

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

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 recorded in Jeremiah 33:14-16, page 662: (5:00, 8:00, 10:30)

¹⁴"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE is from I Thessalonians 3:9-13, page 987:

⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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 twenty-first chapter, verses 25-28, 34-36, page 881:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. ³⁴But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O People, Rise and Labor

- 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

“How Near Is Christ’s Return?”

(Luke 21:25-28)

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.*

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***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 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!**

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 412, 352, 334

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 + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler; 8:00 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Janice McCreary/Jeanette Mattingly

NEWS AND NOTES:

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

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): American Church History

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving celebration of Grace Roenfeldt's 90th birthday on December 5; also from Bob, Linda, Audrey and Marjorie Wolff in honor of Walter and Marvleen Noll's 65th wedding anniversary on November 28.

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. 9.

GERMAN SERVICE is Sunday, December 9, 2:15 p.m. with the Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. English helps provided. Invite others.

TAKE AN HOUR TO MAKE A DAY - A day of visiting Peace's shut-in members for the Christmas season is being coordinated by the Life Ministry Team for Dec. 9 following the late service. All ages, individuals, or families are welcome! Sign up at the Commons' Welcome Center.—Steve Andrews

YOUR HELP NEEDED - Peace's Couples' Club invites you 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 7, to decorate the Sanctuary and Christmas tree. (Youth and adults welcome.)

ADVENT SERVICES: CORRECTED

December 5 - 6:15 p.m.—Sem. Kyle Weeks; Dinner: Sr. Youth Hosts

December 12 - 6:15 p.m.—Rev. Eldon Winker; Dinner: Jr. Youth Hosts

December 19 - 6:15 p.m.—Sem. Andrew Mussell; Dinner: Men's Club Hosts

Please enter our subscription to The Lutheran Witness and Supplement for 2019 calendar year at \$18.00. There is an envelope in your packet if you wish to use it. Make checks payable to *Peace Lutheran Church*.

YOUTH NEWS: 6th-12th Youth & Families please sign up (on bulletin board) to help serve at the Advent Dinners and at the CHRISTmas Tree Lot. **Christmas Parties: HS Youth's Party** is Dec. 8, 5:00-10:00 p.m. Bring \$10 for our Adopt-a-Family. Jr. Youth Party is Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Bring a \$5 white elephant gift.

REHEARSALS for the Children's Christmas Service are in the sanctuary on Sat., Dec. 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m. for 1st-6th grade, and Sat., Dec. 15, 9:00 -11:00 a.m. for 2nd-6th grade, and 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. for Parents & Me—1st grade.

PEACE LADIES GUILD All ladies of the congregation are invited to the Ladies Guild pot luck lunch on December 20 at 12 noon. Members, please bring a dish to share. We will be dispersing the funds from our treasury to worthy recipients.

PART-TIME KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AIDE POSITION Green Park Lutheran School has a part-time Kindergarten teacher aide position beginning January 3, 2019. Interested candidates please send cover letter and resume to the principal, Stephen Eggold, by December 3.

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH THE CHRISTmas TREE & WREATH LOT open on the west parking lot. See the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center in the Commons to volunteer for a shift. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018:

Today: 2:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL

6:00 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL

Mon: 6:30 Council

7:00 Boy Scouts

Tue: 9:00 Quilters

9:00 Plastic Mat Making

3:30 GP Practice

Wed: 11:15 Early Childhood Chapel
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 Rehearsal
Thu: 6:00 Men's Bible Study
9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
5:30 Askins/Martin Rehearsal
6:30 ESL Classes
6:30 College Girl's Bible Study
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri: 6:00 Couples' Club Decorate Church
6:00 Cub Scouts
Sat: 9:00 Sunday School Program Practice
1:30 Askins/Martin Wedding
5:00 Worship Service
5:00 Sr. Youth Christmas Party
6:00 Couples' Club Christmas Party
Sun: 11:30 Jr. Youth Christmas Party
2:30 German Service
3:00 Choristers Christmas Party