



*Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany*  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
 Red Bud, Illinois  
**February 11-12, 2017**



**THE PRELUDE:** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

*arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche*

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

**OPENING HYMN:** 912 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" (*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 98



The LORD has made known His sal- | vation; He has revealed His righteousness to the | nations.

Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it; the world and those who | dwell in it!

Let the rivers / clap their hands; let the hills / sing for joy

together be- | fore the LORD, for He comes to | judge the earth.

He will judge the world with | righteousness, and the peoples with | equity.

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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**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: O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequences of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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*)

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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!

**Extol Him, all peoples!**

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

**THE EPISTLE READING:**

**1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

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 5:21-37**

L: 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 to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his

brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is His footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

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

*(please be seated)*

*(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG:**

**Blest the children of our God, They are bought with Christ's own blood;  
They are ransomed from the grave, Life eternal they will have;  
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!  
They are lights upon the earth, Children of a heav'nly birth;  
One with God, with Jesus one; Glory is in them begun:  
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"**

**SERMON:** "But I Say to You, 'Be Reconciled to...'" Matthew 5:21-37

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

*(10:30 a.m.)* **The Nicene Creed: page 174**      *(5 p.m. and 8 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, Leroy Guebert, Leoma Heller, Doris Koch, C. John Prigge, Fred Buch, Pat Malik, Omar Koester, Susan Luttmann, Peggy Sitzes, Paul Mollet; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Brenda Manning, Stephanie Jones, Debbie Kezely, Bob Stirnaman, Debra

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**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:** "Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"

*arranged by Brock W. Downward*

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

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

*(10:30 a.m.)* **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)*

**581 "These Are the Holy Ten Commands"**

**564 "Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"** *(please stand for the last stanza)*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** "Nunc Dimittis" page 182

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** page 183

**BENEDICTION:** page 183

**CLOSING HYMN: 917 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"**

**THE POSTLUDE:** "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

*arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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