

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 10:30 Constellation Men's Ensemble

Still Still Still arr. Richard Cook

Love Came Down at Christmas Eleanor Daley

Lo, How a Rose Michael Praetorius

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

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 my 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**

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

C: **♩ Amen.**

L: Our God comes, He does not keep silent. (Psalm 50)

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 READING for the first Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah 64:1-8, page 623:

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C:  Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE is from I Corinthians 1:3-9, page 952:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C:  Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter, verses 24-37, page 850:

C:  Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

(Luther's Explanation of the Creed—2nd 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 creature, 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, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY*O People, Rise and Labor*

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

"Waiting for the Messiah"

(I Cor. 1:7-8)

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 10:30 Constellation Men's Ensemble

Pater Noster

Franz Liszt

***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*Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding***LSB 345**

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

2. **Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.**

3. **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.**

4. **So, when next He comes in glory And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy And with words of love draw near.**

5. **Honor, glory, might, dominion To the Father and the Son
With the everliving Spirit While eternal ages run!**

10:30 Constellation Men's Ensemble

Silent Night

arr. Mack Wilburg

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 412, 352, 334

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

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

1. **The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.**

2. **All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE

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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: Kendra Ruesler; 8:00 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2017

CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Hebrews

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 Youth: led by Rick Goodman 7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

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 Don & Dottie McCutchen in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary; and from Leonard & Faith Timm in loving memory of her mother, Mary Wedberg.

THE BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL is in progress this weekend, so we ask that you **PLEASE REMAIN STANDING TODAY** when receiving Holy Communion.

GIVING TREE is in the Commons. Take a tag, buy the gift designated, place the tag inside an unwrapped box, and return it to the Church Office by Dec. 10.

GERMAN SERVICE is Sunday, December 10, 2:15p.m. with the Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. English helps provided. Invite others.

COMMONS CHRISTMAS TREE special thanks to Pam Schulze, Nancy Holdenried, and their crew of Christmas elves for decorating the beautiful tree to welcome guests and for each of us to enjoy!

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped unload and set-up the Christmas Tree Lot! And to those who decorated the wreaths and grave mats!

SUPPORT THE HONG KONG MISSION TEAM Stop by the gym on Sunday mornings to see their display. On Dec. 17th they will have "Egg Tarts", a special treat from Hong Kong!

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. & Sr. Youth we need your help to serve the Advent Dinners and to help at the CHRISTmas Tree Lot. Please sign up to help. Jr. Youth Christmas Party is *next week*, Sun., Dec. 10, 11:30-1:30 p.m.

A NEWER TRADITION at Peace is the annual Christmas at Peace Concert. The Orchestra of Pace, the Chancel Choir, and Bells of Peace will join together in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas through special music. Inviting family and friends is a noninvasive way to introduce them to Peace. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 22, 2017.

REHEARSALS for the Children's Christmas Service are in the sanctuary on Sat., Dec. 9, 9:00-10:30a.m. for 1st-6th grade, and Sat., Dec. 16, 9:00 -11:00a.m. for 2nd-6th grade, and 9:00 - 9:45a.m. for Parents & Me—1st grade.

CORRECTION OF GREEN PARK STAY-N-PLAY DATES The dates for the Green Park Stay-n-Plays are Thurs., 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, & 3/8 (for ages 5 & under). The Baby Playdates are Mons., 12/11, 1/8, & 3/5 (for ages 2 & under).

PEACE LADIES GUILD Christmas Luncheon, Thursday, December 21 at noon. Members are asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. Pastor Kastens will share a Christmas message with us. All women are invited.

CHRISTmas TREE & WREATH LOT again to open on the west parking lot.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017:

Today:	2:30	BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
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Mon:	9:30	Berean Careciples
	5:00	Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
	6:30	Council
	7:00	Boy Scouts
Tue:	9:00	Quilters
	3:30	GP Practice
Wed:	4:00	5/6/7/8 gr. Confirmation Class
	5:00	Advent Dinner
	6:15	Advent I Service w/Comm
	7:00	Bells of Peace

Thu:	6:00	Men's Bible Study
	9:00	Mary/Martha Bible Study
	5:30	ESL Sports
	6:30	ESL Classes
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Fri:	3:30	GP Practice
	6:00	Jr. Youth Christmas Party
	6:00	Couples' Club Decorate Church
Sat:	9:00	Sunday School Program Practice
	5:00	Worship Service
	6:00	Couples' Club Christmas Party
	6:30	Sr. Youth Small Groups
Sun:	2:30	German Service