

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

The Old Year Now Has Passed Away

TLH 125

1. **The old year now has passed away; We thank You, O our God, today
That You have kept us through the year When danger and distress were near.**
2. **We pray You, O eternal Son, Who with the Father reign'st as One,
To guard and rule Your Christendom Through all the ages yet to come.**
3. **Take not Your saving Word away, Our souls' true comfort, staff, and stay.
Abide with us and keep us true From errors, foll'wing only You.**
4. **Oh, help us to forsake all sin, A new and holier course begin!
Mark not what once was done amiss, A happier, better year be this.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C: **Almighty God maker of all things, judge of all people, I admit and confess my sinfulness. I have done the evil You forbid, and have not done the good You demand. I do repent and am truly sorry for these my sins. Have mercy on me, because of the obedience of my Savior, Jesus Christ. Forgive me all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move me to serve You faithfully in the year ahead. Set my feet upon a new path, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. 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 after Christmas is from Isaiah 63:8-14, page 622: (5:00, 8:00 & 10:30)

⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of

Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, ¹² who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³ who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴ Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING is from Galatians 4:4-7, page 974:

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

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

*THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Matthew, the second chapter, verses 13-23, page 808:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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

Father, Let Me Dedicate

TLH 118

1. **Father, let me dedicate All this year to Thee,
In whatever earthly state Thou wilt have me be.
Not from sorrow, pain, or care Freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer: Glorify Thy Name.**

2. **Can a child presume to choose Where or how to live?
Can a father's love refuse All the best to give?
More Thou givest ev'ry day Than the best can claim
Nor withholdst aught that may Glorify Thy name.**

3. **If in mercy Thou wilt spare Joys that yet are mine;
If on life, serene and fair, Brighter rays may shine,
Let my glad heart while it sings, Thee in all proclaim
And, whate'er the future brings, Glorify Thy name.**

THE SERMON

“Redeeming the Time”

(Psalm 90:10, 12)

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 in 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

While With Ceaseless Course the Sun

Tune TLH 345

1. **While with ceaseless course the sun Hasted thro' the former year,
Many souls their race have run, Nevermore to meet us here;
Fixed in an eternal state, They have done with all below.
We a little longer wait, but how little, none can know.**

2. **As the winged arrow flies Speedily the mark to find;
As the lightning from the skies Darts and leaves no trace behind,
Swiftly thus our fleeting days Bear us down life's rapid stream.
Upward, Lord, our spirits raise; All below is but a dream.**

3. **Thanks for mercies past receive, Pardon of our sins renew;
Teach us henceforth how to live With eternity in view.
Bless Thy Word to young and old, Fill us with a Savior's love;
And when life's short tale is told, May we dwell with Thee above.**

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 570, 389, 715

***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**

Thou Who Roll'st the Year Around

Tune TLH 18

**1. Thou who roll'st the year around, Crowned with mercies large and free,
Rich Thy gifts to us abound; Warm our praise shall rise to Thee.**

**2. All our follies, Lord, forgive; Cleanse us from each guilty stain.
Let Thy grace within us live That we spend no years in vain.**

***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, 9:20, & 10:30: Alice Kastens; 8:00: Jeff White, CAGO

KFUO AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Janice McCreary/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1, 2017

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): Augsburg Confession

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room):

Discussions led by group members with mentors present.

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

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr. Youth: Rick Goodman; 7th Gr. Youth: Greg Wirtel and Louise Oster

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

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

PLEASE KEEP FOOD & DRINK consumption inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Mark and Louise Mullen in memory of Dale Mullen. New altar flower orders may now be placed for 2017, starting with Sunday, January 15. **Also, poinsettias may be picked up following the 10:30 worship service today or by Friday, January 6.**

GREEN PARK STAY-N-PLAY Join us on Friday, January 13 and 20 from 9:00-10:30a.m. with your children five and under. Enjoy a FREE morning of fun and play in Green Park's gym - scooters, bounce house, mats and more! Children must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP to Katy Schmitt, 544-4248.

The Lutheran Witness for 2017 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*. Deadline is January 29.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS resumes 7 p.m., January 11, with a study of Habakkuk. Bring a friend and join us.

ATTN. USHERS - Please pick up your 2017 Usher Schedule in the Ushers Closet.

FEED MY PEOPLE/ADOPT-A-FAMILY Thank you so much for the wonderful participation this year! Our church adopted 34 families, blessing 80 people! Thank you to the Lord who blesses us to continue to serve faithfully and love generously.

YOUTH NEWS: Sr. Youth Ski Trip will be on January 22 from 2-9p.m. Cost is \$35. Sign up by January 15. The Jr. Youth will have an open gym/minute-to-win-it game night on January 21 from 7-9p.m. Bring your friends!

ALASKA MISSION DINNER AUCTION Free tickets are available at the Welcome Center for the Sun., Jan. 29 Alaska Mission Chicken Dinner, Silent Auction, Mission Presentation, and entertainment by the Lancer Singers from Lutheran High School-South. Your support helps to prepare for the mission work in July 2017.

NEW OFFICERS to be installed 8:00a.m. next Sunday, January 8: Pres. G. Wirtel, Fin. Sec. T. Dalton, Treas. D. Hummert, Elders A. Baese, C. Bluette, A. Hoeflerlin, J. Hooss, R. Uthoff, J. Nelson, M. Renner, S. Shawcross, K. Werkmeister, R. Wolters, Evang. C. Neff, B. Mayer, GPLS T. Johnson, Steward. R. Mullen, Prop. J. Rastorfer, J. Schramm, F. Seiller, W. Matheny, Social Min. A. & M. Fischer, S. Robinson, Parish Ed. K. Andrews, J. Maschhoff, Cemetery M. & W. Schuessler, Youth Bd. D. Mieger, K. Spangler.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2017:

Mon:	OFFICE CLOSED
	6:30 Council
Tue:	9:00 Quilters
	6:30 Men's Volleyball
Wed:	4:00 5/6/7/8 gr. Confirmation Class
	7:00 Bells of Peace
Thu:	6:00 Men's Morning Bible Study
	9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
	3:30 GP Practice
	6:30 ESL Classes
	7:00 Chancel Choir
Fri:	3:30 GP Practice
Sat:	8:00 PLAA Basketball
	5:00 Worship Service
Sun:	11:00 Youth Board
	11:45 Life Ministry Team