

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 14, 2010

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION** *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive* **609**

8:00 Green Park Honors Choir *Spirit of God, Abide With Me* Philip Kern
Choir Director: Jean Pretto Accompanist: Terri Dalton

***INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

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

C: Amen. (Sung)

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. (Sung)

***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. (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 OLD TESTAMENT READING for the fourth Sunday in Lent is from Isaiah 12:4-6, page 576: (8:00, 9:20, 10:30)

⁴ And 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. (sung)

10:30 Chancel Choir

Go Down Moses

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. (Sung)

*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. (Sung)

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. ¹⁷"But 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. ¹⁹ I 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. (Sung)

***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 Pontious 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. Let me learn of Jesus; He is kind to me;
Once He died to save me, Nailed upon the tree.**
- 2. When I go to Jesus, He will hear me pray,
Make me pure and holy, Take my sins away.**
- 3. Let me think of Jesus; He is full of love,
Looking down upon me From His throne above.**

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

Christina Stackle

HYMN OF THE DAY *Today Your Mercy Calls Us* **915**

THE SERMON "The Prodigal Children of God" (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.*

VOLUNTARY

***THE OFFERTORY** (LSB pg 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 humankind.

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**

*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. (Sung)

***THE CLOSING HYMN** *Children of the Heavenly Father*

- 1. Children of the heavenly 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 + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson
Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens
Organist: Anna Horton
KFUO Broadcasters: (Sat.) Marilyn Wiesehan; (Sun.) Rick Goodman
Choir Dir.: Sherry Bierwagen, DMM
GPLS Dir.: Joanne Pretto

NEWS AND NOTES:

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 14, 2010
TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons) Genesis - The Fall
Adult Bible Class (Commons conference Room): The Liturgy
Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE
8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman
7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Sara Hopfer and family in celebration of husband and father Alan Hopfer's 50th birthday on March 15th.

LIVE BROADCAST over KFUO radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Ruth Kutscher in memory of Rev. Leonard Kutscher.

BAPTISM (5:00) Gracie Charmaine Wilder, daughter of Joel S. and Angela C. nee Combs Wilder. Sponsors: David T. & Jeanne M. nee Huddleston Puff.

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN School Faculty: Principal: Dan Dueck; 8th Gr: Wayne Hesse, Angie Schiller; 7th Gr: David Rusert; 6th Gr: Jan Cibulka, Brian Rueckert; 5th Gr: Kenneth Horvath, Calvin Rudsinski; 4th Gr: Jon Stenbeck; 3rd & 4th Gr: Wendy Hawkins; 3rd Gr: Ruthann Gieseke; 2nd Gr: Debbie Prange; 1st & 2nd Gr: Pat Uthoff; 1st Gr: Laura Robertson; Kdg: Stephanie Torbeck; Art: Ashley Carr; Resource Room: Sandi Loduca; Band: John Miller, Ellen Miller; Strings: Liz Killion; Choir & Music Appreciation: Jean Pretto, Jennifer Schaeffer; Nurse: Mary Beth Vince; Aides: Erin Dueck, Cindy Glaub, Brenda Huster; Office Staff: Ann Anderson, Kelly Pfund; Child Care: April Baese, Jeanette Hammon, Sarah Matern, Annette Heckenberg, Lois Puhmann.

LADIES GUILD our meeting is on March 18 at 12 noon. All ladies are invited to join us for coffee and dessert. Speaker is from Concordia Seminary Guild.

COUPLES CLUB "Olympics" correct date is Saturday, March 20, 6 p.m. in the gymnasium. (\$5 per couple) - Karen Mathany, 487-5618

MISSION OUTREACH PIZZA SALE From March 14 thru April 11 available from mission team members or at the Mission Outreach table in the Commons.

LUTHERAN DAY AT BUSCH, April 15, 12:40 (Cardinals vs. Astros) with LHSS vs. LHSN after Cardinal game. Tickets 631-1400.

LIVING LAST SUPPER April 1st, 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. Go back to that first Maundy Thursday when Jesus instituted His holy supper and taught the disciples of His sacrificial love for us on His journey to the cross. Invite your family and friends. Free tickets are necessary to assure seating in the Nave and are available in the commons after church services today or by calling the church office during the week. See the Peace Lutheran for more details.

SOUP LUNCH 11:45—1:00 p.m., in the gym, after each Wednesday morning Lenten Service. Free will offering. Welcome! Supper 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., in the gym, before each Wednesday evening Lenten Service. Hosted by Chancel Choir. Free will offering. Welcome!

LENTEN ATTENDANCES on Wednesdays to date: 2/17 - 115 (97) & 187 (168); 2/24 - 87 & 116; and 3/3 - 85 & 126.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY
11:00 A.M., 6:15 P.M. WORSHIP
5:00 Dinner - Chancel Choir
LET HIS FAITHFUL ONES GATHER

2010 CONFIRMAND BANNERS appear on the sanctuary wall.

IT'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY TIME! ALL members are encouraged to have their photos in our new directory. See Edie Turner before and after services in the Commons to set your appointment or sign up on-line by using the link located on the home page of our website: www.peacelutheranstl.org. Call Edie if assistance is needed with on-line scheduling. Please sign up SOON!

HELPERS needed March 20 for painting and repairing at St. Matthew's Lutheran, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Jim & Jeanette Kille

CHANCEL CHOIR TRIVIA NIGHT Final chance for Trivia Night advance tickets \$15/person (\$18/person at the door) for Friday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Royale Orleans. Don't miss this fun evening. Door prizes galore and free snacks provided. Tickets available in the Commons after weekend services, from a youth member or from the church office during the week. Thanks for supporting Peace's Youth in attending the National Youth Gathering!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2010:

Today: GPLS Sunday
 11:30 Youth Board Mtg.
 7:00 Sr. Youth Small Group
 7:00 Peter Careciples—Schutte's
Mon: Preschool Closed
 9:30 Berean Careciples
 5:00 Glocken Ringers
 5:00 GP Boys 3rd & 5th Gr B-ball
 6:15 Celebration Ringers
 6:30 Tiger Cub Scouts
 7:00 Ushers Mtg.
Tue: Preschool / PDO Closed
 9:00 Quilters
 6:00 Chimes Choir
 6:30 Men's Volleyball
 7:00 LLS Rehearsal
 7:00 Alleluia Ringers

Wed: Preschool / PDO Closed
 9:00 TPL Assembly
 11:00 Lenten Worship
 11:00 So. Co. Senior Citizens
 11:45 Lenten Soup Lunch
 5:00 Lenten Supper
 5:35 Chantichor Choir
 6:15 Lenten Worship Service
Thu: Preschool / PDO Closed
 6:00 Men's Bible Study
 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
 12:00 Ladies Guild
 6:00 ESL Sports
 6:15 ESL
 7:30 Chancel Choir
Fri: Preschool Closed
 7:00 Chancel Choir Trivia Night
Sat: 8:00 K-2 Gr B-ball Program
 9:00 Brass Choir
 11:00 Sr. Youth Man Retreat
 12:00 Peace / CYC B-ball
 5:00 Worship Service w/Comm.
 6:00 Couples' Club Olympics