

Septuagesima

5 February A†D 2023

Divine Service Setting 1

LSB 151

Stand and face the processional cross when the processional hymn begins.

Processional Hymn

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563

Sunday School Choir stanza 3 (10:45)

Confession and Absolution

LSB 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.

Service of the Word

Introit

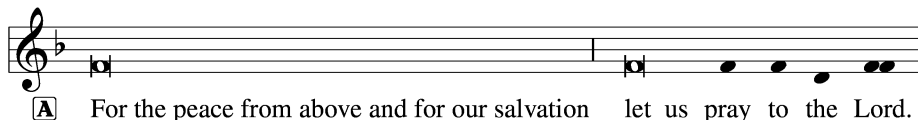
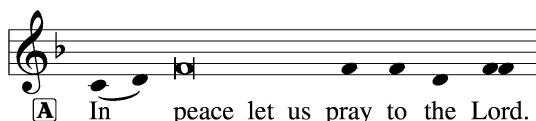
Psalm 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5–6a



The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me; *
 the snares of death con- | fronted me.
 In my distress I called up- | on 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 de- | liverer.
 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.
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.
 The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me; *
 the snares of death con- | fronted me.
 In my distress I called up- | on the LORD. *
 From his temple he | heard my voice.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy.



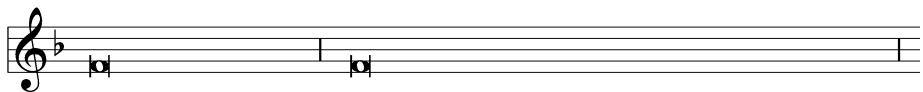
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A 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.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Gesimatide and Lent.



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 9:9–10, 18–19a

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 for- | gotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

A- | rise, O LORD!*
Let not | man prevail.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Stand and face the processional cross as it is carried to the center of the nave for the Gospel reading.

The Alleluia is omitted during Gesimatide and replaced with the Tract.

Tract

Psalm 130:1–4

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 in- | iquities,*

O Lord, | who could stand?

**But with you there is for- | giveness,*
that you | may be feared.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Turn to face the processional cross as it is carried back to its place.

Nicene Creed

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
 dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

“Salvation unto Us Has Come”

LSB 555

Women and children stanzas 4 and 7

Men stanzas 2 and 6

Prayer

LSB 422

☐ On my heart imprint your image,
 Blessed Jesus, king of grace,
 That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
 Never may your work erase;
 Let the clear inscription be:
 Jesus, crucified for me,
 Is my life, my hope's foundation,
 And my glory and salvation!

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Hymn

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

LSB 683

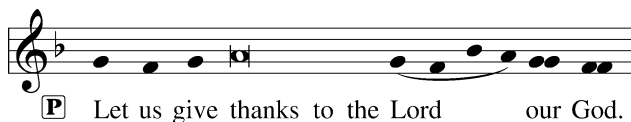
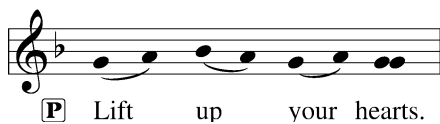
Offerings may be placed in the plate located near the reception desk in the narthex.

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the

new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

If you are a visitor, please see our communion policy on the inside cover of the bulletin.

Distribution

“If God Himself Be for Me”

LSB 724

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

LSB 823

Hymn

"Rise, Ye Children of Salvation"

TLH 472



1. Rise, ye chil - dren of sal - va - tion, all who cleave to
 2. Saints and he - roes long be - fore us firm - ly on this
 3. Fight - ing, we shall be vic - to - rious by the blood of
 4. When His ser - vants stand be - fore Him, each re - ceiv - ing



Christ, the Head. Wake, a - rise, O might - y na - tion,
 ground have stood; See their ban - ner wav - ing o'er us,
 Christ, our Lord; On our fore - heads, bright and glo - rious,
 his re - ward; When His saints in light a - dore Him,



ere the Foe on Zi - on tread. He draws nigh and
 con - qu'rors thro' the Sav - ior's blood. Ground we hold where -
 shines the wit - ness of His Word; Spear and shield on
 giv - ing glo - ry to the Lord, "Vic - to - ry!" our



would de - fy all the hosts of God Most High.
 on of old fought the faith - ful and the bold.
 bat - tle - field, His great name we can - not yield.
 song shall be like the thun - der of the sea.

Hymn

"God the Father, Be Our Stay"

LSB 505

Sing stanzas 1-3, beginning with "God the Father, be our stay..."

