

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** HYMN OF INVOCATION** *Angels Singing in the Heavens*

(Melody: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory")

1. **Angels singing in the heavens Of the Savior promised long!
Ev'ry heart shall open to him Ev'ry voice lift high in song.
He is coming! He is coming! Ev'ry voice lift high in song.**

2. **Through the darkness of our lives, The Prince of Peace shall enter in.
With the message of salvation: We no more are slaves to sin.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We no more are slaves to sin.**

3. **Glory, Laud, all honor, blessings To the king whose reign will come.
Praise and thanks and adoration, Father, Son, and Spirit, One.
He is coming! He is coming! Father, Son, and Spirit, One.**

***INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

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

C: Amen.

L: God the Father, Creator and Preserver:

C: Sustain our life in You.

L: God the Son, who did come down from heaven for us and for our salvation:

C: Cleanse us by Your blood.

L: God the Holy Spirit, promised Paraclete:

C: Dwell in our lives with Your gracious presence.

L: Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

C: We confess before You, and in the presence of our sisters and brothers in Christ, that we are sinners, born separated from God. We do not always live the godly and holy lives You call us to live. We are not spotless, blameless, or at peace apart from You. Lord, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we repent of our sin. Forgive us for the sake of the person, life, death, and work of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 second Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah 40:8-11, page 599-600:

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

10:30 Chancel Choir

Come, Emmanuel

THE EPISTLE READING is from II Peter 3:8-14, page 1019:

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Mark, the first chapter, verses 1-8, page 836:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CREED (Luther's Explanation of the 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 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.

CHILDREN'S SONG (Sung as the children come forward)

8:00 & 10:30

I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes

**1. I am so glad when Christmas comes The night of Jesus' birth,
When Bethl'm's star shone as the sun And angels sang with mirth.**

**2. The little Child of Bethlehem, The King of heav'nly grace,
Came down from His exalted throne To save our fallen race.**

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344

1. **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!**
2. **Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.**
3. **We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.**
4. **All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.**

THE SERMON

"Repentant and Spotless"

(II Peter 3:8-14)

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 Chimes of Peace

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Burnell L. Hackman

***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 BENEDICTION**

C: ✠ Amen, amen, amen.

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

LSB 366

1. **All you, beneath your heavy load, By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way With painful steps and slow:
Look up, for golden is the hour, Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the angels sing.**
2. **For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old,
When down into the circling years Came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth God's ancient promise bring,
And all who take this gift will hear The song the angels sing.**

***SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE** + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00 & 10:30 - Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Jeanette Mattingly/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017

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.

GERMAN SERVICE is today at 2:30 p.m. with the Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. English helps provided. Invite others.

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 today.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those interested in joining Peace, will be held on Sundays, 6:00-8:00p.m., starting January 14, 2018. Sign-up posted.

INTERNET SAFETY & AWARENESS Lutheran High School-South, 9515 Tesson Ferry Rd., Tues., Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m., offers this program with Cyber-Bullying, Sexting, Social Media Safety, Pornography, and Online Predators. Contact <https://goo.gl/forms/hBqQIOeDrez4KUv32>.

LHS-SOUTH CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sun., Dec., 17, 7:00 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran-Kirkwood.

ALASKA MISSIONS—Stop by the Gym this weekend to pick up sausages and cheeses for your holiday entertaining and gift items. All proceeds help fund mission work in Alaska next summer.

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

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth please sign up at the Youth bulletin board, we need your help to serve the Advent Dinners. The Jr. Youth Christmas Party is **today**, Dec. 10, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. See you there!

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 Mon., 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.

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!

JOIN FELLOW PEACE MEMBERS and the community at large for *Christmas at Peace*, a concert of beloved sacred Christmas music presented by Peace's Music Ministry. The festivities begin at 7:30p.m. on Friday, December 22. See you there!

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST at 9:00a.m. **this Thursday** at Bob Evans. Contact Joyce Schutte for more information, 314-267-7051.

