

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 2017

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 10:30 Orchestra of Peace	<i>My Jesus I Love Thee</i>	Cranfill
	<i>When I Survey</i>	Goeller
	<i>When I Survey</i>	Payne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION** *Drawn to the Cross* **LSB 560**

1. **Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast blessed With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ Crucified, I come.**
2. **Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ Crucified, I come.**
3. **Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ Crucified, I come.**
4. **And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me, Christ Crucified, I come.**

10:30 The Green Park School Choir	<i>I Will Praise You, O Lord</i>	Mark Patterson
	<i>Bought with a Price</i>	Natalie Sleeth

***INVOCATION AND 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**

✠ 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**

✠ 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 Lent is from Genesis 12:1-7, pages 8-9:

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

8:00 Chancel Choir

Guide Me O Great Redeemer

THE EPISTLE READING is from Romans 4:1-5, 13-16, page 941:

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness. ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - according to St. John, the third chapter, verses 1-17, pages 887-888:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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 trusting You, Lord Jesus, You have died for me.
All my sins have been forgiven. I am free!

2. I am trusting You, Lord Jesus, As You guide my way.
In Your loving arms You hold me Night and day.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted* LSB 451

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2. Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

3. Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

THE SERMON

"God has Intervened"

(John 3:1-17)

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

10:30 Green Park Ringers

This Is My Father's World

Arr. Bill Ingram

***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.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK LITANY

L: O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, our Lord and Savior,

C: To You we re-dedicate our hearts and lives.

L: O Holy Spirit, Source of life and light, our Sanctifier and Comforter,

C: To You we consecrate both body and soul.

L: For the nurture of children, the enlightenment of youth, the strengthening of the tempted, and the conversion of sinners,

C: We re-dedicate our educational endeavors.

L: For holding up the cross of Christ as the only hope for wayward and sinful mankind.

C: We remember Green Park Lutheran School, Lutheran High South, and Peace Early Childhood Programs.

L: To maintain schools of intelligent faith wherein we may learn to give a reason for the hope that is within us,

C: We re-dedicate all academic pursuits.

L: May here be exemplified the Christian faith of teachers, the love of pious and obedient children, and the unity of all in Christ Jesus.

C: May our classrooms ever resound with the proclamation of the Gospel, the worship in prayer, and praise of pupils and instructors alike, to the glory of God our Father, source of all light and life and love.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found on back cover of 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

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

1. **Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.**
2. **God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.**
3. **Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy. Amen.**

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE 10:30 Orchestra of Peace

Lamb of God

Cranfill

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

Orchestra Dir.: Burnell Hackman, DMM;

Green Park Directors: Janell Sanft; Debbie Prange and Alexia Arensmeier

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Dean Seyfert/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

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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 Grade: Rick Goodman & Mike Renne

7th Grade: Greg Wirtel & 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.

FOOD & DRINK consumption should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Ray Bodicky in loving memory of Carol Bodicky.

THE LIVE BROADCAST over KFUD radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Leon and Mary Jane Knoernschild on the occasion of their 51st wedding anniversary on March 12.

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL (189 pupils) with faculty, staff, and headmaster, Stephen Eggold, we acknowledge today (10:30). Welcome!

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN STAFF: Stephen Eggold, Principal; Michelle Barnes, Stephanie Torbeck, Marissa Lehnig, Beth Meyer, Eric Heuerman, Ruthann Gieseke, Brenda Huster, Jan Cibulka, Ann Ryherd, David Rusert, Wayne Hesse, Donna Auer, Debbie Prange, Kelly Pfund, Kim Hummert, Sara Hopfer, Katy Schmitt, Julie Buck, Laura Reis, Cynthia Truemper, Grace Vanderhyde, Sandi Loduca, John and Ellen Miller, Pete Pancella, April Baese, Shannon Arling, Geraldine McCoombe, Annette Heckenberg, Victoria LeMunyon, Christina Woehlke, Ado Caus.

JOIN US FOR GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHAPEL every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. We'd love to have you!

LENTEN SELF-DENIAL FOLDERS available in the office. The offering is for Seminary students in financial need. Please turn in the folders on Easter Sunday.

EASTER PLANTS: Easter lilies and dark pink azaleas will decorate the chancel April 15 and 16 for Easter. Please complete the form below and place in offering to order by today. Contact Marlene Wussler if you have any questions. Make checks payable to: **Peace Lutheran Church and earmarked "Easter Plants"**.

YOUTH NEWS: Sr. Youth Summer Event: We are going to Lumberton, North Carolina during June 18-25 to help with hurricane relief. Cost is \$100 to attend. Please fill out an application by March 26 to attend. Easter Egg Hunt: We need youth to help fill eggs **TODAY** from 11:30-1:00 p.m. and to hide eggs and play games on March 25 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Please sign up to help.

YOUTH LENT DINNER We need Youth 6th-12th Grade and Parents to help serve the Lent Dinner **this** Wed., March 15. Please sign up to work a shift.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BOARD - We are seeking 4-5 people who would be excited about helping us create and lead fun, Christ-filled fellowship events for children (up to 5th grade) and families. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please talk with Christina Stackle.

EASTER EGG HUNT, will be held on Saturday, March 25, 10:00a.m. for families with children infants through Grade 3. Parents, grand and great-grandparents welcome. Bring your basket!

PEACE LADIES GUILD meeting will be Thursday, March 16, at noon. The program will be about Feed My People. Please join us.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS Don't miss the opportunity you are given to select where you want your Choice Dollars to go. Nate Schmoll, Thrivent Rep, will be here to help. Look for his table in the Gym today, after all services.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US for the Laudamus and Pro Musica Sacra concert this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The groups will sing works by Brahms, Faure, Hogan, Poulenc, De Pres, von Kampen and many more. A reception will follow.

CONCERTS AT PEACE presents local pianist Timothy Jansen Sunday, March 26 at 3:00p.m. Timothy will present works by Franz Liszt and Frederic Chopin.

ALASKA MISSION SAUSAGE SALE We still have some of our delicious sausages, cheeses, and sticks. So stop by the table in the gym this weekend and pick up some of your favorites. All proceeds go to funding the mission event in Alaska this summer. Thank you for your support!

FEED MY PEOPLE's Retirement Banquet for Carol/John DeGuire, Sun., March 26, 4 PM, at Royale Orleans. Call 631-4900 for tickets by March 20 deadline.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2017:

Today: 3:00 Laudamus and Pro Musica Sacra Concert

Mon: 11:15 Preschool Chapel
4:45 Youth Handbell Ensemble
7:00 Boy Scout Troop 584

Tue: 9:00 Quilters

Wed: 9:00 TPL Assembly
11:00 Worship Service
1:00 Glocken Ringers
4:00 5/6/7/8 gr. Confirmation Class
5:00 Lenten Supper
6:15 Worship Service
7:00 Alleluia Ringers

Thu: 6:00 Men's Morning Bible Study
9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
12:00 Ladies Guild
6:30 ESL Classes
7:00 Chancel Choir

Sat: 5:00 Worship Service w/Communion

Sun: 8/9:20/10:30 Worship Services