

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 6, 2016

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 8:00 & 10:30 Alleluia Ringers *Triumphant Spirit*

Nicholas Hanson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

God Loved The World

LSB 571

- 1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**
- 2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith; Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief Cornerstone.**
- 3. God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**
- 4. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: Amen.

L: As a father has compassion on his children so the Lord has compassion on those who love Him.

C: The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: We have often strayed from Your ways and followed the desires of our own hearts. We have sinned against You and against one another. We have done the evil Your Word forbids. We often have not done the good Your Word requires. According to Your mercy, given us through Christ, forgive our sins. Grant us Your Spirit, that we may live in godliness, love, and faithfulness, all the days of our lives. 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** 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.

C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the fourth Sunday in Lent is from Isaiah 12:4-6, page 576: (5, 8, 10:30)

⁴And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made

known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **♪ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE is from II Corinthians 5:16-21, page 966:

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 fifteenth chapter, verses 11-24, page 874-875:

C: **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE CREEDAL HYMN** *All Glory Be to God Alone LSB 948*

- 1. All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the Highest One,
Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.**
- 2. We praise You God, Your name we bless; And worship You in humbleness;
From day to day we glorify The everlasting God on high.
Of Your great glory do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.**
- 3. Lord God, our King on heaven's throne, Our Father, the Almighty One;
O Lord, the Sole-begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.**

THE SERMON

"Prodigal Son's Father"

(Luke 15:20-24)

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.*

***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

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609

1. **Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander;
Here is hope for all who grieve—Jesus sinners doth receive.**
2. **We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here their ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe—Jesus sinners doth receive.**
3. **Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter Passion;
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.**
4. **Now my conscience is at peace, From the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release And my every sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve, Jesus sinners doth receive.**

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 570, 611, 625

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

Oh Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.
2. Now lettest Thou Thy guest depart With full assurance in his heart.
For such communion, Lord, with Thee A new life may my offering be.
3. When Thou shalt in Thy glory come To gather all Thy people home,
Then let me, as Thy heavenly guest, In anthems praise Thee with the blest.

*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. Edwards

Organists: 5:00 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler; 8 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman,

Choir Dir.: Burnell Hackmann, DMM

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Janice McCreary/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

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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): I John

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.

**LENTEN WEDNESDAY
11:00 A.M., 7:00 P.M. WORSHIP
NO LENTEN DINNER
8:00 CONFIRMAND RECEPTION**

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Ray Spindler in memory of Carol Spindler's birthday; from Mel and Betty Ohlau in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary; and from Jim Dammann in celebration of his wife Wanita's March 6th birthday.

LIVE BROADCAST over KFUE radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Mel and Betty Ohlau in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary, as are the altar flowers.

GREEN PARK SUNDAY is next Sunday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME next Sunday, March 13. Remember to “Spring Forward” by one hour this Saturday!

2016 CONFIRMATION BANNERS appear on the sanctuary wall.

EASTER EGG HUNT will be **this** Saturday, March 12, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for families with children infant - 3rd grade. (Please bring your own basket.)

DIRECT THRIVENT “Choice Dollars” by March 31 deadline.

PEACE MARRIED COUPLES’ CLUB Dubbs Bridge, Sat. March 12, 6:00 p.m. at Peace. Bring a snack or dessert to share. RSVP to June Seiller.

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth to attend the MO District Retreat at Camp Windermere April 1-3. Turn in your registration money by **today**. Jr. & Sr. Youth stay after church **today** and help fill Easter Eggs from 11:30 - 1:00. Pizza lunch will be provided. And don’t forget to sign up to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 12.

THIS AFTERNOON at 3:30 pm the Choirs from Lutheran High School South will present their Spring Concert here in the Sanctuary at Peace. Come and support this talented group of young musicians!!!

THE CHOIR OF RIPON COLLEGE in Wisconsin will present a concert at Peace on Monday, March 14, at 7:30 pm as part of the 2016 Spring Tour. Please plan to attend and support these fine musicians. We still need a couple of more homes to house these students, please contact Burnell Hackman if you can volunteer your home.

CRAZY GRACE – a Music and Drama Troop under the direction of Pat Fick from Concordia University – Texas will make a presentation following our Wednesday, March 16 Lenten service.

MUSIC MINISTRY TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION Final chance for Trivia Night tickets \$15/person for Friday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Royale Orleans. Don’t miss this fun evening. Door prizes galore and free snacks provided. Tickets are available in the commons after all weekend services or from the church office during the week. Thanks for helping support our youth going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

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

THANKS to all who participated in the blood drive on 2/20! We collected 38 units, which will save up to 114 lives. Congratulations to Don Hipp, who won the drawing for the Kindle Fire! Our next drive is scheduled for 9/17/16.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER Maundy Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. here at Peace. Go back to that first Maundy Thursday when Jesus instituted His holy supper and taught the disciples of His sacrificial love for us on His journey to the cross. Invite your family and friends, particularly the unchurched.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2016:

Today: 11:45 Life Ministry Team
3:30 LHSS Choral Concert
7:00 Peter Careciples - Wuerffels
Mon: 11:15 Preschool Chapel
6:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting
6:30 Council
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:30 Men’s Volleyball
Wed: 11:00 Lenten Worship Service
7:00 Vespers - Jr. Confirmation
Questioning/Reception following

Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
5:30 ESL Sports
6:00 St. Trinity Cemetery Board
6:30 ESL Classes

Fri: 9:00 Set up for Easter Egg Hunt
7:00 Trivia Night - Royale Orleans

Sat: 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
5:00 Worship Service
6:00 Couples' Club Dubb's Bridge
Turn clock 1 hour forward

Sun: 10:30 Green Park Sunday
6:00 Brass Choir Rehearsal