

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 151-166

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 8:00 & 10:30 Alleluia Ringers

Andante Maestoso

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Vivaldi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

When Streaming from the Eastern Skies

TLH 543

1. **When, streaming from the eastern skies, The morning light salutes my eyes,
O Sun of Righteousness Divine, On me with beams of mercy shine;
Chase the dark clouds of sin away And turn my darkness into day.**

2. **When to heav'n's great and glorious King My morning sacrifice I bring
And, grieving o'er my guilt and shame, Ask mercy, Savior, in Your name,
My conscience sprinkle with Your blood And be my Advocate with God.**

3. **And at my life's last setting sun, My conflict o'er, my labor done,
Jesus, Your heav'nly radiance shed To cheer and bless my dying bed
And from death's gloom my spirit raise To see Your face and sing Your praise.**

8:00 Green Park Ringers and Singers

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **♩ Amen.**

L: I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

C: **Our feet are standing in Your gates, O Jerusalem.**

L: I will bow down toward Your holy temple and will praise Your name for Your love and Your faithfulness.

C: **For You are exalted above all things.**

L: Righteous is Your name forever.

C: **Holy are You, O Lord.**

L: Most merciful God, heavenly Father:

C: **We humbly confess that we are sinners. We fear standing before You, because our sin has made us unworthy of You. But we acknowledge what Your grace has accomplished for us, through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In His name we confess our sins. We look toward the promise of forgiveness, won for us by His sacrifice, on the cross. Make us new. Cleanse us from sin and its guilt. Show us how to love and serve You, now and forevermore. 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **♩ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **♩ Amen.**

THE FIRST READING for the third Sunday after Epiphany is from Nehemiah 8:1-3, 6, page 403:

¹And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

8:00 Chancel Choir

We Sing The Mighty Power of God

THE EPISTLE is from I Corinthians 12:14-20, 26-27, page 959:

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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 4th chapter, verses 16-30, page 859-860:

C: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise 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. **God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me.**
2. **I'll do His will, I'll do His will, I'll do His will, He's so good to me.**
3. **He loves me so, He loves me so, He loves me so, He's so good to me.**

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

Christina Stackle

SERMON HYMN

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

LSB 409

1. **Hail, O source of every blessing, Father of our human race,
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts admission find.
Grateful now we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore you, Thankful for the grace You give.**
2. **Once far off, but now invited, We approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united, Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to Eastern sages, See the Star of Mercy shine;
Mystery hid in former ages, Mystery great of love divine.**
3. **Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their offerings bring;
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise!**

THE SERMON

Prof. Thomas Egger

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 Green Park Ringers and Singers

Surprise Symphony

***THE OFFERTORY**

✠ 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 in the back cover of the hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

C: ✠ Amen, amen, amen.

***THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**

TLH 52

1. **Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard,
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!**
2. **We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshipped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.**

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

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Prof. Thomas Egger
Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens & Pastor Jon C. Furgeson
Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Alice Kastens; 8:00 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman, DMM
Choir Dir.: Burnell Hackman, DMM
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Uthoff/Terry Hutton

3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 2016

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Ephesians

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

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

FOOD & DRINK CONSUMPTION should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS on this Sanctity of Life Sunday are from Peace's Life Ministry Team to the Glory of God!

YEAR 2015 financial statements are in your mail slot as is your February newsletter.

PROFESSOR THOMAS EGGER is in the pulpit today. Welcome!

TOLLING OF THE BELLS TODAY, after late service, marks the solemn 43rd anniversary of legalized abortion in the U.S. Since 1973, approximately 56,000,000 lives have been lost to abortion and countless individuals harmed. Each cross standing in our church yard signifies one million lives lost.

EASTER PLANTS: Easter lilies and dark pink azaleas will decorate the chancel March 26 and 27 for Easter. Please complete the form below and place in offering or mail to church to **order by Sunday, February 21**. Contact Marlene Wussler if you have any questions. Checks payable to: **Peace Lutheran Church and earmarked "Easter Plants"**.

