

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring* **353**
8:00 Peace Choristers *Come Lord Jesus*

***INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

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

C: Amen. (Sung)

L: Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C: And He shall reign as King and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

L: In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely,

C: And this is the name by which He will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L: Blot out our iniquities, Sovereign Lord,

C: And forgive us for Your name's sake, gracious Lord.

L: Absolve us for Your mercy's sake, holy Lord.

C: And cleanse us from all our transgressions. Amen.

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: Amen. (Sung)

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Sung)

***THE KYRIE**

C: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. (sung)

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with Thy spirit. (Sung)

L: Let us pray.

C: Amen. (Sung)

THE FIRST READING for the third Sunday in Advent is from Zephaniah 3:14-18a, page 790:

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak." ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)

5:00 Glocken Ringers *In the Bleak Midwinter*
8:00 Celebration Ringers *O Come, O Come Immanuel*
10:30 Alleluia Ringers *Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light* J.S. Bach

THE EPISTLE is from Philippians 4:4-7, page 982:

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Sung)

*THE HOLY GOSPEL - The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter, verses 7-18, page 858:

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)

⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹ And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³ And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." ¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)

***THE CREED**

C: We believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; the world and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy. (*Psalms 98:7-8*)

C: We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

L: The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." (*Luke 1:35*)

C: Who was born of the Virgin Mary,

L: "How can this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" (*Luke 1:34*)

C: 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.

L: Your house and Your kingdom will endure forever. (*I Samuel 7:16a*)

CHILDREN'S SONG (Sung as the children come forward) (8:00 & 10:30)

I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes

received the 9 year participation certificate. 55 participants were recognized for 15 years of service in the Festival.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE today, 2:30 p.m. with the Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. English helps provided. Invite others.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES available today in Commons. Please continue to use your 2009 envelopes through Dec. 31, 2009. Your 2010 envelope (#) set will not be tracked until after January 1, 2010. Thanks—Terri Dalton

REHEARSAL for the Children's Christmas Eve service will be Sat., 12/19, 10:30-11:30 for Nurs.-Kdg.; and second rehearsal for Gr. 1-6 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

LT. COL. TIM KARCHER to receive Thrivent presentation tomorrow, Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m. at LHSS, 9515 Tesson Ferry Road. Welcome!

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT Volunteers still needed for Dec. 13-Dec. 22, during the hours of: 12:00—3:00; 3:00—6:00; and 6:00—9:00. Please sign-up.

PEACE LUTHERAN K-2 BASKETBALL registration now open. - Andy Reinitz.

LADIES GUILD this Thursday, the 17th, is our potluck Christmas party at 12:00. Meat and drinks provided by the Ladies Guild. Members with last names beginning with A-L will provide salads, vegetables and deserts. All ladies are invited and husbands also are welcome. RSVP to Jean, by tonight.

GIVING TREE appears in the Commons. Take a tag, buy the gift designated, place the tag inside the unwrapped box, and return it to the Christmas tree (in the Commons) by Dec. 13, today. Joyce Birk

CHRISTMAS CARDS funding pro-life efforts are available after services in the Commons through December. \$9 per box of 18.

ADULT INQUIRY SERIES for those desiring membership, begins January 19, 7-8:30 p.m., with sessions on Tuesday. Sign-up posted.

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth Christmas Party will be held Sun., Dec. 20 6:30-8:00. Youth New Year's Eve Party will be on Dec. 31 from 7:00 p.m.-12:15 a.m. Sign you and your friends up by Dec. 27. On Jan. 3rd all youth will have to opportunity to visit our Shut-ins and bring them a Christmas gift. We will meet at 11:30 for a pizza lunch than go on our visits. We will finish around 2:30 p.m. Please sign up by Dec. 27 to help.

POINSETTIAS

To the glory of God: Paul & Verna Beck; Ken & Marilyn Fanger; Bruce and Merrily Goldsmith; Don & Susan Hasting; John, Jeanne, & Karl Hooss; Fran & Ruth Rich; Wayne & Marilyn Schuessler; Roland & Dorothy Wachter; Frank & Marion Weihe.

In honor of: Roy & Ginnie Baese in honor of our grandchildren; the Brown family in honor of Don & Joyce Hipp; Marlene Kruse in honor of grandson Daniel Hardy, U.S. Marines; Ben & Audrey Lattina in honor of Jesus' birthday; Jim & Donna Stabile in honor of Paul & John Stabile.

In memory of: Dennis & Cindy Banks in memory of our parents, and in honor of Dennis' mother; Elaine Blair in memory of Charles Blair; Kenneth DeNeal in memory of Louise E. DeNeal; Greg & Lois Ebmeyer in memory of Norbert & Lorraine Laramie and Don Ebmeyer; Peggy Forsythe in memory of husband John Forsythe and Oscar Pruesser; the Mark Habrock & Todd Reh families in memory of Edward Nass; also Mark & Carolyn Habrock in memory of Dorothy Habrock; Helen Hellwege, in memory of husband Will Hellwege; Bruce & Jane Herzog in memory of Doris Herzog and Erwin & Marie Weigel; Walter Hillemann, in memory of Meta Hillemann; Dorothy Hurst, in memory of family members, Clif, Jerry, Deborah & Katie; the Keller & Smith families, in memory of Verna & Emil Keller; Pat & Ray

Kergo, in memory of our parents; Leon & Mary Jane Knoernschild, in memory of our parents; Ruth Kutscher, in memory of husband Rev. Leonard Kutscher and grandson Mark Hudson; April, Eric & Claudia Lappe, in memory of Clara Boice; Ron & Christel Ludwig, in memory of mom Hannelore Andres; Dan, Jen, and Ali Martin, in memory of grandmother, Martha Rapp; Ken & Jan Meister, in memory of Brett Meister; David & Carol Menendez, in memory of E. & L. Mueller and A. Menendez; and in honor of A. Menendez; the Mueller & Truemper families, in memory of our parents; the Arman Rapp family in memory of wife, mother, and grandmother, Martha Rapp; Bill & Lisa Rericker, in memory of Zachary & Gabriel; the Rubach family, in memory of Ronald Rubach; Fern Ruth & family, in memory of Donald Ruth; Robert Schmaltz, in memory of wife Blondell; Marilyn Schnell in memory of husband Charles Schnell; Milton R. Schwartzmeyer, in memory of Patricia L. Schwartzmeyer; Janet, Helen, Kevin & Kimberly Sheets in memory of Ron Sheets; Milton Simunich in memory of Dorothy Simunich; Jerry, Mary Beth & Colin Stokes in memory of Ian Orr, and in honor of LCPL David McArthur; Dan & Gale Uhlig, in memory of our parents; Roger & Dottie Uhlig in memory of Rey & Virginia Uhlig; Dan & Kathy Waser & family, in memory of Marvin Brink and also to honor Kathy Waser & granddaughter Payton Rutledge's January 5th birthdays. Robert & Linda Wolff, in memory of infant son David Samuel Wolff and Robert's mother, Rosemary Wolff; Ralph & Shirley Wolters, in memory of loved ones; John & Janet Yaeger, in memory of our parents.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2009:

Today: 10:30 Mission Outreach
 11:30 Youth Board Mtg.
 2:30 German Service
 7:00 Sr. Youth Small Grp
 7:00 Peter Careciples—Lohmeyers
 Mon: 3:30 GP B-ball program
 5:00 Glocken Ringers
 5:00 GP Boys 3rd & 5th Gr B-ball
 6:15 Celebration Ringers
 6:30 GP Tiger Cub Scouts
 6:30 Preschool 4's Christmas Program
 Tue: 9:00 Quilters
 6:00 Chimes Choir
 6:00 Property Mgt
 6:30 Bear Pack 584
 6:30 Men's Volleyball
 Wed: 9:00 Newsletter Assembly
 11:00 So. Co. Sr. Citizens
 4:00 5/6 Gr. Conf. Class
 4:00 7/8 Gr. Conf. Class
 5:00 Advent Dinner—Men's Club
 5:35 Chantichor Choir
 6:15 Advent Service
 Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Class
 12:00 Ladies Guild Christmas
 Pot-Luck Luncheon
 3:30 GP B-ball practice
 6:00 ESL Sports
 6:15 ESL
 7:00 Chancel Choir
 Fri: 6:00 Lutheran Theology Study Group
 3:30 GP B-ball practice
 Sat: 9:00 Brass Choir
 9:00 Girls B-ball
 10:30 Pre-K—Kdg Rehearsal
 11:00 HS Boys B-ball
 12:30 GR 1-6 Rehearsal

5:00 Worship Service w/Communion
Sun: 1:00 Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Christmas Party
6:30 Jr. Youth SNL