

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

God Loved The World So That He Gave

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.**

8:00 & 10:30 Chancel Choir

How Great Thou Art

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 CREED (Luther's Explanation of the 3rd Article)**

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528

1. **Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!**
2. **My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.**

3. See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.
4. To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

THE SERMON

“Two Prodigal Sons”

(Luke 15:11-24)

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.*

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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 on the inside back cover of 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 our 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 ev'ry 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 *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

LSB 632

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. **Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!**

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organists: 5:00 & 9:20: Alice Kastens; 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

Choir Dir.: Burnell Hackmann, DMM

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

NEWS AND NOTES:

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 31, 2019

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): The Gospel of Luke

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

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner

7th Gr: Greg Wirtel & Cindy Neff

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Ladies Guild.

LIVE BROADCAST over KFUE radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Terry and Deborah Hutton in memory of Novella and Harry Shreve.

EASTER EGG HUNT will be **next** Saturday, April 6, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for families with children infant - 3rd grade. (Please bring your own basket.)

IN OUR PRAYERS: Alice Petsch, Bob Guardado, Laverne Blank, Brenda Harget, Tracy Rutledge, David Schlechte, Ray Spindler, Laura Weave Hogan, Charles Gruber, Sarah Seim, Heather McCarty, Martha Farris, Elise Akins, Lori Cook, Steven Portell, Jerry Bridges, Karina Ferguson, Adam & Bill Lowry, Fred & June Seiller, Bob & Sharon Hammon, Donald Hipp, Donald Spitzmiller, Adele Masters, Brianne Woehr, Helen Hage, Charles Rolf.

YOUTH NEWS: All youth are needed to help lead games and hide Easter eggs at the Egg Hunt on April 6. Please sign up to help. Youth and families, please sign up to bring food and help work the Easter Breakfast on April 21.

PERSEID STRING QUARTET CONCERT Concerts at Peace presents the Perseid String Quartet this afternoon, Sunday, March 31 at 3:00p.m. Invite family and friends to this exciting opportunity!

LWML SPRING RALLY - All ladies are invited to the LWML Spring Rally on Saturday, April 6, at Timothy Church, 6704 Fyler Ave. Refreshments and coffee at 8:45a.m. Program begins at 9:30a.m. The speaker is from the Prison Ministry at Timothy Church. See the bulletin board for more details, or contact Evelyn Uhlig.

GREEN PARK JOB OPENING Green Park is accepting applications for a Reading/Math Specialist. Candidate would work with our K-4th students that need extra attention in Reading and Math, as well as challenging our above average students. Desired work week would be Monday - Friday, half to two-thirds of a day. Please send resume and cover letter to Stephen Eggold at stephen.eggold@greenparklutherschool.org. Or call 314-544-4248.

LSS NURSE TO VISIT All members of the congregation are invited to stop in the church Commons on Thursday, April 11, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to visit with a nurse from Lutheran Senior Services. She will be taking blood pressures, blood counts for diabetes, and answering health concerns.

LIVING LAST SUPPER April 18, 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.peacelutheran.org.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2019:

Today:	3:00	Perseid String Quartet Concert
Mon:	5:00	Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
	6:30	Council
Tue:	9:00	Quilters
	9:00	Plastic Mat Making
	6:30	Adult Co-ed Volleyball
Wed:	11:00	Lenten Worship Service
	4:00	5/6/7/8 Grade Confirmation Class
	5:00	Lenten Supper
	6:15	Lenten Service
	7:00	Bells of Peace Rehearsal
Thu:	9:00	Mary/Martha Bible Study
	6:30	College Girls' Bible Study
	7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat:	10:00	Easter Egg Hunt
	5:00	Worship Service w/Comm
Sun:	11:30	Youth Board
	11:30	Life Ministry Team
	11:45	Hong Kong Team
	6:30	Sr. Youth Small Groups

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