



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
September 15-16, 2018 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.



THE PRELUDE: "Prelude in D Minor"

by J. S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 578 "Thy Strong Word" (please stand for last stanza, "A-men".)

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 31



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| Be strong, and let your heart take courage, | all you who wait for the LORD! |
| But I trust in You, O LORD; | I say, "You are my God." |
| My times are in Your hand; | rescue me from my perse- cutors! |
| Make Your face shine on Your servant; | save me in Your steadfast love! |

*Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. Amen.*

KYRIE: (page 186) (*sung*)

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us, Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: pages 187-189

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. C: (*sung*) **And with thy spir-it.**

P: Let us pray. C: **Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your**

peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*please be seated*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of His servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

P: 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:

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(*please stand if able*) **ALLELUIA VERSE:** page 190

(sung) **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 9:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter. **C:** *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Jesus and greeted Him.

And He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able."

And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.

And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

And Jesus said to him, "If You can! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And He said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed: page 191

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 551 "When to Our World the Savior Came"

SERMON: "Taught Tongues Tell the Weary World the Word" Isaiah 50:4-10

(please stand if you are able) **OFFERTORY:** pages 192-193

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** "Christ Sits At God's Right Hand" *arr. by Brock W. Downward*

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: Edna Voss, Lorine Reinhardt, Kenneth Koester, C. John Prigge, Jane Donjon, Wayne Liefer, Stuart Langrehr, Susie Harms; Family and Friends of St. John's Members: Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Caleb Oakley, Robin Steinmann, Bobby Wood, Kate Snyder, Jeff Westbrook, Bob Stirnaman, Ruby Muench, Danielle Anderson, Ruth Hecht, Anita Mueller, Dave Baldwin, Henry Hunter, Althea Breitwieser, Rev. Tim Beckendorf, Sheri Boothe, Evelyn Luehrs, Alan Deterding. *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, 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, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+those who are suffering from Hurricane Florence on the east coast of the United States

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 194ff.

PREFACE: page 194 **SANCTUS:** page 195 **LORD'S PRAYER:** page 196

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and PAX DOMINI: page 197

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

THE AGNUS DEI: page 198

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

811 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

545 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

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

NUNC DIMITTIS: "Song of Simeon" pages 199-200

THANKSGIVING: pages 200-201

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS: pages 201-202

BENEDICTION: page 202

CLOSING HYMN: 814 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

THE POSTLUDE: "To God Be the Glory"

arranged by Edward Broughton

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