

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE / WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMNO Day of Rest and Gladness*

LSB 906

1. **O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," The triune God confess.**
2. **This day at earth's creation The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious A three-fold light was giv'n.**
3. **This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, Renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.**
4. **That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.**

INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: Gracious Heavenly Father, we are humbly sorry for our sins which are too many even to recall.

C: **Our good intentions, O Lord, so often fall short.**

L: We have wasted time and failed to discipline ourselves.

C: **We have complained when we should have made melodies in our hearts to Your honor and glory.**

L: We often have permitted circumstances to make us bitter and angry toward others.

C: **We confess that, in spite of Your assurance of constant care, we often get discouraged in life.**

L: Create in us truly repentant hearts.

C: **Give us the faith to trust in Your complete forgiveness through Christ's suffering and death.**

L: Renew our lives to serve with zeal and dedication.

C: **Receive our confession, merciful Father, and pardon our transgression.*****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 16th Sunday after Pentecost is from Deuteronomy 30:15-20, page 172: (5, 8, 10:30)

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING is from Philemon 1:4-16, page 1000:

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

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 fourteenth chapter, verses 25-33, page 874:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CREED (Luther's Explanation of the 1st Article)** (5:00, 8:00, 9:20)

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY

With the Lord Begin Your Task

LSB 869

1. With the Lord begin your task, Jesus will direct it;
For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it.
Every morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.
2. Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration;
On the Lord cast every care, He is your Salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save thee from the Tempter's might, With His presence cheer you.
3. With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.
All your trust do you repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.
4. If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Naught your soul distressing.
Good will follow everywhere While you here must wander;
You, at last the joy wilt share In the mansions yonder.

THE SERMON

"Importance of Finishing"

(Luke 14:28ff.)

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.)

ADULT CONFIRMATION (10:30)

***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

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

TLH 550

1. **O Splendor of God's glory bright, Who bringest forth the light from Light;
O Light of light, light's Fountain-spring; O Day, our days enlightening.**
2. **Come, very Sun of truth and love, Come in Your radiance from above
And shed the Holy Spirit's ray On all we think or do or say.**
3. **Teach us to work with all our might; Beat back the devil's threatening spite;
Turn all to good that seems most ill; Help us our calling to fulfill.**
4. **Oh, joyful be the livelong day, Our thoughts as pure as morning ray,
Our faith like noonday's glowing height, Our souls undimmed by shades of night.**

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 537, 663, 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 blest am I! How good Thou art!**

***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. Kyle Weeks

Organist: 5:00, 8:00 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman, DMM; 9:20: Alice Kastens

Sat. AM 850 KFUA Broadcaster/Engineer: Rick Goodman/Alan Hopfer

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Early Church History

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

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 Don Spitzmiller in loving memory of his wife, Judith.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS (10:30) Terry L. née Schmitt Eckert, Joan A. née Nabe Madden, Pamela M. née Creamer Rasnic, and Elizabeth M. née Blankenship Seim. TRANSFER: Helene S. Ryan. PROFESSION OF FAITH: Dale W. Seim.

2nd GRADE BIBLES - We will be giving Bibles to our 2nd graders next Sunday, September 11th, at the 10:30 service. Parents are to meet in the Old Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. to prepare for this special event.

THE STORY BIBLE delivers beautiful life-like art and features discussion questions, learning activities, and prayers. *The Story Bible* is designed to engage children and to build a strong foundation in Christ. *The Story Bible* will be available to order until September 11 by the Sunday School Office; the cost is \$20.

DEAR FRIENDS OF GREEN PARK We are asking you to complete a short nine question survey to update your contact information. We are working towards a more accurate contact database in order to keep you informed. We ask that you go to the Green Park website (www.greenparklutheralschool.org) to find the survey. Thank you again for your continued love for Green Park.

REMINDER TO PICK UP DISHES/CONTAINERS Please check the shelves, located in far corner of the kitchen, for any dishes or containers you may have left for funeral luncheon donations.

BLOOD DRIVE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sign up in the Commons. Walk-ins welcome!

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth - Grab your friends and join us at The Edge on Sat., Sept. 17 to play Laser Tag. Cost is \$15 and includes pizza dinner and 4 games of Laser Tag. Meet at church at 5:15 p.m. We will return at 10:30 p.m. Please sign us by Sept. 11.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY (of the Psalms) resumes Thurs., Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m. with coffee hour at 9:00 a.m.—Rev. Jerald Joersz, leader.

LADIES GUILD KICK-OFF LUNCHEON will be at Giannino's Restaurant, 4571 Chestnut Park Plaza, 11:30, Thurs., Sept 15. RSVP to Geri Werner, by Sept. 12.

FANTASY FAIRE AUCTION "Boutique" Thursday, September 8, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at LHS-S, 9515 Tesson Ferry. See: lhsastl.org/auction2016.

YOUTH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE Your child (grades 3-8) is invited to join the Youth Handbell Ensemble. This ensemble is a wonderful way for young people to experience the joy of working together toward a creative goal. Team building skills are honed as members depend upon one another for the musical presentations to be a success. Christian discipleship is a primary focus as students support and encourage one another, learn more about their faith through the sacred music they ring, and take on a leadership role in the worship that we all experience as a Christian community. Please visit www.peacestlmusic.org for more information or to register!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2016:

Mon: LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:30 Council
Wed: 4:00 5/6/7/8 Gr. Confirmation Classes
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha
3:30 GP Volleyball Practice
6:00 St. Trinity Cemetery Board
6:30 ESL Classes
7:00 Chancel Choir
8:00 Winds of Peace Rehearsal
Fri: 3:30 GP Volleyball Tournament
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 11:30 Youth Board
11:45 Life Ministry Team