



Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
February 23-24, 2019



THE PRELUDE: "Was Frag Ich Nach der Welt"

arranged by Kevin Hildebrand

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 730 "What Is the World to Me"

Divine Service Two, page 167ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 167 (*please stand if you are able*)

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 37



Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for Him;*

fret not over the one who prospers | in his way.

Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;*

be not envious of wrong- | doers!

For they will soon fade | like the grass*

and wither like the | green herb.

Trust in the LORD, | and do good;*

dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*

and He will give you the desires | of your heart.

Commit your way | to the LORD;*

trust in Him, and | He will act.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | gin-ning,

is now, and will be forever. | A-men.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for Him;*

fret not over the one who prospers | in his way.

KYRIE: (pages 168-169)

HYMN OF PRAISE: (5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) "Gloria in Excelsis" page 170
 (10:30 a.m.) "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*)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 45:3-15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE 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 15:21-26, 30-42

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as He has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for

birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if you are 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:

Luke 6:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter. **C: *(sung)* Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P: 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:**

**Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion! O my soul, praise Him,
for He is your health and sal-va-tion! Let all who hear Now to His tem-ple draw near,**

Join-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion!

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore Him! All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises be-fore Him! Let the A-men Sound from His peo-ple a-gain;
Glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore Him!**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 844 “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

SERMON: Luke 6:27-38

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.

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

(10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 174** *(5 p.m. & 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: Alice Smith, Arlin Winkelman, Helen Winkelman, C. John Prigge, Lisa Kloepper, David Blankenship, Jim Guebert, Pat Byer, Alice Guebert, John Hemmer, Wayne Liefer, Kathy Liefer, Randy Koester, Scot Heller, Kortney Moll, Debbie Meyer, Max Dieward; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Kate Snyder, Henry Hunter, John Hudak, Keith Dial, Josh Ritter, David Uchtmann, Tina Aubuchon, Harlow Leedle. *Help us keep this list current!*

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+our grade school girls and families traveling to Chicago Friday for Lutheran State b-ball and cheer

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** “Angelus”

arranged by David N. Johnson

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

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

(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: *(sung)* Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI: page 180

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace;
so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith,
a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness,
the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

618 “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

848 “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

544 “O Love, How Deep” *(please stand for the last stanza)*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord” page 181

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND BENEDICTION: page 183

CLOSING HYMN: 851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

THE POSTLUDE: “Hyfrydol”

arranged by Carl F. Schalk

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