

# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

November 17, 2024

## Trinity Twenty-five

### *The One Who Endures to the End Will Be Saved*

You must use your ears, and not your eyes, since God's kingdom is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. The people of Israel, however, wanted to walk not by faith, but by sight. Israel was stiff-necked and hard hearted. After many warnings the northern ten tribes were taken into captivity in 722 BC by the Assyrians. Those ten tribes disappeared. No one knows what became of them. Then, after many further warnings, the southern two tribes were taken to Babylon in 606-5 BC. Many of the people repented and were allowed to return seventy years later. But again the people proved to be impenitent.

Finally the Savior came unto His own, but His own received Him not. God became a man and tried again and again to call the covenant people to repentance. Most of them refused. Even after Jesus ascended into heaven God granted the covenant people another forty years of grace. But then the time of mercy ended.

During the years 66 to 70 AD, God sent Roman legions to Jerusalem and Jerusalem was utterly destroyed. The covenant people were scattered to the four corners of the earth. Though they can still be saved, their former glory is gone. What a warning for all men, especially for Christians!

Upon such faithless and false worshipers God's judgment comes. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. *"For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man"* (St. Matt. 24:27). The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead (1 Thess. 4:13-18). In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble (Job 14:1), let us comfort one another with these words of the Resurrection and the Return of our Lord Jesus.

## Readings for Next Sunday: Last Sunday of the Church Year

Prophecy of the Day: Isaiah 65:17-25  
Epistle of the Day: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Matthew 25:1-13

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*Miserere mei Domine quoniam tribulor*  
"Be gracious unto Me, O Lord, for I am in trouble"

## *Trinity Twenty-five* **Signs of the End Sunday**

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**NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER**

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real Body and Blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice closed communion. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn **"When in the Hour of Deepest Need"** #615

**Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184**

**The Service of the Word begins with the Introit**

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!**

O LORD, let me not be put to shame,  
**for I call upon You.**

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
**let me never be put to shame.**

In Your righteousness deliver me;  
**incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily!**

Into Your hand I commit my spirit;  
**You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
**all you who wait for the LORD!**

(Ps. 31:1-2a, 5, 24; antiphon: Ps. 31:9a, 15b, 17a)

<i>Gloria Patri, Kyrie</i>	<b>p. 186</b>
<i>Gloria in Excelsis</i>	<b>p. 187</b>
<b>Salutation</b>	<b>p. 189</b>

**Collect for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity –**  
Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgement but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Job 14:1-6**  
*[Job Speaks of Life's Woes]*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

**Gradual**

Your foes have roared in the midst of Your meeting place;  
**they set up their own signs for signs.**  
Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old,  
**which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!** (Ps. 74:4, 2a)

Epistle of the Day **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**  
*[The Coming of the Lord]*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Triple Alleluia p. 190**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**  
Holy Gospel of the Day **St. Matthew 24:15-28**  
*[The Abomination of Desolation]*

Responses to the Holy Gospel **p. 190**

**Nicene Creed p. 191**

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day **"Preserve Your Word, O Savior" #658**

Sermon

[We rise] **Offertory p. 192**

[We are seated]

**The offering is received**  
*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

*[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]*

**The Service of the Sacrament p. 194**

[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ]

Hymn **"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" #490**  
[We rise] **Doxology #805**

**Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, p. 199**  
**Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction**

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

**"Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending" #336**