

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus

LSB 660

1. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.**
2. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.**
3. **Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: Merciful heavenly Father, we ask Your forgiveness for the ways we have failed to live up to Your expectations of us.

C: **For our failure to honor You above all,**

L: for our preoccupation with our own needs,

C: **for our lack of concern with the welfare of those who do not know You,**

L: for our hesitating witness,

C: **for our half-hearted worship,**

L: for our begrudging stewardship of Your gifts,

C: **for our personal failure in being Your representatives, O Lord,**

L: for all of these we ask for Your forgiveness.

C: **Bestow on us Your pardon and peace. By Your Spirit, empower us to live lives of love and obedience, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** 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** LSB page 186

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 to the Lord.

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the first Sunday in Lent is from Genesis 22:1-2, 9-14, page 16: (5:00, 8:00, 10:30)

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from James 1:12-18, page 1011:

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter, verses 9-15, page 836:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

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

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

TLH 456

1. Approach, my soul, the mercy seat Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet, For none can perish there.
2. Bowed down beneath a load of sin, By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within, I come to Thee for rest.
3. Be Thou my Shield and Hiding-place, That, sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce Accuser face And tell him Thou hast died.
4. O wondrous Love, to bleed and die, To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners such as I Might plead Thy gracious name!

THE SERMON

“Subtle Temptation”

(Mark 1:9-15)

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

My Soul, Be on Thy Guard

TLH 449

1. My soul, be on Thy guard; Ten thousand foes arise,
And hosts of sins are pressing hard To draw thee from the skies.
2. Oh, watch and fight and pray, The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly ev'ry day And help divine implore.
3. Ne'er think the victory won Nor lay thine armor down;
Thine arduous work will not be done Till thou obtain thy crown.
4. Fight on, my soul, till death Shall bring thee to thy God;
He'll take thee at thy parting breath To His divine abode.

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 761, 437, 703

♫ **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: ♫ **For 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

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

LSB 919

1. **Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**
2. **Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.**
3. **Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.**

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5, 8, 10:30: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20: Sem. Tyler Werner

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

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Wayne Schuessler/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 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): 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 and Mike Renner

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel and Louise Oster

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Carol Kohn in honor of her mother's birthday. LIVE BROADCAST over KFUE radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Carol Kohn in celebration of mother Melva Curtis' birthday.

ALTAR PRAYERS available weekly and posted on Commons' Board.

8th GRADE PARENTAL CONFIRMATION MEETING, **this** Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. in Commons Conference Room. (7th Gr. Class and Parents meet in the Lower Commons at 5:15 to discuss the Confirmation Breakfast.)

LADIES GUILD meeting is on Thursday, March 15 at 12 Noon. A representative from Lutheran Family & Children Services (LFCS) will be the speaker. Please bring socks and underwear for the children at LFCS.

LWML WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 9:30a.m., Friday, February 23, at Messiah Church. For info, call Evelyn Uhlig.

EASTER PLANTS: Easter lilies and dark pink azaleas will decorate the chancel March 31 and April 1 for Easter. **Please place your order by Sunday, March 4. Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church and earmark "Easter Plants"**. Contact Marlene Wussler if you have any questions.

YOUTH NEWS: 6th-12th Gr. Youth and Parents are needed to help serve Lenten Supper on Feb. 28. Confirmation Parent Meetings on Feb. 21. 7th Gr. Class and Parents meet in the Lower Commons at 5:15 to discuss the Confirmation Breakfast. (8th Gr. Parents meet in the Commons Conf. Rm at 7:00.) Sr. Youth Small Groups meet tonight 6-8:00 with Pastor Furgeson leading us in a study on the book of Revelation. Jr. Youth Sign up for SkyZone, Sat., Feb. 24.

LENTEN SUPPER 5:00 p.m., in the gym, before evening Lenten Service. Hosted by Early Childhood. Spaghetti, salad, French bread, and dessert served. Free will offering. Welcome!

MUSIC MINISTRY TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION is Friday, March 9 here at Peace. Proceeds will support the Music Ministry. Tickets are on sale in the Commons or from the church office, 892-5610. See article in "The Peace Lutheran" for more information or call Jan Flosi, 314-846-0580. Silent Auction items needed.

INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY needed for Easter Egg Hunt. Please give to Christina by Sunday, March 4.

EASTER EGG HUNT, will be held Saturday, March 17, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for families with children infants - 3rd grade.

ATTENTION ALL USHERS There will be an Ushers Meeting Mon., Feb. 19th at 6:30 p.m. We need all Usher Captains to attend. Security will be discussed.

LENTEN SELF-DENIAL folders are available from the office. The offering is for Seminary students in financial need.

PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLES are due back today. Thank you!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS—REMINDER Please remember to direct your Choice Dollars before March 31st. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836.

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LENTEN WEDNESDAY
11:00 A.M., 6:15 P.M. WORSHIP
5:00 Dinner - Early Childhood
LET HIS FAITHFUL ONES GATHER

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2018:

Today: 6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups
Mon: Half-Day Preschool Closed
9:30 Berean Careciples
6:30 Ushers Meeting
6:30 Cub Scout Meeting
7:00 Troop 584 Meeting
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
3:30 GP Practice
6:00 Property Management
Wed: 9:00 TPL Assembly
11:00 South County Senior Citizens
11:00 Worship Service
4:00 5/6/7/8 gr. Confirmation Class
Wed: 5:00 Lenten Supper
6:15 Worship Service
7:00 Bells of Peace Rehearsal
7:00 Confirmation Parent Meeting
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
6:30 ESL Classes
6:30 Financial Peace University
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat: 8:30 PLAA B-Ball
5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 4:00 Cub Scouts Blue & Gold
6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups