



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Red Bud, Illinois**  
**November 18-19, 2017 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.**



by Lani Smith

**THE PRELUDE:** "The Rock of Salvation"

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**OPENING HYMN:** 513 "The Clouds of Judgment Gather" (tune: "O Savior, Precious Savior")

*Divine Service Two, page 167ff.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 167 (please stand if you are able)

*We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another*

**INTROIT:** Psalm 143



O LORD, give ear to my pleas for | mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with Your | servant, for no one living is righteous be- | fore You.

I meditate on all that | You have done; I ponder the work | of Your hands.

I stretch out my | hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a | parched land.

Teach me to do Your will, for You | are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

For Your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

O LORD, give ear to my pleas for | mercy! In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your | righteousness!

**KYRIE:** pages 168-169

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** "This Is the Feast" pages 171-172

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

L: The Lord be with you. C: (sung) And also with you.

L: Let us pray. C: Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

(Sunday) **ANTHEM:** "Be Thou My Vision" (arranged by John Leavitt)

Choir

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Zephaniah 1:7-16**

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated His guests.

And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off.  
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent,

those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will He do ill.'

Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of  
darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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

**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:**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 173

*(sung)* **Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C:** *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus said) “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 730 “What Is the World to Me”**

**SERMON:** “Our True Treasure in This World is Jesus” Matthew 25:14-30

P: Most gracious Father: may the words of my mouth,

**C: and the meditation of our hearts,**

*All: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.* (Psalm 19:14)

*(please stand if you are able)* **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed: page 174**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Wilma Uffelmann, Nina Guebert, Lorine Reinhardt, Willard Uffelmann, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Iona Burgdorf, Floyd Wolter, Carolyn Stellhorn, Diana Becker, David W. Stellhorn, Matthew Burmester; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Harlan Burmester, Jamie Brandt, Eric Frazier, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Ethel Montroy, Dwain Schrader, Brian Ulione, Brenda Manning, Bobby Wood, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Michelle Gibbs, Jane Lucht, Caleb Oakley, Jan Kaaz, Collin Ratliff, Con Healey, Boniface Becker. *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, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallet, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Andy Pfeiffer, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; 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, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

*(please be seated)*

**OFFERING:** (Saturday) “*Ein Klein Nachtmusik*”

(Sunday) “*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*”

Bell Choir

arranged by James W. Kosnik

*(please stand if you are able)* **OFFERTORY:** page 176

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**THE PAX DOMINI:**

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

**C: Amen.**

**THE AGNUS DEI:** page 180

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *(please be seated)*

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

*(Saturday)* “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Bell Choir*

*(Sunday)* “Lord of Light” (arr. by Leland B. Sateren)

*Choir*

**508 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”** *(tune: “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”)*

**438 “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”**

*(please stand if you are able)*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** “Thank the Lord” page 181

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** page 183

**BENEDICTION:** page 183

**CLOSING HYMN: 411 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

**THE POSTLUDE:** “Fugue in G Minor”

*by J.S. Bach*

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