2018 USHER SCHEDULES are ready for pick up in the Ushers Room.

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

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017:

Today: 2:30 German Christmas Service
Mon: 5:00 Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
6:30 Preschool Christmas Program
7:15 Orchestra of Peace Rehearsal
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
7:00 Eagle Board of Review
Wed: 11:15 Preschool Chapel
4:00 5/6/7/8 Gr. Conf. Class
5:00 Advent Dinner
6:15 Advent II Service
Wed: 7:00 Bells of Peace
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
5:30 ESL Sports
6:00 St. Trinity Cemetery Board
6:30 ESL Classes
7:00 Chancel Choir
Fri: 3:30 GP Practice
Sat: 9:00 Sunday School Program Practice
5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 4:00 Sunday School Christmas Service

POINSETTIAS:

Anonymous, in memory of Jean Himmelmann, Lois Isenberg and Frieda Schaub; Roy Baese, in memory of Ginnie Baese; Paul and Verna Beck, to the glory of God; Mary Bentrup, in memory of husband Bob; Jerry and Joyce Birk, in memory of our mothers Betty and Ruth; Vern Bollman, in memory of Grace Bollman; Helen Breitenfeld, in memory of Marvin Breitenfeld; Beutler Family, to the glory of God for blessings received; Kathy Ebmeier, in memory of Ron Ebmeier; Terry L. Eckert, in memory of Joseph J. & Margaret Schmitt and Tracy L. Dorman; Bill and Sue Feero, in loving memory of Bill's mother Lorene Warner; Bill and Sue Feero, in celebration of Christ's birth; Carol Gibbons, in memory of parents Don & Frankie Settlemoir; Bruce and Merrily Goldsmith, to the glory of God; Gwen and Gina and Family, in honor of Jacqueline Uthoff's 80th birthday; Jean Hammond, in honor of Robert Turner; Mason and Taegan Harris, in honor of great grandparents Ron & Dorine Moore; Don and Susan Hasting, to the glory of God; Helen Hellwege, in memory of husband Wil Hellwege; Bruce and Jane Herzog, in memory of Doris Herzog and Marie & Erwin Weigel; Pat and Ray Kergo, in memory of our parents; Leon and Mary Jane Knoernschild, in memory of our parents; Marlene Kruse, in memory of husband Arthur Kruse and parents Vertna & George Glatz; Joani Madden, in memory of Mike Beishir; Vicki McConnell, in memory of Jim McConnell; Her Children, in honor of Dorothy Meyer; His Children, in memory of Karl F. Meyer; Barbara Miller, in memory of Elizabeth Brothers and Marie Miller; Mueller, Noser, and Truemper Families, in memory of Ed Mueller; Mueller, Noser, and Truemper Families, in memory of Floyd & Leota Eades, Gilbert & Adelma Mueller, and Ernst & Mildred Truemper; Louise and Mark Mullen, in memory of Dale and Stacy Mullen; Mark and Louise Mullen, in memory of Claude & Louise Lamprecht; John and Tracey Roesch, in memory of loved ones; Rubach Family, in memory of Ron Rubach; John and Helene Ryan, in memory of parents Emil John & Helen Schlake Whitman; Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler, in honor of Neoma Schuessler's 90th Birthday; Pam and Jerry Schulze, in honor of our grandsons; Schutte Family, in memory of Charlie Schutte; Smith and Keller Families, in memory of Emil and Verna Keller; Jim and Donna Stabile, in honor of grandchildren Brayden, Madelyn, Alex, and Ethan Stabile; Anita Thomas, in memory of Don Thomas; Arlene Thorburg, in memory of Jim Thorburg; Sandy Wanstreet, in memory of parents Gene and Virginia Friley; Ralph Wolters, in memory of Shirley Wolters; Rob and Marlene Wussler, to the glory of God; Tom and Leigh Ann Zaretsky, in honor of parents Barb & Rich Eichhorst and Rose Zaretsky; Tom and Leigh Ann Zaretsky, in memory of Tom Zaretsky Sr.