

Introit



A Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

C **My soul makes its boast | in the Lord;***
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Oh, magnify the | Lord with me,*
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!

I sought the Lord, and he | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.

When the righteous cry for help, the | Lord hears*
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.

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.

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(Psalm 34:2–4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy 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 – Ruth 1:1–19a

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Gradual

A He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

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Epistle – 2 Timothy 2:1–13

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

The Holy Gospel – Luke 17:11–19

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.¹²And as he entered a village,



he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice;¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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Welcome in the Name of Jesus!

Today, as we gather in the Lord's House, we are united with all the saints—both visible and invisible—around the throne of the Lamb. Here, the Triune God serves us through His appointed Means of Grace: the preaching of His Word and the administration of His Holy Sacraments. These are not optional extras—they are the very heart of the Christian life and the Church itself. Apart from these Means of Grace there are no Christians and there is no Church! In the Divine Service, God takes center stage, delivering His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is God's Service to His people. This sacred gathering finds its high point in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, where Christ Himself feeds us with His body and blood.

Dear Visitors and Friends: As the first Christians devoted themselves to the Lord's Supper, they also devoted themselves to the Apostles' Doctrine (Acts 2:42). The two went hand in hand. As we devote ourselves to the Lord's Supper today, we also want to be faithful to the Apostles' Doctrine

For this reason, the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Closed Communion." **If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Divine Shepherd, or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning.** We do invite those who are not a member of the LCMS to come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, as you kneel at the altar, please cross your arms so that your right hand is on your left shoulder and left hand is on your right shoulder. God bless you for Your understanding.