

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

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 Green Park Choir

Be Still, And Know

Cindy Berry

***INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

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

C: *✠ Amen.*

BAPTISM (5:00)

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**

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 FIRST READING for the fourth Sunday in Lent is from Numbers 21:4-9, page 129: (10:30 Andrew Hennen)

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

8:00 Chancel Choir

Worthy is the Lamb

arr: Lloyd Larson

10:30 Green Park Choir

Yesterday, Today, Forever

Jeffrey Burkart

(2018 National Lutheran School Hymn)

THE EPISTLE READING is from Ephesians 2:4-10, page 976:

(10:30 Ian Furgeson)

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. John, the third chapter, verses 14-21, page 888:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

(8:00, 9:20, 10:30)

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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

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1. **The Gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That we might thus be justified.**
2. **It sets the Lamb before our eyes, Who made the atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed To come and find eternal rest.**
3. **It brings the Savior's righteousness To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release And gives the troubled conscience peace.**
4. **It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings To all the treasures which it brings.**
5. **It bears to all the tidings glad And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers And banishes their guilty fears.**
6. **May we in faith its message learn Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess And praise the Lord, our righteousness.**

THE SERMON

“Working in the Light”

(John 3:14-21)

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 Choir

Oh, Sinner Man

Michael Burkhardt

***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 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 the inside back cover of hymnal.)

8:00 Chancel Choir

The Lord's Prayer

Alfred Hay Malotte

***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

- 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

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist: 5 & 9:20: Burnell Hackman 8 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

Choir Dirs.: Janell Sanft, Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Jeanette Mattingly/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

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ALTAR FLOWERS are from Mel and Betty Ohlau in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary; and from Ray Bodicky in remembrance of Carol Bodicky; and in loving memory of my beautiful sister, Tracy L. Dorman, from Terry L. Eckert and Doug, Joe and Tom Dorman, and Joseph and Margaret Schmitt.

THE LIVE BROADCAST over KFUE radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today are sponsored by Mel and Betty Ohlau in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary.

BAPTISM (5:00) Hudson Stephen Audrain, son of Justin L. and Lauren S. Audrain. Sponsors: Jon M. Roth, Joshua R. Peck and Emily R. née Ganschinietz Audrain.

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN STAFF: Stephen Eggold, Principal; Kelly Pfund, Sara Hopfer, Katy Schmitt, Laura Reis, Amanda Daniels, Michelle Barnes, Stephanie Torbeck, Beth Meyer, Angela Kelley, Eric Heuerman, Ruthann Gieseke, Brenda Huster, Jan Cibulka, Ann Ryherd, David Rusert, Wayne Hesse, Donna Auer, Debbie Prange, DeAnne Diedrich, Jean Messmer, Abby Wilde, Grace Vanderhyde, Sandi Loduca, Evan Sanft, Pete Pancella, Victoria LeMunyon, April Baese, Shannon Arling, Annette Heckenberg, Geri McCoombe, Cynthia Truemper, Ado Caus.

GPLS STUDENTS Andrew Hennen and Ian Furgeson (10:30) are readers for this Green Park Lutheran School Sunday.

THE LIFE MINISTRY TEAM needs volunteers today, Sunday, March 11th to help visit Peace Shut-Ins.

RECYCLE BAGS/HELP HOMELESS We need people to cut plastic bags and others to crochet strips into mats for homeless every 1st and 3rd Tuesday. (We began March 6.) For info, contact Anita Thomas.

YOUTH NEWS: Youth Attending Beaumont Servant Event need to turn in your forms and \$150 to Christina by today, March 11. Youth volunteers needed to stuff Easter eggs today, March 11, 11:30-1:00 p.m. Pizza lunch will be served. Youth also needed to help lead games and crafts at the Easter Egg Hunt, March 17, 8:00 –11:30 a.m. Please sign up at Youth bulletin board. Youth and Parents needed to sign up to help bring food and work the Easter Breakfast on March 31/April 1.

EASTER EGG HUNT, will be held next Saturday, March 17, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for families with children infants - 3rd grade. Parents, grand and great-grandparents welcome. Bring your basket!

LADIES GUILD MEETING on 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.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER, Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. A Chancel drama depicting the Passover meal in the upper room with Jesus and His disciples. Come and learn how the disciples may have reacted to Jesus' words, "One of you is going to betray me." Invite your family and friends to join you as part of your Holy week observance. See the Peace Lutheran for more information or go to the church website www.peacelutheranstl.org.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS Nate Schmol will be in the Gym next Sunday (3/18) to help you direct your Choice Dollars **before the March 29 deadline.**

CHANCEL BANNERS feature 2018 Confirmands: Jeremiah Nicholas **Andrews**, Keegan Dorothy **Bluette**, Faith Aubrie **Duspiwa**, Elyse Anne **Girard**, Kaitlyn Joyce **Halamicek**, Veronica Elise **Harrison**, Andrew Jacob **Hennen**, James Levoy **Howard**, Lauren Grace **McElroy**, Brenna Lynn **Pepper**, Ryan Herman **Rainey**, Jordan Danielle **Saufnauer**, Adriana Marie **Spangler**, Gavin Michael **Summerfield**, Faith Annalena **Van Wyk**, Jeffery Scott **Verseman**, and Samantha Elizabeth **Winters**.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY
11:00 A.M., 6:15 P.M. WORSHIP with 5:00 Dinner - Men's Club
LET HIS FAITHFUL ONES GATHER

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2018:

Today: 11:30 Easter Egg Stuffing
Mon: 11:15 Preschool Chapel
5:00 Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
6:30 Cub Scout Meeting
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:30 Peace Volleyball
7:00 Eagle Scout Board of Review
7:15 Orchestra of Peace Rehearsal
Wed: 11:00 Worship Service
4:00 5/6/7/8 gr. Confirmation Class
5:00 Lenten Supper
6:15 Worship Service
7:00 Bells of Peace Rehearsal
Thu: 6:00 Men's Bible Study
9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
12:00 Ladies Guild
5:30 ESL Sports
6:30 ESL Classes
6:30 Security Team Meeting
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri: Set Up for Easter Egg Hunt
Sat: 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
5:00 Worship Service w/Communion
Sun: 6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups