



Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
February 4-5, 2017



THE PRELUDE: "Basse et Dessus de Trompette"

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THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" (please stand for the last stanza if able)

Divine Service Two, page 167ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 119



Blessèd are You, O LORD;*	teach me Your statutes!
How can a young man keep his way pure?*	By guarding it according to Your word.
With my whole heart I seek You;*	let me not wander from Your com- mandments!
I have stored up Your word in my heart,*	that I might not sin a- gainst You.
Blessèd are You, O LORD;*	teach me Your statutes!
With my lips I declare*	all the just decrees of Your mouth.
In the way of Your testimonies I delight*	as much as in all riches.
I will meditate on Your precepts*	and fix my eyes on Your ways.
I will delight in Your statutes;*	I will not for- get Your word.
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.
Blessèd are You, O LORD;*	teach me Your statutes!

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: **Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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)

ANTHEM: (Sunday) "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 58:3-9a

"Why have we fasted, and You see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and You take no knowledge of it? Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?"

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all nations!
 For great is His steadfast love toward us,
 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**Extol Him, all peoples!
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
 bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

THE EPISTLE READING:

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if 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 5:13-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

(10:30 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:**

This little Gospel light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine; (repeat twice)

Let it shine all the time, Let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m gonna let it shine; (repeat twice)

Let it shine all the time, Let it shine.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 580 “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

SERMON: Matthew 5:13-20

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

C: and the meditations of our hearts,

ALL: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen. (Ps. 19:14)

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed (please stand if you are able)

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 174** (10:30 a.m.) **The Apostles’ Creed: page 175**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Bill Smith, Nina Guebert, Genevieve Moeller, Leoma Heller, C. John Prigge, Pat Malik, Omar Koester, Peggy Sitzes, Paul Mollet; *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, John Traube, Delores Langrehr, Michael Yarbrough, Edna DesRoches, Lois Nagel, Elaine Goetting, Randy Klausing, Harlan Burmester, Remi Ann Mathews. *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
+thanksgiving for the 55th wedding anniversary of Charles and Sharon Guebert on February 3
+the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries in Christ to the world and the world to the church
+those who mourn: the family of Verna Zanders, mother of Kathy Stellinghorn

(please be seated)

OFFERING: (Saturday) “Sunday School Ring-a-long”
(Sunday) “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

*Bell Choir
arranged by Jan Bender*

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

The 10:30 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer and a Closing Prayer.

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 177ff.

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SANCTUS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: page 178

LORD’S PRAYER AND THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: page 179

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)

(Sat.) “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

Bell Choir

(8 a.m.) “O Holy Spirit, Enlighten Me”

Choir

578 “Thy Strong Word” (please stand for the last stanza)

555 “Salvation unto Us Has Come” (please stand for the last stanza)

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 183

BENEDICTION: page 183

CLOSING HYMN: 698 “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

THE POSTLUDE: “Dance”

by J. Wayne Kerr

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