

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 8:00 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

arr: John Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

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 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!**

4. **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 AND CONFESSION**

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

C: **♫Amen.**

BAPTISM (5:00)

L: Our God comes, He does not keep silent.

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 for the First Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah 2:1-5, page 567:(5, 8, 10:30)

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **♪Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from Romans 13:11-14, page 948:

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

***THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

C: **♪Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter, verses 37-44, page 830:

C: **♪Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **♪Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH Luther on the 3rd Article (8, 9:20, 10:30)**

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O People, Rise and Labor

LW 25

- 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

“The Life-changing Word”

(Isaiah 2:3 & Romans 15:4)

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 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

Cold December Flies Away

Catalonian Carol

*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 of 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 ever-living Spirit, While eternal ages run!**

8:00 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 523, 412, 513 (Tune title “Ewing” for Hymn 513)

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

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349 (v. 1 & 4)

1. **Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.**

4. **Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.**

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Danza

T. Susato

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgists: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:30 - Sem. Steinke

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

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2019

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

Adult Bible Class (The Hall): Gospel of Luke

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner; 7th Gr: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Ladies Guild.

BAPTISM (5:00) Esther Marie Akers, daughter of Joshua W. & Laura Marie née Day Akers. Sponsors: Christopher A. Sumski and Anna M. Schmidt.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER is in your mail slot.

ALASKA MISSIONS SAUSAGE AND CHEESE SALE Be sure to stop by the table in the gym this weekend. We have delicious Stoney's Sausages and Cheeses. Also, there are many gift items for holiday events or gift giving. Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE—A concert of Christmas music will be presented by the Peace Musicians on Friday, December 20, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. Invite your family and friends!

THE GIVING TREE is up in the entrances of Peace. To participate, please take a tag from one of the trees, purchase the gift, and return it, unwrapped, to the Christmas tree outside of the church office by Sunday, December 15. The gifts will be distributed by Feed My People to families in need during the Christmas season. - Joyce Birk and Vicki McConnell.

KFUO PEACE BROADCASTS has one opening left for 2020: March 22nd. Contact Alan Hopfer.

CORRECTION - LHSS CRAFT SHOW - will be **Dec. 7**, 9:00-3:00 (not the 14th as stated in the December newsletter).

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

FACILITY ENHANCEMENT DEDICATION at the January 11/12 services.

HISTORY OF ADVENT

In A.D. 581 the Council of Macon decreed that between St. Martin's Day (November 11) and Epiphany (January 6) the second, fourth, and sixth days of the week were days of fasting. It seems as though advent was a kind of "Winter-Lent", a solemn, penitential season, Marriage could not be performed during this time. Ecclesiastically the color was violet, the same as the color of Lent. Finally, in A.D. 590 Gregory the Great established the four Sundays before Christmas as Advent, a practice which has remained to the present.

YOUTH NEWS: We need Youth and Parents help to serve the Advent Dinners on Wed., Dec. 11 (High School) and Dec. 18 (Jr. Youth). The High School Youth Christmas Party will be Fri., Dec. 13 from 5:30-10. Please bring \$10 for our adopt-a-family. The Jr. Youth Christmas Party will be on Sat., Dec. 14 from 6-9 p.m. We will eat dinner (Psgheitis), play games, decorate cookies and watch a Christmas Movie. Cost is \$5. Please sign up by Dec. 8 to attend either of the parties. Also, join us to help at the Tree Lot on Dec. 14th. Sign up for a 2-hour shift. More info and sign-up sheets are on the Youth Bulletin Board.

GREEN PARK is accepting resumes for the full-time position of Administrative Assistant. Qualified individuals should send their resume and cover letter to the Principal, Mr. Stephen Eggold at stephen.eggold@greenparklutherschool.org. Green Park will be accepting names for this position through December 20.

CHRISTmas TREE & WREATH LOT The Men's Club is again sponsoring the tree lot on Peace's West Parking Lot.

THE BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IS DECEMBER 5, 6, 7, & 8.

IF YOU HAVE TICKETS YOU CANNOT USE, please turn them in to the church office quickly so we can distribute them to those on a waiting list.

DRESS REHEARSAL IS TODAY, DEC. 1 AT 4:00 P.M. Please arrive promptly and have all items required for your costume.

PLEASE KEEP THE FESTIVAL IN YOUR PRAYERS as we make final preparations and go through our last rehearsals.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2019:

Today: 4:00 Boar's Head Dress Rehearsal
Mon: 5:00 Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
6:30 Council
6:30 Co-Ed Volleyball
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
9:00 Plastic Mat Making
6:30 Crossfire
Wed: 4:00 5/6/7/8 Grade Confirmation Class
5:00 Advent Dinner
6:15 Advent Service w/Comm
7:00 Bells of Peace Rehearsal

Thu: 6:00 Men's Bible Study
9:00 Mary/Martha
7:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
Fri: 7:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service
7:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
Sun: 2:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
6:00 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL