



*Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany*  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
 Red Bud, Illinois  
**February 18-19, 2017 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.**



**THE PRELUDE:** "O Love, How Deep"

*arranged by Kevin Hildebrand*

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

**OPENING HYMN: 706 "Love in Christ is Strong and Living"**

*Divine Service Two, page 167ff. (please stand if you are able)*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 167

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

**INTROIT:** Psalm 103



Bless the LORD,   O my soul,	and forget not all His   benefits,
who forgives all your in-   iquity,	who heals all your dis-   eases.
The LORD is merciful and   gracious,	slow to anger and abounding in   steadfast love.
He will not   always chide,	nor will He keep His anger for-   ever.
He does not deal with us according   to our sins, nor repay us according to our in-   iquities.	
For as high as the heavens are a-   bove the earth, so great is His love toward those who   fear Him.	
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.
Bless the LORD,   O my soul,	and forget not all His   benefits,
who forgives all your in-   iquity,	who heals all your dis-   eases.

**KYRIE:** pages 168-169

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

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (*sung*) **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. C: **O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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*) "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

*Choir*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18**

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by My name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

P: 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 3:10-23**

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Let no

one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.

P: 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 5:38-48**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.      **C: *(sung)* Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 544 “O Love, How Deep”** *(please stand for the last stanza if you are able)*

**SERMON: Matthew 5:38-48**

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:** *(please stand if able)* **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:** Harry Peters, Nina Guebert, Melba Liefer, Margaret Hanebutt, Leoma Heller, C. John Prigge, Fred Buch, Arlene Pratt, Omar Koester, Cindy Nebel, Susan Luttmann, Peggy Sitzes; *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, Michael Yarbrough, Elaine Goetting, Randy Klausung, Harlan Burmester, Brian Ulione, Larry Berg, Max Wiatr, Ruth Sutley, Joyce Wirth. *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

*(please be seated)*  
**OFFERING:** “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

*arranged by Jim Vyaneck*

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

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 177ff.

**PREFACE:** page 177

**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)*

*(Sunday)* **Anthem:** “Teach Me, O Lord”

*Choir*

**774 “Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy”**

**623 “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”**

**625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** “Nunc Dimittis” page 182

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** page 183

**BENEDICTION:** page 183

**CLOSING HYMN: 791 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”**

**THE POSTLUDE:** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”      *arranged by Michael E. Burkhardt*  
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