



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

St. John's Lutheran Church

Red Bud, Illinois

January 27-28, 2018



THE PRELUDE: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Divine Service One, page 151ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151 (*please stand if you are able*)

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 32



Many are the sorrows of the | wicked, but love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given, whose sin is | covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,

and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

I acknowledged my / sin to You,

and I did not cover my in- | quity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD,"

and You forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

Therefore let everyone offer / prayer to You

at a time when You | may be found.

You preserve me from | trouble;

You surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

Glorify 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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but love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

KYRIE: pages 152-153 (*We sing the responses in bold.*)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast" page 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you. **C: (sung) And also with you.**

L: Let us pray

C: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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)

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "The Lord's Prayer"

School Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹And whoever will not listen to My words that he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL:

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 8:1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up.²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one."⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food

offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 156 *(sung)*

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 1:21-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **C: *(sung)* Glory to You, O Lord.**

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” and the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” And at once His fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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:**

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me! *(repeat twice)* Look away beyond the blue!

You’re my light and my salvation, I won’t be afraid!

You’re the stronghold of my life, by You all things were made,

Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade,

For I move in the strength of the Lord. *(refrain)*

HYMN OF THE DAY: 541 “‘Away from Us!’ the Demon Cried”

SERMON: “The Amazing Authority of God’s Word” Mark 1:21-28

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

C: and the meditation 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 you are able)*

(10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 158** *(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)* **The Apostles’ Creed, page 159**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

HEALING AND COMFORT: Wilma Uffelmann, Bill Smith, Alvin Moeller, Nina Guebert, Dorothy Peters, Mary Liefer, Helen Winkelmann, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Donald Kueker, Paulette Kueker, Joyce Mesnarich, Pat Malik, Jane Donjon, Kevin Liefer, Madison Proctor; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Jamie Brandt, Eric Frazier, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Ethel

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MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) **Army-** Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, 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, Thomas Lewis

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(please be seated)

OFFERING: *(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)* “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old” *arr. by Charles Callahan*

(10:30 a.m.) “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” *Bell Choir*

(please stand if you are able) **OFFERTORY:** pages 159-160

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 160ff.

PREFACE: page 160

SANCTUS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: page 161

LORD’S PRAYER AND THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: page 162

THE PAX DOMINI:

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

THE AGNUS DEI: page 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

“Thy Strong Word”

Bell Choir

754 “Entrust Your Days and Burdens” *(tune: “Come unto Me, Ye Weary”)*

620 “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord” page 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 166

BENEDICTION: page 166

CLOSING HYMN: 846 “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”

THE POSTLUDE: “The Rock of Salvation”

by Franklin Ritter

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