

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! Every 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 life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and 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 11:1-10, pages 575-576:

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING is from Romans 15:4-13, page 949:

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: ♪Alleuia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - according to St. Matthew, the third chapter, verses 1-12, page 808:

C: ♪Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

(8:00 & 10:30)

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 heavenly grace,
Came down from His exalted throne To save our fallen race.

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

Christina Stackle

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 every 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. Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father, we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

THE SERMON

"The Power of Hope"

(Romans 15:4-13)

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 of the back cover of the hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: ♪Amen, amen, amen.

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375

1. **Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.**
2. **Christ, from heav'n to us descending And in love our race befriending,
In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily foe.**
3. **From the bondage that oppressed us, From sin's fetters that possessed us,
From the grief that sore distressed us, We, the captives, now are free.**
4. **Oh, the joy beyond expressing When by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing, That Your love has set us free.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Uthoff/Dennis Gerfen

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019

ALTAR FLOWERS are from the Solovic family in memory of Gayle.

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

LADIES GUILD will be celebrating Christmas on Thursday December 19, at 11:00a.m. in the meeting room. We will be having a catered lunch, tickets required, and Pastor Kastens will be sharing a Christmas devotion with us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help our Life Ministry Team with Peace shut-in visits following the late Service on Sunday December 15. Questions? Contact Steve Andrews.

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

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE Join fellow Peace members and guests for CHRISTMAS at PEACE featuring the Chancel Choir, Bells of Peace and Orchestra of Peace on Friday, December 20, at 7:15p.m.

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.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST at 9:00a.m. this Thursday at Denny's. Contact Joyce Schutte for more information.

THE BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL is in progress this weekend. THANK YOU cast, choir, crew, and receptionists for all your hard work! Following each Boar's Head service, please stay and mingle with our guests during the reception. Your friendliness and warmth encourages visitors seeking a church home to visit us again during regular worship services.

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.

COUPLES CLUB - Friday, December 13, Decorate Church for Christmas at 6:00p.m. Our Annual Christmas Party is December 14, 6:00 p.m.

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.

FACILITY ENHANCEMENT DEDICATION at the January 11/12 services.

A SPECIAL THANKS to Pam Schulze and Nancy Holdenried and their "Christmas Elves" for decorating the Common's Christmas tree.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL this Friday, December 13, at Green Park Lutheran School. Join them on "The Christmas Express" as the JK-4 children present their musical at 2:00 in the afternoon and again at 7:00 in the evening.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2019:

Today: 2:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL
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Mon: 5:00 Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
6:30 Co-Ed Volleyball
6:30 Cub Scout Pack Meeting
7:15 Orchestra of Peace Rehearsal
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:00 Crossfire
7:00 Eagle Board of Review
Wed: 4:00 5/6/7/8 Grade Confirmation Class
5:00 Advent Dinner
6:15 Advent Service
7:00 Bells of Peace Rehearsal
7:00 Crossfire
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
11:15 Early Childhood Chapel
6:00 Cemetery Board
6:30 ESL Classes
6:30 College Girl's Bible Study
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri: 5:00 Sr. Youth Christmas Party
6:00 Couples Club Decorates Church
7:00 Crossfire
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service
6:00 Jr. Youth Christmas Party
6:00 Couples Club Christmas Party
Sun: 2:15 German Service