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

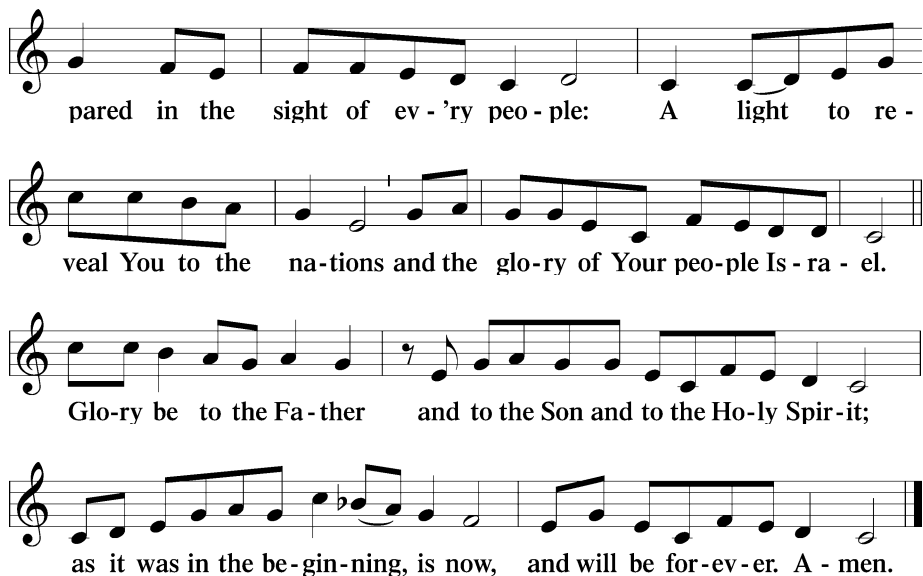
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Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

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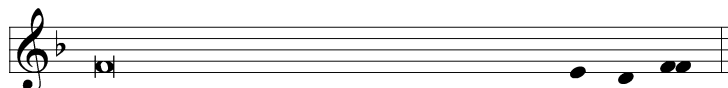
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Please turn to face the processional cross as it moves through the nave during the closing hymn. Once the cross exits the nave, you may turn to face the front.

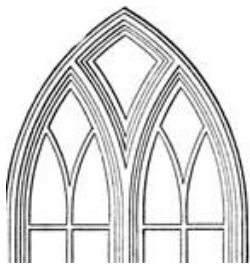
Closing Hymn

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566



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Today is Septuagesima, the day in the church year that is 70 days before Easter. Today is the beginning of the Gesima season, that transitional church season that carries us from the jubilant season of Epiphany to the penitential season of Lent. Our Gospel lesson today helps us with this transition. Matthew 20:1-16 is the parable of the Master and His vineyard. The Master of the vineyard goes out throughout the day calling men to work in His vineyard. However, at the end of the day, He pays the men who worked little the same as those who bore the heat of the day. What does this parable teach us about the kingdom of Heaven and the nature of God? Well, it teaches us that God is not fair, and praise the Lord for that. God does not pay us according to our work, but rather rewards us according to His benevolent generosity. We all receive, no matter how much we do, according to God’s good nature, rather than according to our feeble work. When met with the blunt reality of God’s wrath against our sin, we will never acquire enough good works to equal out our sin or overcome His anger with sin. Praise the Lord then, that we receive one who is greater than a denarius, Jesus the Christ, who is given to all of us, no matter what work load we have, in order that we may live forever in the kingdom of Heaven. May the Holy Spirit be granted to us anew this day, that we may rest assured that our Lord is benevolently and forever generous with us in the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

News and Announcements

Sunday School Teachers are needed! If you are interested in serving Zion in this capacity, whether part time or substitute, please contact Sean Theiss at 832-717-6093 or cavtrooper77@sbcglobal.net.

Chili Cook-Off and Pie Bake-Off: Grab your secret chili recipe and your favorite pie recipe and get ready for the 2023 Chili Cook-Off and Pie Bake-Off on February 19, hosted by the youth group! Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for chilis, pies, and sides. There will be a small \$5 entry fee for chilis and pies, and a few of our judges will be notable members of the Tomball community! Please

have your chili and/or pie in the Family Center kitchen by 3:00 PM. There will be fellowship and games for all ages beginning at 3, we will eat around 4:00 PM, and prizes will be awarded during the meal. We will be accepting free-will donations to put towards our summer trip to the Higher Things conference in Carbondale, IL. Thank you for your support of the youth group!

Ladies Guild News: Grab a flyer in the narthex to see what the Ladies Guild has been up to in the past year! If you are interested in joining the Guild, come join us the first Saturday of every month at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall!

2022 Contribution Statements and offering envelopes for 2023 are available in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Glenn Halfacre at glenn.halfacre@gmail.com or 281-642-5437.

Meal Train Freezer: Ladies Guild has designated one of the freezers in the Family Center kitchen as a meal train freezer for our members. Members can donate meals to the freezer, and also pull meals from the freezer when needed. There will be a sign up sheet on the freezer. Please put your meals in disposable containers with the date, and add them to the sheet. If you take a meal, please just check it off the sheet. :) We hope this is a blessing for our congregation in times of need!



PLEASE NOTE NEW MIDWEEK SERVICE TIMES!

Ash Wednesday

February 22

Divine Services at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM
with optional imposition of ashes

Midweek Services

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Evening Prayer at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM

Dinner will be provided by boards and auxiliary groups
from 5:00 – 6:00 PM between the services.

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