



Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois
February 8-9, 2020



PRELUDE: "Simple Gifts" *arranged by Charles W. Ore*
THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 782 "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" (*stand for last stanza, "A-men."*)

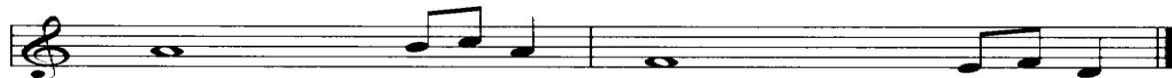
Divine Service One, page 151ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151

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 119



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| Blessèd are You, O LORD;* | teach me Your statutes! |
| How can a young man keep his way pure?* | By guarding it according to Your word. |
| With my whole heart I seek You;* | let me not wander from Your com- mandments! |
| I have stored up Your word in my heart,* | that I might not sin a- gainst You. |
| Blessèd are You, O LORD;* | teach me Your statutes! |
| With my lips I declare* | all the just decrees of Your mouth. |
| In the way of Your testimonies I delight* | as much as in all riches. |
| I will meditate on Your precepts* | and fix my eyes on Your ways. |
| I will delight in Your statutes;* | I will not for- get Your word. |
| 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. |
| Blessèd are You, O LORD;* | teach me Your statutes! |

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: "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*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you. C: (*sung*) **And also with you.**
L: Let us pray. C: **Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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*)

ANTHEM: (8 a.m.) "Wait for the Lord"

K-8 School Students

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 58:3-9a

"Why have we fasted, and You see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and You take no knowledge of it?" Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?"

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'"

L: 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!

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

THE EPISTLE READING:

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

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 5:13-20

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

C: *(sung)* Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ. *(please be seated)***

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:**

This little Gospel light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine; *(repeat twice)*

Let it shine all the time, Let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m gonna let it shine; *(repeat twice)*

Let it shine all the time, Let it shine.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 698 “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

SERMON: “Living as Cats for Christ in a World Going to the Dogs for the Devil” Matthew 5:13-16

(please stand if able) **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed *(inside back cover of the hymnal)***

(10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed:** page 158 *(5 p.m. & 8:30 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: Arlin Winkelman, Omer Liefer, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttmann, Larry Ebers, David Guebert, Pastor Koen, Norma Preston, Stuart Langrehr, Pam Stellhorn, Peggy Sitzes, Roger Kozora, Lori Rees, Ryan Muench; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Elda Guebert, Nancy O’Dell, Dorothy Gross, Cheryl Zanders, Jason Brock, Ruth Hecht. *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 mourn: the family of St. John’s member Leonard Vogt who died in the Lord on Monday

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

arranged by Jan Bender

(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-fice 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.**

(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)*

579 “The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

580 “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

636 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 166

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

CLOSING HYMN: 803 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

THE POSTLUDE: “A Little Fugue”

arranged by David Schelat

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