



The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
September 9-10, 2017



THE PRELUDE: "Basse et Dessus de Trompette"

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THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 795 "Voices Raised to You We Offer"

Divine Service Four, page 203ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203 *(please stand if you are able)*

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 92



How great are Your works, O LORD!	Your thoughts are very deep!
It is good to give thanks to the LORD,	to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,	and Your faithful- ness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,	to the melody of the lyre.
For You have made me glad by Your work;	at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.
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.
How great are Your works, O LORD!	Your thoughts are very deep!

KYRIE: (page 204) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: "Glory to God in the Highest" page 204

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. C: O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL:

Fear the LORD, you His saints,
 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**for those who fear Him lack nothing!
 but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

THE EPISTLE READING:

Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 205)

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:

Matthew 18:1-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you,

unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: CREED

(10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 206**

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **The Apostles’ Creed: page 207**

(please be seated) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG** *(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)*

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: 848 “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

SERMON: “Love Is the Service That We Owe to Others” Romans 13:1-10

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(please stand if you are able)*

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Nina Guebert, Willard Uffelmann, Ralph Melliore, Evelyn Muench, C. John Prigge, Harold vanHoy, Charlie Guebert, Larry Ebers, Melodye Stamm, Diana Becker, David W. Stellhorn; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Harlan Burmester, Jamie Brandt, Ruth Ann Juelfs, Eric Frazier, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Ethel Montroy, Dwain Schrader, Brian Ulione, Brenda Manning, Bobby Wood, Boniface Becker, Miles Rancruet, Peggy Idecker, Esther Wilson, Derrick DeWilde. *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, Trevor Buckner; **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, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop

+those suffering and recovering from Hurricane Harvey on the Gulf Coast

+those suffering from and being threatened by Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean and Florida

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” *arranged by Brian Henkelmann*
(please stand if you are able)

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

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

PREFACE and SANCTUS: page 208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER: page 209

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: page 209

THE PAX DOMINI:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI: page 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

620 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

649 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

852 “O God of Mercy, God of Might”

(please stand if able)

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 212

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION: page 212

CLOSING HYMN: 965 “God Bless Our Native Land”

THE POSTLUDE: “God Bless Our Native Land”

arranged by Sondra K. Tucker

Acknowledgments: Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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