

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

From East to West

LSB 385

1. **From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev'ry heart awake and sing
The holy child whom Mary bore, The Christ, the everlasting king.**
2. **Behold, the world's creator wears The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our maker shares, His fallen creatures all to save.**
3. **For this how wondrously He wrought! A maiden in her lowly place,
Became, in ways beyond all thought, The chosen vessel of His grace.**
4. **And while the angels in the sky Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord Most High, The one great Shepherd, was revealed.**

***INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISM (5:00)

L: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.**

L: You turn man back to the dust, and say, "Turn back, O children of men!"

C: **For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

L: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

C: **Satisfy us early with Your steadfast love,**

L: Most merciful Heavenly Father,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you, in our thoughts, words and by our actions. We have not fully placed our trust in You. Yet we are the reason You came to earth. Forgive us the sins of which we are aware, and those which are known only to You. Forgive us. Save us. Empower us to turn from our sins, to follow in Your perfect ways. 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**

***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 after Christmas, is from Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3, page 55:

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

(10:30) Terree Rowbottom, Mezzo Soprano

Gesu Bambino

Pietro A. Yon

THE EPISTLE is from Galatians 4:4-7, page 974:

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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 second chapter, verses 22-35, page 857:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

(Luther's Explanation of 2nd Article—8, 9:20, 10:30)

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.

CHILDREN'S SONG (Sung as the children come forward) (8:00 & 10:30)

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come let us adore Him,

Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! (x2)

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389

- 1. **Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again To give us His own Son (2x).**
- 2. **He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall (2x).**
- 3. **He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name (2x).**
- * 4. **Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore;
We praise You evermore.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Todd Wilken

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.)

8, 9:20, 10:30

INDUCTION OF 2018 / 2019 OFFICERS (8:00 & 10:30)

***THE BENEDICTION**

C: ♫ Amen. Amen. Amen.

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

Joy to the World

LSB 387 (v. 1-2)

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

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Rev. Todd Wilken

Liturgists: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson/Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

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

NEWS AND NOTES:

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 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.

NOTE: No Sunday School 12/24/17. ATTENDANCE Wed., 12/20/17 - 110; Christmas Eve: 5:00 - 121; 8:00 - 148; 9:20 - 156; 10:30 - 98. Total: 523. 3:00 - 337 (244); 5:00 - 323 (217); 10:00 - 250. Christmas Day: 9:30 - 143 (113). Weekend Grand Total: 1,576 (574). (Brackets indicate Holy Communion.)

BAPTISM (5:00) Cooper Joseph Brueck, son of Andrew R. & Jennifer D. née Meyer Brueck. Sponsors: Jarod Brueck and Julie L. née Meyer Schellman.

REV. TODD WILKEN we welcome to the pulpit today.

FORWARD 2018: With reception of 92 new members in 2017, the past year marked signal membership outreach for Peace by transfer, baptism, adult confirmation, and profession of faith. Weekend worship attendance approaching 790, alongside 38 confirmations, 8 weddings, 28 baptisms, and 34 funerals seeing souls welcomed into God's eternal presence, marked the year.

YOUTH NEWS: High School Seniors & Parents' Bible Class will begin Jan. 7 at 9:15 a.m. Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board in you plan to attend.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY will be meeting the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursdays starting in January 2018. To register: <https://www.fpucentral.com/classes/1044973/registration>.

ADULT INQUIRY SERIES for those desiring membership, begins January 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m., with sessions on Sundays. Sign-up posted.

K-2 BASKETBALL Register today for Kdg.-Gr. 2 Saturday Morning Basketball Program starting Jan. 6. Contact Andy Reinitz at plaa@att.net.

2018 OFFICERS TO BE INDUCTED today, 8:00 & 10:30:

G. Wirtel, Chm.; R. Uthoff, V. Chm.; D. Hummert, Treas.; S. Renner, Sec; L. Wolff, Payroll Mgr.; J. McElroy, Fin. Sec.; ELDERS: R. Goodman, Chm., D. Carlson, D. Miller, R. Uthoff, J. Birk, V. Bollman, D. Ewald, G. Wirtel, R. Uthoff, Jr., S. Shawcross, J. Akers, A. Hoeflerlin, A. Hopfer, J. Nelson, D. Dippold, R. Behnke, R. Wolters, J. Hooss, A. Baese, D. Seyfert, L. Oster, K. Werkmeister; PARISH ED: P. Uthoff, S. Hopfer, L. Oster, A. Arensmeier; FINANCE COMM.: T. Dalton, R. Wussler, T. Behnke; STEWARDSHIP: D. Dukesherer, J. McCreary; V. McConnell; SOCIAL MINISTRY: J. Sorth, J. Birk, D. Seyfert, M. & A. Fischer; PROPERTY: R. Behnke, D. Spitzmiller, L. Dressel, J. Schramm, J. Sneed, R. Truemper, M. Wilde, M. Yaeger, W. Mathany, B. Bryan, F. Seiller, B. Hammon, B. Chitwood; YOUTH: M. Yaeger, D. Mieger, B. Stevens; BOARD OF GREEN PARK: M. Wuerffel, T. Johnson, J. Sneed; EVANGELISM: C. Neff, B. Mayer, J. & M. Wiesehan; CEMETERY: B. Goldsmith, G. Truemper, W. & M. Schuessler, C. McElroy, G. Brinkmann, E. Turner, L. Hinton.

GREEN PARK AUCTION poster in the Commons seeks donation items by January 10, 2018. Auction is Friday, February 16, 2018 at Royale Orleans. Tickets are available online now for the event.

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

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2017:

Mon: **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
 OFFICE CLOSED

Tue: No Preschool
 9:00 Quilters
 6:30 Men's Volleyball

Wed: 4:00 5/6/7/8 Jr. Confirmation Classes

Thu: 6:00 Men's Bible Study
 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
 3:30 GP Practice
 5:30 ESL Sports
 6:30 ESL Classes
 6:30 Financial Peace University
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri: 3:30 GP Practice

Sat: 8:30 PLAA
 5:00 Worship Service w/Comm

Sun: 11:15 Life Ministry Team
 6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups