



The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
 August 24-25, 2019



PRELUDE: "Herr Jesu Christ" *setting by Paul Ganz*
THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 902 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" *(please stand for the last stanza)*

Divine Service Four, page 203ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

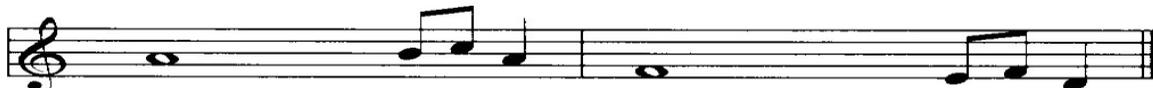
P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 117



Splendor and majesty are be- | fore Him; we will bless the LORD from this time forth and
 forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, all | nations! Extol Him, all | peoples!
 For great is His steadfast | love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures

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.

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 forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

KYRIE: page 204 *(sung)* "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy."

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: page 204

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** P: Let us pray. **C: O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 66:18-23

"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see My glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard My fame or seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before Me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, declares the LORD."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

P: Fear the Lord, you His saints,

C: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

THE EPISTLE READING:

Hebrews 12:4-24

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives."

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if you are able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205
(sung) **Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are written that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter. C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus went on His way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. And someone said to Him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then He will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' But He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from Me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed
(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **The Apostles' Creed: page 207** *(10:30 a.m.)* **The Nicene Creed: page 206**

(please be seated)
(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: LSB 411**

**I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to fol-low Je-sus.
God set the stars to give light to the world, The star of my life is Je-sus.
In Him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a-like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 673 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

SERMON: "Not a Scary Sight But Home in a Heavenly Height" Hebrews 12:18-24

- I. Our Fear Is of God's Power
- II. Our Rescue Is in God's Presence

(please stand if you are able) **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**
(Each petition ends "let us pray to the Lord" and we respond, "Lord, have mercy.")

HEALING AND COMFORT: Olivia Schmitz, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttmann, Arlou Papenberg, Clifford Stellhorn, Donald Kueker, Curtis Hartmann, Leonard Salger, Larry Ebers, Jane Donjon, Julie Ratz, Wayne Liefer, Randy Grohmann, Susie Harms, Lori Rees; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Henry Hunter, Harlow Leedle, Brett Montroy, Chas Walster, Rev. Herb Mueller, Jr., Renee Reed, Bob Schilling, Max Schrader, Jeannine Belt, Margarete Schrader. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: *(Please call with names.)* **Army-** Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Casey Vallett, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Tanner Valleroy; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Chaplain George Kahl, Gage Baldwin; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure
+thanksgiving for the 60th wedding anniversary of Rich and Jane Moeller on August 22nd
+thanksgiving for the 60th wedding anniversary of Wayne and Joyce Mesnarich on August 29th
+thanksgiving for the 45th wedding anniversary of David and Alice Guebert on August 24th
+thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Matthew and Megan (Oettle) Brown on August 15th

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** "Land of Rest" *setting by Henry V. Gerike*

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

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff. *(please stand)*

PREFACE and SANCTUS: page 208
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and LORD'S PRAYER: page 209
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and THE PAX DOMINI: page 209
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **Amen.**
AGNUS DEI: page 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*
563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"
621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
804 "O Worship the King"

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Nunc Dimittis" page 211
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 212
BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION: page 212

CLOSING HYMN: 672 "Jerusalem the Golden"

THE POSTLUDE: "Ewing" *setting by Kevin Hildebrand*

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