



*The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
 Red Bud, Illinois  
September 21-22, 2019



**THE PRELUDE:** "Voices Raised to You We Offer" *arranged by Scott Hyslop*  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**OPENING HYMN:** 786 "Lord of All Good" *(please stand for the last stanza "A-men.")*

*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.**

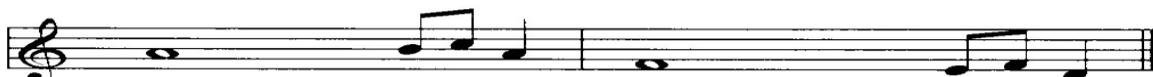
P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and 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 119**



Your testimonies are righteous for-   ever;	give me understanding that   I may live.
Righteous are You,   O LORD,	and right are Your   just decrees.
My zeal con-   sumes me,	because my foes for-   get Your words.
Your promise is   well tried,	and Your servant   loves it.
Your righteousness is righteous for-   ever,	and Your   law is true.
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.
Your testimonies are righteous for-   ever;	give me understanding that   I may live.

**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, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

(10:30 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*School Children*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, *you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end*, saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

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:**

**1 Timothy 2:1-15**

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.*

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.

Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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 believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 16:1-15**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’

And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’

So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

*One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own?*

No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed Him. And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

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

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed**

*(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.)* **The Nicene Creed: page 206** *(8 a.m.)* **The Apostles’ Creed: page 207**

*(please be seated)*

*(8 a.m.)* **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ANTHEM:** “Seek Ye First”

*Choir*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 768 “To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray”**

**SERMON:** “Pray, Pay and Obey?”

1 Timothy 2:1-2 Prayers for Everyone

Amos 8:4 Care for the Poor and Needy

Luke 16:10-11 The Right Use of True Riches

*(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:** Carl Becker, Arlin Winkelman, Geri Koester, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttman, Clifford Stellhorn, Curtis Hartmann, Larry Ebers, Jane Donjon, Julie Ratz, Wayne Liefer, 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, Renee Reed, Bob Schilling, Margarette Schrader, Grace Urspruch, Elda Guebert, Herb Rowold. *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

*(please be seated)* **OFFERING:** “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” *arranged by J. G. Walther*

*The 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer, Closing Prayer and Choir Benediction “Go Now in Peace” (arranged by Don Besig).*

*(5 p.m. & 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)*

**732 “All Depends on Our Possessing”**

**783 “Take My Life and Let It Be”**

**795 “Voices Raised to You We Offer”**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** “Nunc Dimittis” page 211

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** page 212

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:** page 212

**CLOSING HYMN: 919 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”**

**THE POSTLUDE:** “To God Be the Glory”

*arranged by Edward Broughton*

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