

A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

February 16, 2025

Septuagesima *Grace Alone*

As Daniel wrote, “*We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets*” (Dan. 9:10). Israel was not satisfied with God’s provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage He provided them (Matt. 20:1-16). They charged Him with being unfair, but in reality He was being generous; since, the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve, but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first, since Jesus Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24 – 10:4). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

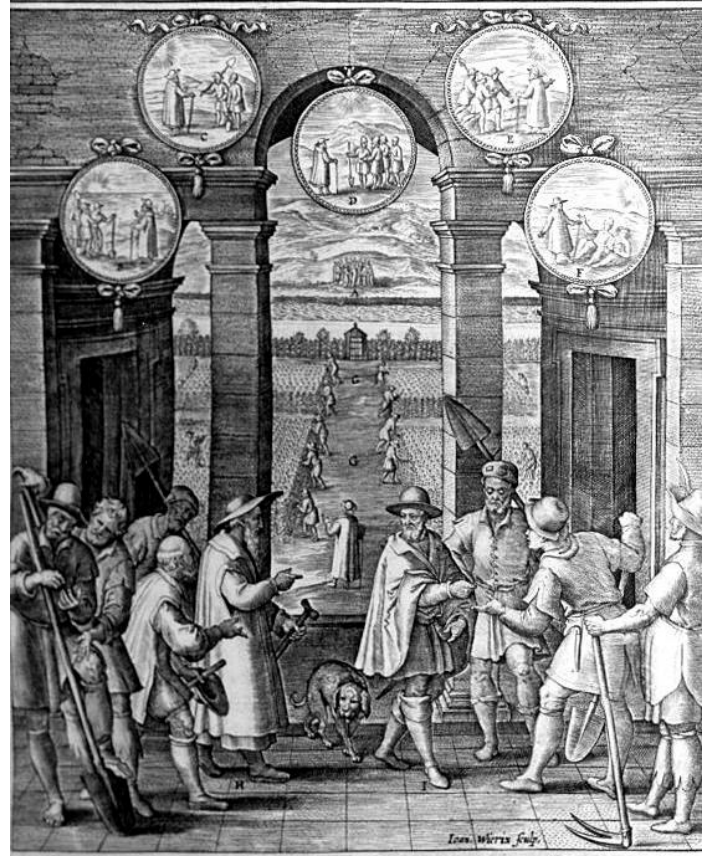
Readings for Next Sunday: Sexagesima

Prophecy of the Day: Isaiah 55:10-13
Epistle of the Day: 2 Corinthians 11:19 – 12:9
Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Luke 8:4-15

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Circumdede runt me dolores mortis
“The sorrows of death have surrounded me”

Septuagesima: Third Sunday before Lent
“The Workers in the Vineyard 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 **"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"** #761

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

The Service of the Word begins with the Introit

The cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.
 In my distress I called upon the LORD.
From His temple He heard my voice.
 I love You, O Lord, my strength.
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
 for You save a humble people,
but the haughty eyes You bring down.
 [You have] equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.
 For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations,
and sing to Your name.
 (Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a)

[Spoken] **Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186**
Gloria in Excelsis [omitted during Lent]
Salutation p. 189

Collect for Septuagesima: O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, 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 **Daniel 9:2-10**
[Daniel prays for the people]
 This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gradual

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
 And those who know Your name put their trust in You,
for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Arise, O Lord!
Let not man prevail. (Ps. 9:9-10, 18-19a)

Epistle of the Day **1 Corinthians 9:24-10:4**
[Run to obtain the prize]

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

[We rise] **Tract for Septuagesima**
 Out of the depths
I cry to You, O Lord!
 O LORD, hear my voice!
Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O LORD, who could stand?
 But with You there is forgiveness,
that You may be feared. (Ps. 130:1-4)

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**
 Holy Gospel of the Day **St. Matthew 20:1-16**
[The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard]
 Responses to the Holy Gospel **p. 190**

Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day **"Salvation Unto Us Has Come" #555**
[rise stanza 10]

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 and Blood of Christ]

Hymn **"Through Jesus' Blood and Merit" #746**
[We rise] **Doxology #805**

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

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

"O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire" #553