give us such a faith as this; And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home. Amen.

**THE SERMON***"Faith, Not Fear"*

(Luke 12:22, 26)

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) Woodwind Quintet****\*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***Just as I Am, Without One Plea***LSB 570**

1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt.  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down.  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

#### OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 609, 703, 642

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

*Blessed are the Sons of God*

TLH 391

1. Blessed are the sons of God, They are bought with Christ's own blood;  
They are ransomed from the grave, Life eternal they shall have:  
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!
2. They are justified by grace, They enjoy the Savior's peace;  
All their sins are washed away, They shall stand in God's great Day:  
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!

\*SILENT PRAYER/POSTLUDE

POSTLUDE (8:00) Woodwind Quintet

#### SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00, & 10:30: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20: Rev. Joersz

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

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Sat. AM 850 KFUE Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Uthoff/Rick Goodman

## **NEWS AND NOTES:**

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 7, 2016

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Early Church History

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 Youth: led by Rick Goodman

7th Grade Youth: led by 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.

**PLEASE KEEP FOOD & DRINK consumption inside the Gym.**

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Peace Ladies Guild.

ADULT INQUIRY series begins today, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Office Conference Room with sessions through August 28 for those desiring membership or auditors. Sign-up posted.

NURSE NEEDED at Green Park Lutheran School, 4248 Green Park Road, 63125. Contact Mr. Stephen Eggold at 314-544-4248.

BLOOD DRIVE SAT., SEPT. 17, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. To set an appointment contact Celeste Reuter or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) with code PLC. Sign up in the Commons. Walk-ins welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ORIENTATION will be August 21. Parents and children meet at 9:15 a.m. in the gym. After a special Sunday School orientation program, they will walk with their children to their new classroom. Inform others.

YOUTH NEWS: Thank you to the congregation for supporting our 39 youth and adults who attended the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. **Come hear about our NYG experience in the Gym at 9:15 a.m. today!**

SAVE THE DATE! 2nd Annual Green Park Golf Scramble is Sunday, Sept. 11, at Quail Creek Golf Course. Look for more information and registration soon. Start thinking of your foursome now! (Student golfers welcome too.)

EDUCATORS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED in the upcoming September newsletter. We anticipate that Peace has about 75 active educators (Preschool, K-12, University) and at least 35 retired educators. If you are an educator, please indicate your name, current position (including retired) and employer, on the back of your worship attendance card today, or as soon as possible.

## **CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2016:**

Today: 11:30 Sunday School Teachers Meeting

11:45 Life Ministry Team

6:00 Adult Inquiry

Mon: 7:00 Scout Troop 584 Committee Mtg

Tue: 9:00 Quilters

7:00 Eagle Scout Board of Review

Thu: 6:00 St. Trinity Cemetery Board

Sat: 5:00 Worship Service

Sun: 6:00 Adult Inquiry