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Septuagesima Sunday

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For your
steadfast love
is great
above the heavens;
your faithfulness
reaches the clouds.



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 108

¹ My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! ² Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! ³ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. ⁴ For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. ⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! ⁶ That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer me! ⁷ God has promised in his holiness: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Valley of Succoth. ⁸ Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet, Judah my scepter. ⁹ Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom I cast my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph." ¹⁰ Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? ¹¹ Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go out, O God, with our armies. ¹² Oh grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! ¹³ With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: WS #741

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ A - - - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 18:1-2a, 5-6a, 27, 32, 49

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P The cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

C In my distress I called upon the LORD. From His temple He heard my voice.

P I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

C For You save a humble people, but the haughty eyes You bring down.

P You have equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.

C For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to Your name. Glory be to the Father!

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is presented in four systems. The first system shows the vocal line in treble clef and the piano accompaniment in bass clef. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (C4, E4, G4) and continues with a melody of quarter notes: C4, E4, G4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: C3, E3, G3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3. The second system continues the vocal melody: C4, E4, G4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line. The third system shows the vocal melody: C4, E4, G4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line. The fourth system shows the vocal melody: C4, E4, G4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line. The text is: **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY*Ps. 130:3-4*

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

THE KYRIE*Latin for "O Lord"*

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST*TLH #237:1*

C All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #175

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

SERMON – Matthew 20:1-16 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ And 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.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a

denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, '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.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

In the Kingdom of Heaven, God is Boss

- I. It's His Vineyard
- II. It's His Rules
- III. It's His Grace

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- C**  **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

HYMN: TLH #366:1,4,6,7

"One Thing's Needful"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #568:1

"We Praise Thee, O God"

- C**  **We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee, We kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.**

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C**  **Amen, amen, a – men.**

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #376

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

✠ Announcements ✠

Septuagesima? This year we are going back to the traditional church year calendar which includes a “season” between Epiphany and Lent. These three weeks are called “Gesima” Sundays, and are known as “Pre-Lent” Sundays.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Feb. 17:** Elders Meeting
- ✠ **Feb. 18:** No School (Pres. Day)
- ✠ **Feb. 24:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Feb. 24:** Guest Preacher – Rev. Andrew Schaller

These three weeks are not part of the season of Lent, but prepare us for Lent and eventually Easter. The first of these Sundays is called Septuagesima. This word comes from Latin and simply means “Seventy Days.” Sexagesima means “Sixty Days” and Quinquagesima means “Fifty Days”. It is that simple. These days point us ahead to Easter and give us a general idea of how many days we have left until the celebration of our Savior’s resurrection.

As we move from Transfiguration last week into the Gesima Sundays starting today, you will hear a change in focus. The message of missions and God’s love for all people will change to a message of the New Covenant that has been made between God and man through Christ’s death and resurrection. Repentance also will have a significant role, pointing to the need of humbling ourselves before the Lord so we may receive healing and forgiveness from Him. You will also notice a visible change. The white paraments in the church will be replaced by purple ones which signify repentance. To that end, may the Spirit of our God bless us as we hear and heed the Word of God’s Truth through this special season of the Church Year!

CLC Call News Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX, has called Missionary Peter Evensen to serve as pastor. <> Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN has called Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, to serve as pastor. <> Teacher Paul Tiefel III, Eau Claire, WI has returned the teaching call to St. John’s, Okabena, MN. He is still considering the call to Faith of Markesan, WI.

2019 CLC Mission Helper Trip Due to the increased scrutiny and hostility towards Christians we and our Indian brethren have had in the last several months, the Board of Missions made the decision to cancel

the Mission Helper Trip to India and send them to Tanzania and Zambia in East Africa instead. This was done out of concern for the safety of the Mission Helpers, but also concern for our the welfare of our Indian brethren who may experience increased hostility because of the presence of so many foreigners visiting their congregations and teaching the Gospel in so many villages. The Board of Missions is working on a plan to send two CLC pastors to India for a three-week visitation this summer. Pray that the Lord will bless these plans to work with and assist our brothers and sisters in Christ to proclaim the Good News of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life through our Savior Jesus Christ!

Missionary Evensen Update The Board of Missions recently met and decided to re-assign him as a Resident Missionary to West Africa. He will be based in Lomé, Togo for the majority of the year and will work with our brethren in Togo, Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Give thanks to the Lord for the opportunities He has provided to assist in training men to be faithful preachers and teachers of His saving word in India and so many other places around the world.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Sharon Brown** is recovering at home from a bout with pneumonia. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers. **David Kleinschmidt** recently had an procedure on his heart, please pray that the Lord would grant him healing.

Last Week (2/10) WH – 26 **Orlando** – 14

General = \$1010 | Building = \$30

Total Offering = \$1,040

Feb. Usher: Ireland | **Acolyte (2/24):** Matthew
| **Cleaner (2/23):** Ream