



Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois
February 1-2, 2020



PRELUDE: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" *arr. by J. Wayne Kerr*
THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" (*we stand for the last stanza, "A-men."*)

(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) Holy Baptism, pages 268ff.

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.*

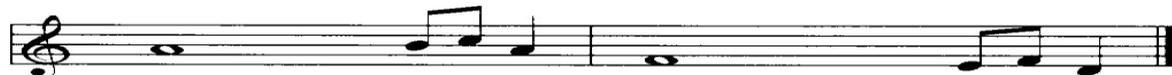
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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 1



The Lord knows the way of the / righteous,
 Blessed / is the man
 nor stands in the way of / sinners,
 his delight is in the law / of the Lord,
 Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
 As it was in the be- / ginning,
 The Lord knows the way of the / righteous,

but the way of the wicked will / perish.
 who walks not in the counsel of the / wicked,
 nor sits in the seat of / scoffers;
 and on His law he meditates / day and night.
 and to the Holy / Spirit;
 is now, and will be forever. / Amen.
 but the way of the wicked will / perish.

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 Holy 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: **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:** "Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man" (by B. Braman & P. Williams)

Choir

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against His people, and He will contend with Israel. "O My people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer Me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O My people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

bring an offering, and come into His courts!

THE EPISTLE READING:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning

I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” 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 5:1-12

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

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

(10:30 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: 712 “Seek Ye First”**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 932 “Jesus Sat With His Disciples”

SERMON: “We Are Blessed Disciples” Matthew 5:1-12

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)

(10:30 a.m.) Installation of Officers and Board Members

(please stand if able) **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed** *(inside back cover of the hymnal)*
(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed:** page 158 *(10:30 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: Leonard Vogt, Arlin Winkelman, Omer Liefer, Orville Liefer, Jean Menke, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttmann, Ken Ruwald, Gloria Stellhorn, Nancy Liefer, Larry Ebers, Pastor Koen, Norma Preston, Stuart Langrehr, Pam Stellhorn, Randy Miller, Jim Cox, 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

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+thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Josh and Bridgett (Voss) Kennedy on January 28

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** “Jesus Sat With His Disciples”

(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 10:30 a.m. service continues with a Closing Prayer.)

(5 p.m. and 8 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)*

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “Now Listen, You Servants of God” *Choir*

625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

810 “O God of God, O Light of Light”

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 166

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

CLOSING HYMN: 842 “Son of God, Eternal Savior

THE POSTLUDE: “Arfon”

arranged by Wilbur Held

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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*