FREE WILL PANCAKE BREAKFAST Please join us for the Boy Scout Troop 584 annual Free Will Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 7th, 7:00a.m.-10:00a.m. in the gym. We will serve sausage, pancakes, coffee and juice. BOY SCOUT SUNDAY will be observed that Sunday also.

"FAN INTO FLAME" BIENNIAL AUCTION to benefit Green Park Lutheran School, Friday, February 12, starting at 5:00 p.m. at Royale Orleans. Reservations are \$50 per person available at the Welcome Center today or online at greenparklutheranschool.org/auction2016/. Also see the "Lend a Hand" board in the Commons to make donations for the auction.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Donald Hasting, Jerry Schramm, Laura Maschhoff, Fran Rich, Charlie Schutte, Jan Yaeger, Sue Pavelski, Jane Crable, Wanda Belleville, Ruth Rode, James Rainey, Jim McConnell, Bob Gruber, Leo Godoy, Stephen Sweetin, Kala Eydman, Terri Dees, Ralph Truemper, Herman Petsch, Debbie Kuhlmann, Marie Driskell, Irma Outman, Jane Bryan.

LHS-S SACRED CONCERT Sunday, March 6, 3:30 p.m. at Peace.

The Lutheran Witness Subscription for 2016 calendar year is \$18. There is an envelope in your packet if you wish to use it. Make check payable to *Peace Lutheran Church*.

HOLY COMMUNION celebrated next week January 30/31.

BLOOD DRIVE Saturday, February 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the gymnasium.

YOUTH NEWS: National Youth Gathering (NYG) Trivia Fundraiser Meeting today at 11:30 a.m. Sr. Youth sign up to attend the Peer Ministry Training retreat on February 12 - 14.

EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, February 2, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Registration begins for 2016-2017 school year. See classrooms, visit with teachers, view videos and children's crafts.

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL invites you to their Open House, today, Jan. 24, 1:00-3:00. Current and prospective parents are encouraged to come and see what Green Park has to offer. It is kick-off to National Lutheran School's Week.

TREAT YOUR LOVED ONES to an evening in Italy as Peace's Music Ministry presents a Valentine Dinner and Concert on Saturday, February 13. A delicious meal prepared by Peace's resident chef Ralph Truemper and a concert of appropriate selections by a full symphony orchestra will make for an enjoyable evening. Tickets may be purchased this weekend following all services.

LOOKING FOR A NEW WAY TO SERVE THE LORD? Please consider singing in the Chancel Choir. Contact Burnell Hackman for more information.

JOB OPENING -Early Childhood- Call Sue Velten for information, 314-892-8844.

ALASKA MISSIONS DINNER/CONCERT/AUCTION-Stop by the Welcome Center in the Commons and pick up your free tickets to the Sun. Jan. 31 mission event. After the delicious chicken dinner, we will be entertained by the Lancer Singers from Lutheran South. A Silent Auction and Presentation of Mission Work in Hooper Bay, Alaska will follow. Join us for a fun evening and help support the work of the mission team planning a return to Alaska in 2016. Sponsored by Thrivent.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those interested in joining Peace began January 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m., with sessions on Sundays. Auditors welcome.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2016:

Today: 6:00 Adult Inquiry
6:30 High School Small Groups
7:00 Peter Careciples - Wusslers
Mon: 6:30 Elders
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
3:30 GP Practice
6:00 Men's Club
6:30 Men's Volleyball
Wed: 4:00 5/6 Gr. Conf. Class
4:00 7/8 Gr. Conf. Class
4:50 Celebration Ringers
5:30 Glocken Ringers
7:00 Alleluia Ringers
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
6:30 ESL Classes
6:30 Confirmation Banner Night
7:00 Chancel Choir
Fri: 3:30 GP Practice
Sat: 9:00 PLAA B-ball
5:00 Worship Service w/Comm
12:00 Set Up for Alaska Mission Dinner
Sun: 5:00 Alaska Mission Dinner/Concert/Auction
6:00 Adult Inquiry