

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

\* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*      350

**\*INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen. (Sung)**

L: Our God comes, He does not keep silent:

**C: Before Him is a devouring fire, round about Him is a mighty tempest.**

L: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth below:

**C: That He may judge His people with righteousness.**

L: Worship the Lord in holy array;

**C: Tremble before Him all the earth!**

L: For the shields of the earth belong to God;

**C: He is highly exalted!**

L: Penitently we confess to You, merciful Savior:

**C: Gracious Lord, we are sinful by nature and with Paul confess that nothing good dwells in our flesh. Yet because You have redeemed us, we ask that You forgive us for Your mercy's sake. Grant the joy of restoration, and strengthen us to withstand in the hour of temptation. In Jesus' name. 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 FIRST READING for the first Sunday in Advent is from Jeremiah 33:14-16, page 662:

<sup>14</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)**

THE EPISTLE is from I Thessalonians 3:9-13, page 987:

<sup>9</sup>For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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 twenty-first chapter, verses 25-28, 34-36, page 881:**

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

<sup>25</sup>"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>34</sup>"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**\*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**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.**

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

- 1. Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is nigh!" we hear it say;  
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day!"**
- 2. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiven.**

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

Christina Stackle

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *O People, Rise and Labor*

- 1. O people, rise and labor To renovate the heart  
That mankind's mighty Savoir, Whom God's love set apart  
To free you all from sin May do the promised wonder  
And with His life and splendor, victorious, enter in.**
- 2. Prepare with earnest rigor The way for your great guest.**

**Make straight His path with vigor, Rebuild your lives with zest.  
The sunken valleys fill, Restore eroded places  
Were sin-bursts leave their traces, Cut down the prideful hill.**

- 3. Dear Lord, in high compassion Bend down with Advent grace.  
My heart, I pray, re-fashion With mercy from your face.  
Come from the thankless inn to make my heart Your manger  
That I, no more a stranger, Eternal praise begin.**

THE SERMON

Prof. Thomas Egger

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.**

**\*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** *Hark the Glad Sound*

- 1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;  
Let every heart prepare a throne And every voice a song.**
- 2. He comes the prisoners to release, In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.**
- 3. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim  
And heaven's eternal arches ring With Your beloved name.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER**

POSTLUDE + + + + +

**SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:**

Preacher: Professor Thomas Egger  
Liturgist: Pastors Dennis A. Kastens and Jon C. Furgeson  
Organist: Anna Horton

**NEWS AND NOTES:**

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ALTAR FLOWERS are from Carl and Jan Dickey in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary on November 26th; and in celebration of the 1st wedding anniversary of their daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Mike Fears, also on November 26th.

LCMS CAMPUS MINISTRY observed today. Please read the distributed handouts.

PROF. THOMAS EGGER of Concordia Seminary we welcome today!

GIVING TREE is in the Commons. Take a tag, buy the gift designated, place the tag inside the unwrapped box, and return it to the Christmas Tree by Dec. 13. Posted. Joyce Birk

NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those interested in joining Peace, will be held on Tuesday, 7:00—8:30 p.m., starting January 19, 2010. Sign-up posted.

PERSONALIZED PANS Mission Outreach is selling Personalized Pans and other gift items. See the samples and place orders at the Mission Outreach table in the Commons. Order deadline is today, November 29.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ONLY \$25 (starting today) in the Commons. To benefit LHSS.

YOUTH NEWS: the Sr. Youth will be hosting the Advent Dinner on Dec. 2. Please bring \$5. The Jr. Youth will be hosting the Advent Dinner on Dec. 9. We need both youth and Parents to sign up to help serve and clean up. The Youth will also be helping at the Christmas Tree Lot on Dec. 12. Please sign up to help!

K-12 BASKETBALL registration now open. Sessions are 8:30—9:30 a.m. on Saturdays starting Jan. 2. Registration deadline Dec. 20. Forms available in Commons or online: [www.leaguelineup.com/plaa](http://www.leaguelineup.com/plaa). - A. Reinitz

COUPLES CLUB Fri., Dec. 11, Decorate Church for Christmas at 6 p.m. (We'll have pizza in the Meeting Room afterwards). Our 11th Annual Christmas party is Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m., in the Lower Commons. Please bring a snack/dessert to share and a wrapped "White elephant gift" to exchange. This is an adult only event. RSVP by calling Seiller's or Behnke's. Hope to see you there!

BAKE SALE TODAY at Peace for Tim Karcher matched by Thrivent.

ST. PAUL—DES PERES Choral Christmas Service Dec. 13, 4 PM. Posted.

CHRISTMAS CARDS "Right to Life" available in Commons.—M. Dowell.

ADVENT SERVICE of Holy Communion is this Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6:15 p.m. There only will be one (combined) midweek service on Wednesdays during this Advent season. Supper is served in the gym from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

ESV BIBLES have been installed in the sanctuary pews.

REHEARSAL for grades 1-6 is Saturday, December 12, 10:00—11:30, for the Children's Christmas Eve service. (Rehearsal for Nursery/Kdg. Sat., 12/19, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; and second rehearsal for Gr. 1-6 is 12/19, 12:30-1:30 p.m.) Jr. & Sr. Youth will provide free babysitting for the 12/19 rehearsal between 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Please RSVP, 892-5610 .

USHERS NEEDED for all services (Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 8:00, 9:20 & 10:30). Contact Fred Seiller, 631-4650, if you are interested in serving.

CHRISTmas TREE & WREATH LOT The Men's Club is again sponsoring the tree lot to be located on Peace's West Parking Lot.

**THE BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IS DEC. 3, 4, 5, & 6.**

**DRESS REHEARSAL IS TODAY, SUNDAY, NOV. 29 AT 4:00 P.M.** Please arrive promptly and have all items required for your costumes.

**COOKIES FOR THE FESTIVAL** may be placed in the kitchen in disposable containers marked "Boar's Head Festival".

**IF YOU HAVE TICKETS YOU CANNOT USE,** please turn them in to the church office as soon as possible so we can distribute them to those on a waiting list.

**DURING THE FESTIVAL, PLEASE WAIT IN THE COMMONS FOR EVERYONE IN YOUR PARTY to arrive before going to the nave rather than saving seats.**

**CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2009:**

Mon: 9:30 Berean Careciples  
5:00 Glocken Ringers  
5:30 GP Boys 3rd & 5th Gr. B-ball  
6:15 Celebration Ringers  
Tue: 9:00 Quilters  
3:30 GP B-ball Practice  
6:00 Chimes Choir  
6:30 Men's Volleyball  
6:30 Bear Pack 584  
7:00 Alleluia Ringers  
Wed: 4:00 5/6 Gr. Conf. Class  
4:00 7/8 Gr. Conf. Class  
5:00 Advent Dinner  
5:35 Chantichor Choir  
6:15 Advent Service w/Comm.  
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study  
7:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL  
Fri: 7:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL  
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service w/Comm.  
7:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL  
Sun: 10:30 Board of Parish Ed  
4:00 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL  
7:30 BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL