



**Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Red Bud, Illinois**  
**February 15-16, 2020 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.**



**PRELUDE:** (5 p.m.) "Echoes of Westminster" Bell Choir  
 (8 a.m.) "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.**

**OPENING HYMN: 843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"**

*Divine Service One, page 151ff.*

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

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**  
 P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
 C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*  
 P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
 C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

*We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another*

**INTROIT:** Psalm 98



<b>The LORD has made known His sal-   vation;</b>	<b>He has revealed His righteousness to the   nations.</b>
<b>Let the sea roar, and all that   fills it;</b>	<b>the world and those who   dwell in it!</b>
<b>Let the rivers / clap their hands;</b>	<b>let the hills / sing for joy</b>
<b>together be-   fore the LORD,</b>	<b>for He comes to   judge the earth.</b>
<b>He will judge the world with   righteousness,</b>	<b>and the peoples with   equity.</b>
<b>Glorify be to the Father and   to the Son</b>	<b>and to the Holy   Spirit;</b>
<b>as it was in the be-   ginning,</b>	<b>is now, and will be forever.   Amen.</b>
<b>The LORD has made known His sal-   vation;</b>	<b>He has revealed His righteousness to the   nations.</b>

**KYRIE:** pages 152-153 (*we sing the responses*)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mer-cy.**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mer-cy.**  
 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 mer-cy.**  
 L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mer-cy.**  
 L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: A-men.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** "Gloria in Excelsis" page 154 (*sung*)

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.  
**C: Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:**  
**we wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.**  
**Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:**  
**You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**  
**You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.**  
**For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High,**  
**Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.**

**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)**

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" (*by Gordon Young*)

*Choir*

**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!  
 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 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 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:**

**Matthew 5:21-37**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth 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)***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

**SERMON:**

P: Most gracious Father: may the words of my mouth, **C: and the meditations of our hearts;**  
**All: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.** (Psalm 19:14)

*(please stand if able)* **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed:** page 158

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Arlin Winkelman, Omer Liefer, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttmann, Larry Ebers, David Guebert, Pastor Koen, Jim Walker, Norma Preston, Stuart Langrehr, Pam Stelhorn, Randy Miller, Peggy Sitzes, Roger Kozora, Garon Schnepel, Lori Rees, Ryan Muench; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Dorothy Gross, Cheryl Zanders, Jason Brock, Ruth Hecht, Randy Ellner. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** *(Please call with names.)* **Army-** Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure

+those who are suffering from the Corona virus throughout the world

*(please be seated)* **OFFERING: (5 p.m.)** "O Sing to the Lord"

*Bell Choir*

*(8 a.m.)* "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

*arranged by George Bohm*

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

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me?**

**I will offer the sac-ri-ifice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.**

**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)*

*(5 p.m.)* "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" *Bell Choir;* *(8 a.m.)* "Gather Your Children" *Choir*

**844 "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"**

**706 "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"**

**623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** "Thank the Lord" page 164

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** page 166

**BENEDICTION:** page 166 *(sung)* "A-men."

**CLOSING HYMN: 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

**THE POSTLUDE: “Shades Mountain”**

*arranged by John Eggert*

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“This Is the Feast” page 155

*Refrain* **This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

**Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.** *Refrain*

**Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing and glo-ry are His.** *Refrain*

**Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:**

**Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.** *Refrain*

**For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia.** *Refrain*