



The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

St. John's Lutheran Church

Red Bud, Illinois

November 12-13, 2016



THE PRELUDE:

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 717 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185 (*please stand if you are able*)

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 121



Heaven and earth will pass away,*	but My words will not pass away.
I lift up my eyes to the hills.*	From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,*	who made heaven and earth.
The LORD is your keeper;*	the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;*	He will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your* coming in* from this time forth and for- evermore.	

Page 186 (*sung*) **Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;**
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. **A-men.**

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: "Glory to God in the Highest" pages 187-189

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you. **C: (*sung*) And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray. **C: O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Malachi 4:1-6

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

Remember the law of My servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

THE EPISTLE READING:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.

It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(*please stand if able*) **ALLELUIA:** (page 190) "Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia."

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 12:5-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter. **C: (*sung*) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

And they asked Him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And He said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for My name's sake. This will

be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives. But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.

Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

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, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **The Apostles' Creed, page 192** *(10:30 a.m.)* **The Nicene Creed, page 191**

(please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: *(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)*

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel,

God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords, the way the truth,

And the Life, Mighty creator, My Savior and friend.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 513 "The Clouds of Judgment Gather"

SERMON: "The Truth Will Set You Free" John 8:23-38

(please stand if able) **OFFERTORY:** (pages 192-193)

(please be seated) **OFFERING:**

(Saturday) *Rite of Confirmation and Profession of Faith*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(please stand if you are able)*

(Each petition ends "Lord, in Your mercy," and we respond "hear our prayer.")

HEALING AND COMFORT: Donald Guebert, C. John Prigge, Arlene Pratt, Omar Koester, Vickie Heller, Bruce Schneider, David Stellhorn, Diana Becker; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Brenda Manning, Stephanie Jones, Debbie Kezely, Bob Stirnaman, Debra Weimer, Terry Heller, Steve Herriman, Bobby Wood, Lori Voges. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Thomas Goetting, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallet, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Andy Pfeiffer, Austin Scheibe; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Christina Cavan, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Courtney Kueker, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop
+for God's guidance of this final month of our capital campaign
+thanksgiving for the service of our nation's military veterans

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer and Benediction

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.

PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE: page 194

SANCTUS: page 195

LORD'S PRAYER AND THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: pages 196-197

THE PAX DOMINI:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(sung)* "Amen."

THE AGNUS DEI: page 198

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

508 "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

645 "Built on the Rock"

NUNC DIMITTIS: "Song of Simeon" pages 199-200 *(please stand if able)*

THANKSGIVING: pages 200-201

SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION: pages 201-202

CLOSING HYMN: "God Bless Our Troops" *(tune: Abide With Me)*

God bless our troops in air, on land and sea! Full well we know how dear they are to Thee.

Where'er they go, whatever they may dare, God, keep them ever in Your gracious care.

God bless our troops by night as well by day, While we, at home, continually will pray.

That war and strife and enmity may cease And that You bring us everlasting peace.

God bless our troops, Lord, keep them ever near! Strengthen their faith and drive out all their fear;

Lift up their courage with Your perfect love That life, nor death, nor anything can move.

God bless our troops while far away they roam, Grant us our prayers and bring them safely home.

God bless our foes and cause their eyes to see That peace eternal comes alone from Thee.

THE POSTLUDE:

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