

# Septuagesima Sunday

February 16, 2025



**Run the straight race, not sidetracked by sin, but with your eyes on the prize.**

## DIVINE SERVICE

**Order of Worship:** Liturgy Setting Four

**Opening Hymn:** 555 v. 1-5, Salvation unto Us Has Come

**Confession and Absolution** (page 203)

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### **Introit:**

**P:** 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.



**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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**Kyrie** (page 204)

### **Collect of the Day:**

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.

## **Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7**

All 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. 2 Therefore 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?" 3 But 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?" 4 So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 And 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. 6 Behold, 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. 7 And 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?"

## **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.

## **Epistle Lesson: 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 For 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.

### **Tract**

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.

### **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-6**

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.'

**Nicene Creed** (page 206)

**Hymn of the day: 664, Fight the Good Fight**

**Sermon:**

Run the Straight Race

1. Not Sidetracked by Sin
2. With Eyes on the Prize

**Offering Hymn: 698, May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill**

**Prayer of the Church**

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**Communion Liturgy** (page 208)

**Distribution**

*(Because God's Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity, we ask that only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership at Living Savior or another CLC church come forward. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions.)*

**Communion Hymn: 761, Rock of Ages, Cleft for me**

**Nunc Dimittis** (page 211)

**Closing Hymn: 555 v. 6-10, Salvation unto Us Has Come**



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**Regular Schedule**

Divine Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 10:15 am (singing)  
Bible Class 10:20 am

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**Announcements:**

Ash Wednesday Service - March 5th, 6pm

-- Imposition of Ashes will be administered during the service for those who wish to receive it.

**CALL NEWS**

**Sam Naumann** of Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO. <> **Pastor David Pfeiffer** of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> **Teacher Mikkela Schmitt** of St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has **accepted** the call to Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. <> **Teacher Cathy Augustin** of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced her **retirement** at the end of the current school year. <> **Pastor Cory Drehle** of Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> **Pastor Paul Nolting** of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD, has announced his **retirement** effective Summer 2025. <> **Pastor George Dummann** of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN to serve as their pastor along with his current call.



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